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Fifth grade students could earn the chance of a lifetime to work with shelter animals one-on-one in the City of Burleson's fourth annual Paw Pals Animal Care Academy.

This is a four-week course (90 minutes every Saturday) hosted by the City's animal services division. The course is limited to 15 fifth graders who either live in Burleson or attend school in Burleson. The academy will take place June 4-June 25. The deadline to apply is May 20.

This is a free educational program for students who are interested in animal welfare. The participants learn how to properly care for and handle family pets and understand how animals are cared for at the animal shelter. The sessions will cover bite prevention, responsible pet ownership, veterinary care, animal grooming and animal training. Students will graduate from the academy on June 25.

The application, which requires a one-page essay, must be signed by the student's parent or guardian and turned in by May 20. Students who are accepted into the academy will be notified by May 27.

Applications may be picked up at the Burleson Animal Shelter at 775 S.E. John Jones Dr. (FM 731 South), 817-426-9280. Shelter hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday.