



# Animal Helpers!



As we wait for everyone to join, type if you or someone you know has a unique pet! I'm talking not just cat or dog!

# How will this Virtual Troop Meeting work?

- On the right side of your screen, there is a control panel. You should see a microphone, a video camera and a chat bubble.
- When we sing together, you will want to click on your microphone so it is green. Then everyone will be able to hear you.
- If you have a webcam, clicking on it will let everyone else in the meeting see you too.
- The Chat Log looks like a cartoon thought bubble...see it underlined in red? You can type questions or comments into the chat log and everyone will be able to see what you write!



# Girl Scout Promise and Law

## The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every girl scout



# Animal Helpers

**Learn about the many ways animals help humans!**

## **Requirements**

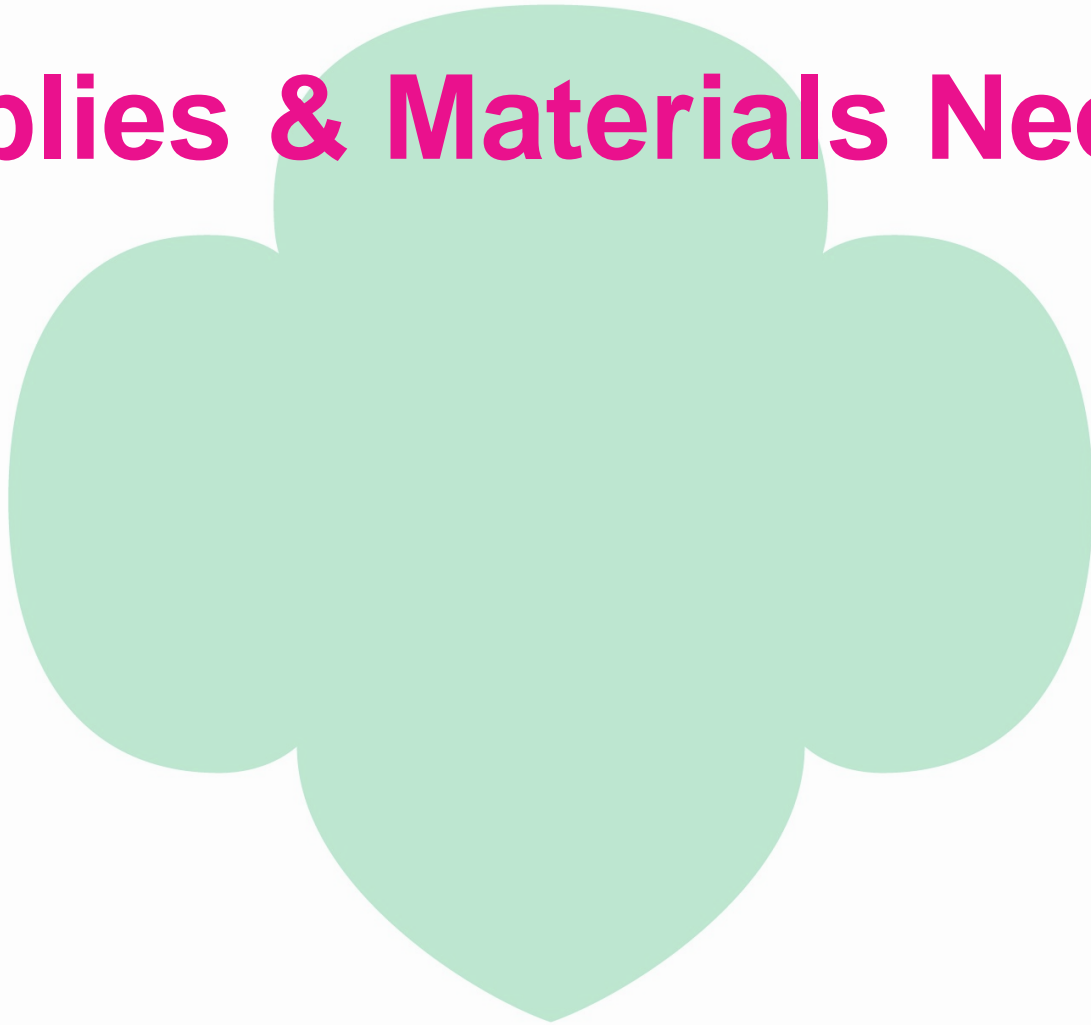
1. Explore the connection between humans and animals
2. Find out how animals help keep people safe
3. Know how animals help people emotionally
4. Check out how animals help people with disabilities
5. Look at how animals might help us in the future



**When you've earned this badge, you'll know how animals help humans and how to help them keep it up.**

# Supplies & Materials Needed

None!



# Animals Who Changed History



**Dolly the sheep  
proved cloning was  
possible!**

# Animals Who Changed History

**Cher Ami the pigeon  
saved hundreds of  
American troops**





# Animals Who Changed History



**Balto the dog delivered  
life-saving serum in  
1925 in Alaska**



# Animals Who Changed History

## *CHIMPS edition*



**David Greybeard, a chimpanzee,  
makes a tool in front of Jane  
Goodall.**

**Ham the chimp was the first hominid  
trained and sent into space in 1961.**



# How Animals Keep People Safe

**Animals have been helping people for a long time!**

- Camels have been used for transport for thousands of years
- Dogs have been around to help with hunting
- Mice have been used in laboratories for hundreds of year

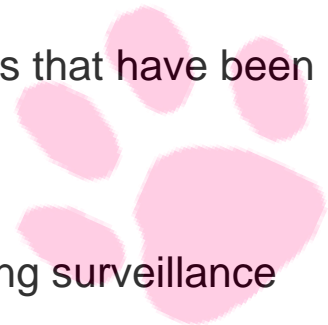


# How Animals Keep People Safe

## *Detection Animals for Law Enforcement & The Military*



- **Dogs** help people find drugs hidden from law enforcement and bombs that have been planted away from sight
- **Rats** help sniff out landmines in other parts of the world!
- **Dolphins** have also served the military for many decades now, running surveillance on submarines and floating mines



# How Animals Help People Emotionally

**Studies show that just being around an animal can reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and make people feel happier**

- Pets have evolved to become in tune to humans and our behavior and emotions
- Dogs, are able to understand many of the words we use, but they're even better at interpreting our tone of voice, body language, and gestures.
- A loyal dog will look into your eyes to try to and figure out your emotional state and try to understand what you're thinking and feeling (and to work out when the next walk or treat might be coming of course)



# Animals Helping those with Disabilities

## *Service Animals for the Blind and Disabled*

- In the United States, dogs typically provide service for the blind and disabled
- Most commonly, service animals help the blind by leading them through busy streets and keeping them away from other dangers





# Animals Helping those with Disabilities

## *Animal Assisted Therapy*

- Animals are often used to provide therapy for people with ADHD, autism, mental disorders, PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Dogs, cats, and horses are used for these situations
- They can also help school children, people who have recently lost loved ones, people addicted to drugs, and prisoners





# **Thanks for joining our virtual badge!**

**Make sure to keep an eye out for the post email to  
see what badge requirements you need to complete  
on your own in order to earn this badge!**

**See you for more virtual badges!**