

Shelter Playgroup Alliance program comparison



Program	Description	Availability	Audience	Cost	Duration	Delivery
CORE	In-depth canine and feline behavior, enrichment, training and behavior modification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two cohorts per year: Spring (February) and Winter (September) Limited to 75 spaces per cohort Limit of 10 seats per shelter Individuals who meet the qualification requirements but for whom there is no space will be added to a wait list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavior team Behavior volunteers Any individuals involved in training, evaluation, and behavior modification Each person applies individually Approval based on a specific success profile and rigorous selection rubric 	No-cost [donation recommended]	16 weeks	Distance learning via LMS Bi-weekly live zoom sessions
Application process:		Visit https://www.shelterdogplay.org/workshops to view the overview video and access the on-line application.				
CORE three-day handling workshop	Active, hands-on workshop on defensive handling, behavior modification, and playgroups that builds on the content in the CORE program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One workshop per year Limited to 20 graduates of the CORE program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host shelters should have at least 10 graduates of the CORE program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-cost -- host shelters provide the space and food for participants. Attendees will often need to travel to the workshop. 	3 days	In person
Registration and host request process:		Qualified individuals will receive notifications via email when workshops are scheduled. Shelters interested in hosting may fill-out an application form here: https://www.shelterdogplay.org/host-spa-core-3-day-workshop				
CARS	Canine risk assessment for shelters for pathway and outcomes decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two cohorts per year: Spring (February) and Winter (September) Limited to 40 spaces per cohort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership team Behavior team Operations team Veterinary leadership team Individuals involved in outcomes decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$250 for individuals \$525 for groups of three \$1,500 for groups of 10 	16 weeks	Distance learning via LMS Bi-weekly live zoom sessions
Registration process:		Register and pay for spaces via this link: https://www.shelterdogplay.org/workshop-registration				
Safe Handling	Improve safe handling, including defensive handling, low stress handling and behavior knowledge for all shelter staff and volunteers.	Shelters should plan on scheduling at least 4 months in advance of a desired time frame	All shelter staff and volunteers	Variable depending on location and number of attendees	12 weeks virtual; 1 day in-person	Hybrid: in-person and virtual
Workshop request process		Contact Mara Velez at mara@shelterdogplay.org to set-up a zoom call to discuss timing and costs.				