



# But I'm Just a Kid... How can I help animals?

## There are more animals needing adoption than there are homes

Kids can make a big difference! Not sure what to do? Here are some ways you and your friends can help homeless animals:

### At school

- 🐾 Make your next report or presentation for your class about the pet overpopulation problem, responsible pet care, spaying/neutering, or animal abuse.
- 🐾 Ask your teacher if your class can do a letter-writing project about animal-related topics. Write letters to your local and state government officials and the newspapers. Make a bulletin board and display responses so other students can see them.
- 🐾 Create a puppet show for your school about responsible pet care. Find out if you can present it for an assembly.
- 🐾 Volunteer to help younger students with their reading. Help them read stories about people helping animals.
- 🐾 Teenagers can visit <http://www.humaneteen.org/projects1.html> for ideas about teaching younger kids about animals.
- 🐾 Start an animal club at your school! Get information from [http://www.humaneteen.org/sag/start\\_a\\_club\\_steps1-2.shtm](http://www.humaneteen.org/sag/start_a_club_steps1-2.shtm)
- 🐾 Make a bulletin board about overpopulation, spay/neuter, adoption, or other pet care topic.
- 🐾 Tell your teacher about KIND News, a classroom newsletter for kids kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, <http://www.kindnews.org/>



- 🐾 Ask your librarian to select books about animals to be displayed during Be Kind to Animals Week. It's always the first full week in May.
- 🐾 Arrange for speakers to come to your school. Ask animal professionals to speak to your class, youth group, or school about their work. Some possible speakers include humane educators, animal control officers, veterinarians, museum curators, zoo educators, or wildlife rehabilitators.
- 🐾 Express your appreciation and love of animals and nature through art. Paint a picture or create a collage of what pet's need to remain healthy and happy, Sculpt your favorite animal out of clay. Create a mural of a habitat for a wall inside your school.

### With a group

- 🐾 Have a penny war, hold a bake sale, car wash, yard sale, or other fundraiser to benefit homeless animals.
- 🐾 Collect used cell phones and printer cartridges...Angel's Wish can recycle them and get money to help animals.
- 🐾 Start a donation drive for supplies... food, toys and whatever else your local animal organization needs.
- 🐾 Participate in the Dog Jog! Held every September, you and your family (with or without a dog) can walk in Dog Jog and raise money for many groups caring for animals in Southeast Wisconsin. Watch [angelswish.org](http://angelswish.org) for updates in August.
- 🐾 Have a special talent for making things? Donate something handmade to the Angel's Wish on-line auction. You will see your handiwork on [wkowtv.com](http://wkowtv.com) in August. You can even let people know how to contact you if they want to buy more.

## On your own or with a friend

- 🐾 Do you know an elderly person? Someone sick who has a pet? Volunteer to help feed, walk or bathe their dog, or change kitty litter. Your help may allow them to keep their pet rather than have to find it new home.
- 🐾 If you feel strongly about an issue or event affecting animals, write a letter to the newspaper expressing your views. Kid's views are important!  
*Your words can make adults think and act!*
- 🐾 Make posters for the neighborhood about taking care of animals, spaying and neutering, adopting older animals, and everything that is involved in taking care of a pet. Angel's Wish has posters ready if you want to hang some. Ask permission to put them up in stores, veterinarians' offices, or on community bulletin boards.
- 🐾 If you know somebody who wants a pet, tell them about adopting from a shelter or rescue. Even people in other areas can check on Petfinder.com for animals in their area.
- 🐾 Having a birthday party? Ask your friends and family to bring a present for a homeless animal instead of for you.
- 🐾 Save a penny a day and donate the money to help homeless animals when you fill your container.
- 🐾 Be a responsible pet owner. Keep current identification on your dog or cat at all times. Spay or neuter your pet. Keep your dog or cat properly confined or supervised. Give your pets the basics—food, water, shelter, veterinary care and lots of love.
- 🐾 Save a life. Adopt your next pet from an animal shelter or rescue.
- 🐾 Learn more about animals. There are some great books at your local library!
- 🐾 If your family shops at Pick 'n Save, ask your parents to go to the service counter and apply for a Pick 'n Save Advantage card. If they write in Angel's Wish's number (028750), every time you go grocery shopping some of the money will go to Angel's Wish!



## Visit Angel's Wish

Whether you can volunteer or not, take the Angel's Wish Youth Volunteer Basic Training to learn sound basics of animal care. E-mail or visit the website to find out about the next class.

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## Help Spread the Word

Get a FREE temporary tattoo and a bookmark from Petfinder.com; help spread the word about homeless pets. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (a long, business-sized one) to: Mark Me, Petfinder.com, P.O. Box 193, Pluckemin, NJ 07978.

**🐾 At Angel's Wish, kids do make a difference! 🐾**