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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA Child Development Center

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We strengthen the foundation of community by providing families with high quality education, enrichment and care.

Providing interactions with animals in school is of vital importance to a child's development. Animal care is the greatest lesson a child can experience. Children learn to respect animals and get a better understanding that they are living and breathing physical beings of this world. Animals can be beneficial to children who are experiencing trauma, abuse, or any form of neglect. There are various programs that provide animal interactions like Green Chimney's school. Green Chimney is a campus for children with special needs that have the opportunity rehabilitate injured wildlife animals. Being able to nurse and nurture an injured animal and help it survive sends a powerful message to children. If children can see that an animal can survive with a disadvantage and overcome obstacles, they can to. Animals provide empathy, giving meaning, provide comfort to children.



Animal Education

Learning Experiences:

- Respect
- Empathy
- Responsibility
- Self-Comfort
- Circle of Life
- Appreciation



Self-Comforting: Having a personal connection with pets can allow children to feel safe expressing themselves to animals that are non-judgmental.

Circle of Life: Children learn that life is not forever, animals grow old just like humans do. Children can experience a grieving process and help them to understand to appreciate our loved ones.

Responsibility: Children will learn good habits such as accountability and understanding that pets depend on human beings to take care of them.

Appreciation: By observing behaviors and instincts, children learn to have appreciation for life on earth. Learn to protect our earth.



Empathy: Children can learn to attune to a pet's needs and allow them to become little caregivers. This can teach them to be aware of other's feelings.

Respect: Children can learn that animals have boundaries, as much as they love cuddles, just like they do when they need space on days they feel they are overwhelmed.

