

Help the shelters...

- 🐾 Call the shelter or spay/neuter clinic and ask how you can help.
- 🐾 Hold a drive to collect supplies such as blankets, animal carriers, food or toys for the animals. You could put a notice up at schools, churches and businesses in your area explaining that you are collecting for the animals.
- 🐾 Ask your family to adopt your next pet from the local shelter.

Spread the word about being an advocate for animals...

- 🐾 Write a letter to the editor of your newspaper about an animal issue that's important to you.
- 🐾 Create a play or picture show for younger children that teaches them kindness to animals.
- 🐾 Make posters about being kind to animals and adopting them from shelters.

You can help by...

- 🐾 Showing your siblings how to treat family pets.
- 🐾 Discussing with your family how you can use your computer and phone to spread the word about adoptable pets.
- 🐾 Making sure YOUR pets are cared for.
- 🐾 Teaching family members what you learned in class.
- 🐾 Encouraging them to have their pets spayed or neutered and to spend time with their pets.
- 🐾 Encouraging them to take pets off tether/chain for a while to exercise them and give them companionship and love.
- 🐾 Encouraging them to consider adopting a black or older dog or cat.
- 🐾 Helping family members find homes for pets they can no longer keep.



Kids
CAN
be
Advocates
too!



Be part of the
solution and
have fun while
making a
difference!



If you see a pet that is not being cared for...

- ☹ Do NOT go up to the pet yourself.
- 🐾 Tell an adult.
- 🐾 Ask the adult to speak with the owner.
- 🐾 Call Animal Control 828-438-5465
- 🐾 In an emergency, call 911.

If you see someone hurting an animal...

- 🐾 Do NOT go up to the person yourself.
- 🐾 Take a good look at the animal & the person so you can describe them later.
- 🐾 Notice the animal's color, any spots or stripes, does it have a collar?
- 🐾 Notice the person - big/small, young/old, color of shirt/pants.
- 🐾 Run to find an adult and ask them to call Animal Control at 828-438-5465 or the Police.

What you can do to help raise money...

Animal rescue groups and shelters always need money. The money you raise could be used for food, toys, beds and more for rescued animals. Be sure to let the people know the money goes to help the animals.

- 🐾 Hold a garage or yard sale. To get items to sell, ask neighbors and friends to clean out their closets. Advertise your event, letting people know the time, place and date.
- 🐾 Look for jobs you can do to raise money, such as raking leaves, washing windows, collecting cans or bottles for recycling, walking dogs or feeding pets.
- 🐾 Sell something you've made. You could create homemade cards from recycled paper, have a lemonade stand, or prepare goodies for a bake sale.

If you LOSE a Pet...

- 🐾 ACT QUICKLY
- 🐾 Locate a recent picture of your pet
- 🐾 Call the Animal Center of Burke County 828-438-5465 and complete a LOST Pet Report
- 🐾 Social media would also be a good place to post for a lost pet.

If you FIND a Pet..

- 🐾 ACT QUICKLY
- 🐾 Take a picture of the pet
- 🐾 Call the Animal Center of Burke County 828-438-5465 and complete a FOUND Pet Report
- 🐾 Social media is also a great way to reunite lost pets with their owners.

