



## Rescue Reading at AHS

Did you know that reading to rescue cats can help kitties get adopted? At the Austin Humane Society (AHS), Rescue Readers build social skills that help our cats find forever homes, plus readers learn about cat behavior and pet care in the process! It's a win-win!

### How to become a Rescue Reader:

1. Email our Education Team at [education@austinhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@austinhumanesociety.org) with any questions you might have prior to your first Rescue Reading visit.
2. Download and sign your Rescue Reading Contract (if you are unable to print, AHS will have contracts at the shelter).
3. Select a one-time or a recurring time schedule to read to the AHS kitties (Rescue Readers are welcome Tuesday – Thursday between 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas)).
4. Once you have arrived to AHS, please sign-in your Rescue Reader in the sign-in sheet located in our library nook. Be sure to include your email address if you'd like to receive our Humane Hero Highlight Newsletter!
5. Want to learn more about AHS? Email our Education Team to pick a day to have a behind-the-scenes tour for you and your Rescue Reader!

### When you arrive at AHS:

1. Don't forget to sign-in your Rescue Reader as soon as you arrive.
2. Rescue Readers are welcome to select any available cat colony room to sit and read. Please pay attention to any signs that might make a colony room unavailable.
3. Remind your Rescue Reader to treat the rescue cats with kindness and compassion.
4. To create the best experience for the cats and children, we recommend that children do not pick-up the cats. These are our most social kitties, so feel free to socialize the cats with their toys and give them lots of love! Please do not utilize toys in a way which would cause a cat to pounce on a child (e.g., using a teaser toy on the body of a child or tossing a toy directly at a child).
5. Don't forget to sanitize your hands before you move to another colony room. There is hand-sanitizer available on the wall right outside the colony rooms.
6. Education Staff and Adoption Counselors are available if you encounter any problems during Rescue Reading.
7. Interested in adoption? Please see our Adoption Team in the lobby for next steps!
8. Adoption Counselors are available if there are any problems during Rescue Reading.

For questions or inquiries about more Humane Hero activities at AHS, contact our Education and Events Team at [education@austinhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@austinhumanesociety.org).