

Lucky Dog Humane Education Lesson 6 –Adoptable Animals Display

Aligns to the following Common Core Standards for K-5

(ELA = English Language Arts)

- ! **ELA Speaking and Listening** - Standards 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6
- ! **ELA Literacy.RI** –Standards 1, 4, 5, 7 & 9
- ! **ELA Writing** – Standards 2, 4, 6 & 8
- ! **CA.3 LS1 Life Science** – Standard 2

Aligns to Social Emotional Learning Outcomes

- ! **Self Awareness:** Identifying emotions, thoughts and values
- ! **Self Management:** Self-discipline - Impulse control
- ! **Social Awareness:** Perspective-taking - Empathy - Respect for others - Diversity
- ! **Relationship Skills:** Communication - Relationship building
- ! **Responsible Decision-making:** Identifying problems - Analyzing situations - Solving Problems - Ethical responsibility - Reflecting

OBJECTIVE: To inspire children to feel empathy and compassion for animals and all living creatures through a follow up research project. Children will develop research skills, vocabulary and writing skills while they critically think of ways to help network shelter animals to find forever homes.

PREPARATION: Presenters will read the story Buddy Unchained by Daisy Bix and lead an interactive session on being kind, helping others, and speaking out when we see cruelty. This gives students basic knowledge of being a responsible citizen and doing their part in stopping cruelty and neglect.

METHOD:

- Lucky Dog H.E. presenters will use a PowerPoint Storybook presentation, accompanied by posters, puppets, and props – After listening to the story of Buddy Unchained the teacher will lead a discussion on ways the students can make a difference. The teacher will guide the students to create an “Animal Adoption Center” by creating a display of adoptable animals with profiles highlighting each animal’s strengths and needs. This display can be placed in the front office or other highly trafficked area of the school. (or at a local pet store or veterinarian office)

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Look up your local animal shelter website
- Print pictures of adoptable shelter dogs (and other pets)
- Instruct students to choose a pet and research that pet’s needs
- Guide students to write an adoption biography for their chosen pet (each student may choose 1 pet or the class can discuss and collaborate on the write-ups)
- (See sample write ups below)
- Stress to students that when adopting a pet that a family needs to do research and make sure that they can meet that pet’s needs for life. Also make sure students know that if their family is not ready for the commitment that they need to respect their parent/guardian’s decision, and even thank them for waiting which is the responsible choice to make.
- Make an Animal shelter poster with all the pet pictures and profiles. Display it your school office or at your local pet store

Materials: Computer (shelter website, animal pictures, shelter biographies and further research of breed needs and/or medical needs) printer, poster paper or trifold display

Concepts: Building Character, empowering children to become civically engaged and to make a difference.

CONCLUSION: Have children decide the best place to display their shelter where more potential adopters will see it. Save display for the school wide “Kindnessfest” at the conclusion of the Lucky Dog Humane Education program.

Sample Animal Profile:

Bluebelle is a 4-year-old tiny 31-pound Pit Bull ("Pocket Pitty") Don't believe the bad things you hear about Pit Bulls. Pit Bulls are great dogs! Bluebelle is the happiest dog on earth!! Everyone who meets her falls in love. Bluebelle is great with people big and small, she is great with other dogs and cats. She shares toys. She loves to cuddle with people and her doggie friends. She LOVES to play with other dogs.

Bluebelle is a very sweet and smart girl! She was found on the streets of Tijuana and ran right up to her rescuers. She was born with a mild form of Spina Bifida which impacts the growth of the spine and explains why she is so tiny! She will live a pain-free life but her condition causes her to need help climbing stairs or getting into a car. But she is worth it!

Please consider adopting Bluebelle!



Lola is a 5-year-old husky/terrier mix. She loves other dogs both big and small and she likes cats. Lola also loves to be around people so she needs a family who is home a lot. If you work long hours away from home, you probably are not the right person for Lola. But if you work part time or work from home and if you love to run, bike, and hike then you are the perfect person for Lola. Come down to the shelter and meet Lola today you may find your new best friend.

