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## Fetch Some Fun at the Public Library With Your Pet



**Pet Day at the Main Library** - “Humans” of all ages can bring their pets to the Main Library on Saturday, October 9. From 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) the Main Library’s north parking lot (corner of 9<sup>th</sup> & Walnut) will be dotted with tents and booths to browse along with your pet.

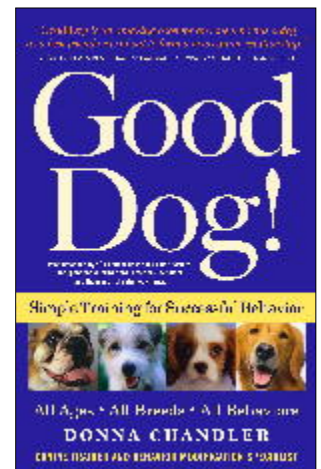
The Library’s Science & Technology Department has fetched these free and fun activities for you and your pets:

- 🐾 Responsible pet ownership with the Hamilton County SPCA, plus their mobile van loaded with lovable pets
  - 🐾 A working dog demonstration from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office
  - 🐾 Exotic animals from Second Nature
  - 🐾 A presentation by the Greater Cincinnati Bird Club
  - 🐾 Quick pet portraits by Donna Talerico
  - 🐾 Dog training tips from Donna Chandler (author of *Good Dog!*) and her dog
  - 🐾 Pet communicator Donetta Zimmerman, who will talk with pets
  - 🐾 Pet stories in the Children’s Learning Center – 10:30 a.m.
  - 🐾 Pet books & videos for all ages on display and available for checkout
- Call (513) 369-6936 for more information. Please, only people (no pets) in the buildings.

### Other Pet Related Programs:

**Being a Good Pet Parent** - Join members of the League for Animal Welfare to learn more about pet care on Thursday, October 7 at the Hyde Park Branch Library, 2747 Erie Avenue, Ages 7-12. (513) 369-4456.

**Pet Day at the Loveland Branch** - Bring your dog, cat, bird, or family pet Saturday, October 16, 11:00 a.m. to the Loveland Branch Library, 649 Loveland-Madeira Road. Representatives from various animal organizations, including the Greyhound Adoption Group of Greater Cincinnati. Information: (513) 369-4476.



**Pet Day at the West End Branch** - Saturday, October 16, noon, 805 Ezzard Charles Drive. Information: (513) 369-6026.

**PugFest Exhibit** - The Hyde Park Branch Library, 2747 Erie Avenue, will feature a display of pug profiles for *Pugfest: All Things Pug*, which will be displayed on Hyde Park Square on Sunday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Information: (513) 369-4456.

**Tales to Tails** is a regularly featured program in the Children's Learning Center of the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, every Friday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Children ages 6-12 can read aloud to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Information: (513) 369-6922.

### **Pet Memorial Fund Helps Celebrate Life of Pets**

Add Roxie, Fig, Thor, and Roscoe to the list of benefactors of a memorial fund at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. Their memories will live on forever, as will hundreds of others, through the Library's **Pet Memorial Fund**.

The first known fund of its kind, it was the brainchild of Library staff member Eugenia Rhein when her dog Trixie died in 1960. Miss Rhein, who served as the Administrative Secretary to four of the Library's Directors from 1935-1979, decided there should be a way to remember her pet and those of many others. Through her efforts the Pet Memorial Fund was established, and since then, thousands of dollars have been donated to purchase hundreds of books in remembrance of beloved pets.

Anyone contributing to the fund (the minimum contribution is \$15) can specify if they want the book to be part of the Main Library or a branch collection. Books are purchased on various subjects for children and adults. Each book is marked with a special gift plate inscribed with the name of the pet, the owner, and the donor. A memorial book that lists the pet's name, species, owners, and donor is kept for every pet. The memorials are housed in a special display at the Main Library, and each donor and pet owner also receives a letter of acknowledgement.

✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**

✓ **Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 513-369-4406 (TDD 369-4409).**