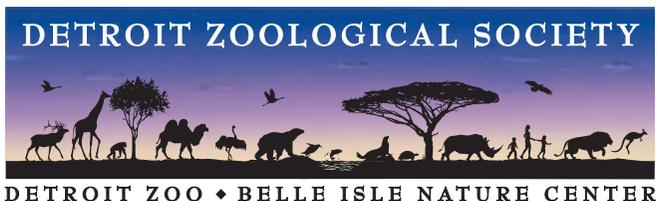


Berman
Academy for
Humane Education
helping people help animals



The Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) traces its origins to a group of animals abandoned by a bankrupt circus in 1883. Citizens responded by generously giving food and money to provide for their care. The DZS was created on this foundation of helping animals in need.

More than 100 years later, the Berman Academy for Humane Education was created to help people help animals. Humane education provides people with information and tools to make knowledgeable decisions on how to walk softly and treat the Earth's creatures gently. The Academy is the only one of its kind in any zoo, and is the lens through which all of our education initiatives and activities are developed.



Mission

The Berman Academy for Humane Education strives to foster a sense of understanding and appreciation of our environment as well as our responsibility to care for all of its inhabitants in a humane manner.

DZS Humane Education Goals

- Help people understand issues affecting individual animals and entire species
- Instill values of respect, responsibility and compassion for all creatures
- Help people take action and make choices that reduce our ecological footprint

The Academy introduces the principles of humane education and its connections to environmental issues and animal welfare through thought-provoking, interactive programs. It provides the community with information, skills and strategies to help make humane choices regarding environmental stewardship and animal welfare.

Humane Education Programs

City Critters helps children learn about animals that share their neighborhoods with us and teaches ways to peacefully co-exist with urban wildlife. In 2010, the DZS received a Significant Achievement in Education award from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums for this program.

Eco Impact is a program that asks individuals to take part in interactive discussions and hands-on activities that help connect our daily choices with the impact they have on the Earth and those who share it with us. Participants learn about opportunities to make a positive difference.



The **Animal Welfare Workshop** is a weeklong camp for high school students modeled after the Center for Zoo Animal Welfare's "From Good Care to Great Welfare" workshop for animal welfare professionals. Participants explore the topic of zoo animal welfare, experiencing the Detroit Zoo through the eyes, ears and noses of the animals.

The DZS serves on the **GRACE** (Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education) Center's Education Advisory Group, developing humane education curriculum and projects for youth conservation clubs in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Backyards for Wildlife demonstrates that helping animals begins in our own backyards. The landscaping and interpretive graphics show visitors ways they can create healthy habitats for Michigan wildlife.

Shades of Green is a pocket-sized resource guide that features 80 ideas on how to lighten one's impact on the Earth.

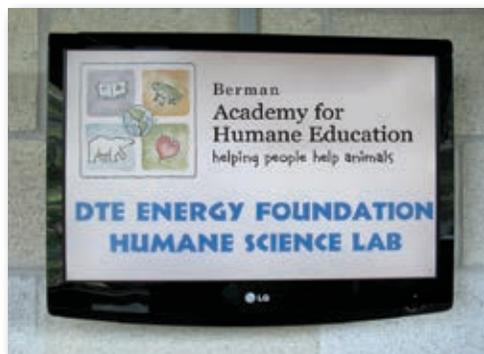
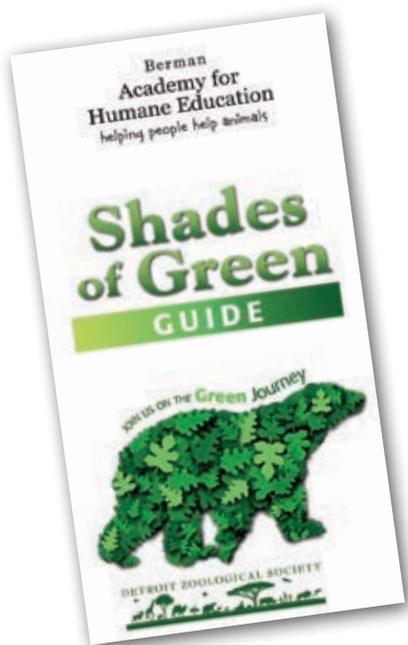
The **DTE Energy Foundation Humane Science Lab** is a specially outfitted interpretive studio in the Ford Education Center. The eco-friendly, high-tech lab provides students, teachers and visitors with opportunities to learn about humane methods of studying biological systems,

including virtual dissection programs and environmental testing equipment.

We offer **teacher trainings** for a diverse group of educators to learn about humane education. Topics include animal welfare, environmental stewardship and humane methods of study and how these concepts can be integrated into classrooms.

The Humane Education Horticulture Program allows teens at Children's Village, a residential treatment and shelter care facility for children, to learn about native plants, organic gardening, creating wildlife-friendly habitats, and how to incorporate eco-friendly elements into the landscape. Instructors strive to instill reverence and respect for wildlife that lives in and around the garden.

The Humane Education Award recognizes individuals who have made significant achievements in humane education (beginning in 2017).





RESCUED ANIMAL

THOROUGHBRED

"Trio" is a Thoroughbred racehorse who ran no longer race. Though he ran in 74 races, including a race at Churchill Downs, there was no plan to "retire" him when he could no longer compete. He arrived at the Detroit Zoo in March of 2009 after he was rescued by the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses (C.A.N.T.E.R.). Many horses are retired from the racing industry every year; unfortunately, not all are as lucky as Trio.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Do you have a farm or ranch that could provide an ex-racehorse with a second chance?
- If you are a racing fan, ask owners what retirement plan they have for their racehorses.
- Visit www.canters.org/michigan/ to see how you can make a difference in the life of a retired racehorse.

Walk Softly and Treat Earth's Creatures Gently

The Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) is committed to the humane treatment of all animals. Over the years, the DZS has provided sanctuary to hundreds of rescued animals including exotic animals that were once pets, in circuses, guarding "crack" houses, from the horse racing industry and suffering injury. The DZS played a critical role in the largest exotic animal rescue in U.S. history, providing expert assistance and care for more than 27,000 animals confiscated from an animal dealer in Texas in 2010.

DZS Executive Director and CEO Ron Kagan co-wrote and co-produced the **Emmy Award-winning film**, "From Animal Showboat to Animal Lifeboat", with Academy Award-winning producer Sue Marx, narrated by James Earl Jones. This film documents the many ways animals in entertainment have been harmed and suggests a different course for the future.

Locally, the DZS partners with humane societies on a number of initiatives, such as pioneering and hosting the country's largest off-site companion animal adoption event, Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo. The DZS also created the Center for Zoo Animal Welfare (CZAW) to advance the knowledge of zoo animal welfare and to convene important discussions about captive exotic animal welfare science and policy. This is a groundbreaking initiative in the zoo world and is directly connected with our humane education efforts.

To support the Academy's activities or for more information, please visit: www.detroitzoo.org

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