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Animal Welfare Association Provides Virtual Training to Girl Scouts of South Jersey

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Voorhees, NJ – Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees is providing virtual training to girl scouts in South Jersey. “Creating opportunities to connect and engage youth during this time around topics that interest them helps maintain some normalcy,” says Alicia Haley, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator for AWA.

The virtual training will be done via Zoom with AWA’s Behavior Coordinator Liz Stanley-Reicherter. The first training course offered, will be on animal body language. “This is a great introductory course for kids, especially if their family or friends have pets at home,” says Stanley-Reicherter. “Many times kids do not realize what is meant when an animal reacts to a situation and responding properly to an animal’s body language is a great way to avoid potential anxiety or aggression from the animal.”

AWA hopes that the girls enjoy the course and that more courses are planned for the future with the organization. Once in-person events and trainings commence in AWA’s new shelter there will be many opportunities for children oriented humane education sessions.

“An AWA and Girl Scouts of Central Southern NJ partnership makes perfect sense” shares Maya Richmond, Executive Director of AWA, “AWA has a long history of providing humane education programming for South Jersey youth.”

Just when Covid 19 hit AWA was breaking ground on a new animal shelter and education center four times the size of the shelter they opened in Voorhees NJ back in 1968. At the heart of the new building is community education space dedicated to provide year-round onsite pet therapy and humane education programming. Through connecting pets with people and the AWA works to build a happier empathic community.

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education. AWA is South Jersey’s leader in progressive companion animal care.

