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Are your pre-teens considering a career involving animals or just crazy about dogs and cats? Then sign them up for the Burleson Animal Services' Paw Pals Animal Care Academy.

The free academy is on Saturdays in June – June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Class is 90 minutes, noon to 1:30 p.m. The academy is for students who are entering the sixth grade in the 2015-2016 school year. It is limited to 15 students who must either live in Burleson or attend school in Burleson.

The sessions include bite prevention/responsible pet ownership/veterinary care, animal grooming, animal training and graduation. Students will get wet, and covered in dog hair, as they work with selected adoptable shelter dogs for the grooming and training classes. They will also learn how to read a pet's body language, which is great information that they can pass on to their parents and friends.

There is a Paw Pals application. Students are required to write an essay explaining why they want to participate and what they hope to get out of the academy. Applications are being delivered to the Burleson schools today, March 17. The Paw Pals application is available online at <http://bit.ly/2015PawPalsapp>. Applications are also available at the Burleson Animal Shelter, 775 S.E. John Jones Dr. The shelter hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information about Paw Pals, call 817-426-9283 or email [animalshelter@burlesontx.com](mailto:animalshelter@burlesontx.com).