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Is your child crazy about animals? Would they like to help Animal Friends? If so, read on!

Dear parent/guardian,

We’re glad your child has taken an interest in applying to become a member in our Kids’ Club. **Before applying**, please read through all of the information to make sure the Kids’ Club is a good match for your child in the next school year.

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- Required monthly meetings for club members are held on Saturday afternoons, September - May. 
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Club Meetings

Club meetings will include:
- Interaction with animal(s)
- Recognizing club members’ efforts in the club’s Helping Hands community service options
- Snack and beverage

Club meetings may also include:
- Helping Animal Friends with age-appropriate activities
- Making gifts for the animals
- Animal welfare lesson (current events, pet care, training, etc.)
- Guest speakers
- Video clips

Club meetings will not include:
- Walking dogs
- Bathing animals
- Spending time with sick animals
- Going inside the Free Roam Cat Rooms
- Other activities that are restricted to volunteers

Animal Friends will take photographs/video at club meetings for promotional purposes, including, but not limited to Animal Friends’ publications and public relations.

To apply as a new member, please see the application at ThinkingOutsideTheCage.org/KidsClub.

Applications are accepted in August for the September-May meetings.

First year members must wait to be notified that they are accepted before submitting the tuition payment.

Second and third year members do not need to reapply and will receive a membership form via email in August.

**Tuition: $50 (September-May)**
Club members will receive an Animal Friends t-shirt to wear to each meeting. The tuition is non-refundable for missed meetings.

Dress code and behavior guidelines will apply to club members.

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**How**

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