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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our pets have become important members of many households. Respect and understanding of how to approach dogs is something we should prepare for to keep safe and unthreatened. Whether the dog is on the street or in a friend's household, there are do's and don'ts that we all should know.

On [date of visit], Peg Cannata, Humane Educator of Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association, Inc. in Ledgewood, NJ, will be visiting our school. She will read a story to the children and then talk about how to approach a dog and how to introduce oneself. This presentation focuses on bite prevention. Each visit will last for 30 minutes. Peg will bring her Cocker Spaniel, Charlie, with her as part of the presentation. He is gentle and well trained. An alternate in some situations may be a stuffed animal in place of the real pet. In order for Charlie to be part of the lesson, we need your permission, 100% approval per classroom.

The only thing that Peg, Charlie and Noah's Ark ask for in return would be for donations from their wish list including the following:

- Newspapers
- Pedigree puppy & any brand name kitten food (dry or canned - please make sure the label does not say "adult")
- Canned cat food - 9Live chopped (not sliced) is preferred
- Kitty Litter - we love Cat's Pride
- Bleach
- Dish detergent
- Hand soap
- Paper Towels, tissues, toilet paper
- Scrubber sponges
- Turbo Scratcher replacement pads
- Cat beds
- Cat toys - they love lasers, cat nip toys and furry mice
- Dog toys – Kong toys are great for teething puppies
- Dog treats - they love Pupperoni, Beggin Strips and pigs' ears
- Cat treats
- Six inch paper plates
- Postage stamps
- 8 1/2 x 11 printer paper
- Blankets, sheets & towels for bedding (used ones are OK)
- 3 qt. stainless steel dog bowls