



# FLOYD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Serving Pets & Their People

## DOG & CAT CARETAKER VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Here you will find useful training and reference information regarding caring for our shelter dogs and cats.

### **#1 - Fear Free Shelter Program**

<https://fearfreeshelters.com/program/>

In this program, you'll learn how to improve the emotional experiences of animals by applying key strategies and techniques designed to reduce the negative emotional states that are commonly experienced by shelter and rescue animals, including fear, anxiety, stress (FAS), and frustration. The Fear Free Shelter Program aims to provide training that is suitable for all individuals involved in the care and oversight of shelter and rescue animals—from medical and behavioral staff to intake, reception, kennel, and cattery staff to animal control officers, adoption counselors, foster caregivers, and shelter volunteers.

### **#2 - Dog Handling in the Shelter**

<https://university.maddiesfund.org/products/dog-handling-in-the-shelter>

The course covers:

1. Basic and specialty handling equipment + how to use them
2. Kennel / walkie / play yard etiquette
3. Standard kennel exits and returns
4. Tips for strong pullers
5. Overview of jumpy / mouthy behavior
6. Multiple options for jumpy / mouthy dog kennel exits and returns
7. Overview of and tips for managing barrier reactivity
8. Overview and tips for reactive dog handling
9. Overview and tips for people selective dog handling
10. Overview and tips for shy / undersocialized dog handling
11. Leash conditioning exercises
12. Existing undersocialized dog shelter programs
13. Pancaking!
14. Proper lifting technique
15. and mooooooore!