



Arranging a RedRover Readers Visit

1. Identify possible sites by talking with friends and family and learning about community programs.

Possibilities include elementary school classrooms, after-school programs, youth service organizations, pediatric wards of hospitals, classrooms, daycare centers, day camps and local animal shelters. Structured learning environments work best for visits.

2. Find the site's contact person and follow-up with an e-mail or phone call. Inform the contact person you are a volunteer with a community-based humane education outreach program called the RedRover Readers program and direct the contact person to the RedRover's Web site (www.redrover.org/readers) for more information. Let them know they can contact RedRover at any time with questions at info@redrover.org or (916) 429-2457.

4. Arrange a visit with the students. Clarify the time, date and length of your visit. Length of visits range from 30- to 90- minutes depending on the audience. Verify the number of students. ***Emphasize that the teacher or program leader must be present the entire time.*** Sometimes you will be asked to read to combined groups. Be sure to keep the number of students within your comfort level, between three and 30 students is recommended.

5. If possible, arrange more than one visit with the same group of students. Five consecutive RedRover Readers visits are encouraged. Each book in the RedRover Readers program targets a different aspect of the human-animal bond. Repeat visits show the significance of the human-animal bond and allow you to discuss the topic more thoroughly.

6. Once the visit is arranged, prepare! Practice reading the story to a generous audience, such as your own pet! Check the RedRover Web site (www.redrover.org/readers) for books appropriate for your audience. Also post ideas and questions on the Readers' Facebook group for other Readers volunteers to read and respond.

7. Confirm the visit date one or two days before the scheduled time by e-mail or with a phone call.

8. The day of your visit arrive a little early to get the feel of the location. Dress comfortably and professionally.

9. Consider writing a thank you note as a follow-up.

10. Share ideas and successes on the Readers' Facebook group.

Enjoy!