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Exotic Birds, Pigs and Donkeys – Oh My! Summer Camp for Young Animal Lovers

HAMILTON, ON (June 2, 2017) What if we told you there was a summer camp where your kids could meet, pet and get to know pigs, ponies and horses one week, and Macaws, Lorikeets and other exotic birds in another? It's true – HBSPCA Summer Critter Camp is back, with seven exciting weeks of camp to choose from!

This one of a kind camp combines educational activities with hands-on animal opportunities both at the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA shelter and at a variety of weekly field trips. Kids ages 6-11 are invited to join us for a week they won't soon forget! Meet guest speakers sharing real life stories about animal rescue, care and behaviour, while learning about the animals in the shelter. Craft enrichment toys for the dogs and cats at the shelter that will make their stay playful and fun, while keeping them active. And of course, enjoy plenty of outdoors time on HBSPCA grounds and field trip locations.



“We hope to inspire our campers and provide a window to the world of responsible pet ownership and the incredible companionship that animals bring to people,” says Tania Celik-Sonne, Coordinator of Humane Education. The cost for camp is \$200 for the week or \$120 for a short week (Tuesday – Thursday) and extended care is available.

The young animal lover in your life can get a head start on their summer vacation as there are still spots available in the first few weeks of camp – that means farm animals at Ralphy's Retreat or exotic birds and creatures at the Bird Kingdom – sign up now before these spaces are gone!

For more information or to register your child in Summer Critter Camp, visit www.hbspca.com/educate/camps.

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The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA) is a private non-profit animal welfare charity. The HBSPCA protects animals from people, cares for animals in its companion animal hospital, kennels and foster homes and promotes responsible pet ownership. Over 2,000 pet companions are adopted every year from the shelter. Charitable Registration#: 11923 6750 RR0001