

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help in the classroom:

- Prepare a report or speech in your class about the pet overpopulation problem, responsible pet care, or adopting a pet.
- Ask your teacher if you can do a letter writing project. Talk to people at your local animal shelter to find out why animals are being released to shelters. Write letters to your local state or government officials and newspapers. Make a bulletin board and display the response so other students can see them.

Helping the community:

- Do you know an elderly person or someone who is sick who has a pet? You could volunteer to help walk their dog or change the kitty litter. Sometimes your friendship can make a difference in whether or not a pet is taken to a shelter because someone could not care for him or her. Make sure you have an adult with you when visiting.
- Call your local shelter. Ask what you can do to help. Offer to collect blankets or supplies the shelter may need to help to care for the homeless animals in their care. Or volunteer your time!
- Animal shelters always need money. You could hold a bake sale, lemonade stand, or yard sale. Donate the money you collect to help with animal care or spay/neutering.
- Make poster for the neighborhood about taking care of animals, spaying/neutering, adopting or how much responsibility it is to have a pet in your family. You could ask to hang your poster at a store, veterinarian's office, or community bulletin board.
- Set an example to younger children. Share your research and knowledge on pet care, treating animals with care and respect and proper veterinarian care.

Speak for the animals:

- Report animal cruelty and neglect as well as injured or stray animals. You will prevent suffering and may even save a life.

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