

Sample Letter to local Animal Shelter asking for a partnership

Dear _____,

The children in the 2nd grade class at _____ Elementary School in _____ are learning to be caring and compassionate citizens through an intensive Lucky Dog - Humane Education Program. The Lucky Dog curriculum focuses on kindness, respect, compassion and commitment to both people and animals. Research has shown that teaching young children from an early age to participate in community service and empathize with others can greatly reduce the risk of developing bully like characteristics.

Our lesson this month revolves around building empathy for shelter pets. Research has also shown that both child and animal benefits reading together. Not only is it soothing for the pets to have the close connection to a child, but also studies show that it helps build confidence and reading fluency in the reader, so it is beneficial to everyone involved. Wouldn't it be wonderful for all if we could build reading fluency and empathy in the child while helping a shelter pet feel calm and loved?

Although we are not able to organize a class visit to your shelter, I would like to discuss options for having my students come after school to read to some of the pets at your shelter. I am willing to provide books and carpet squares for children to sit on. We could arrange certain times of the week when reading is open, or it could be a call in for an appointment basis. Please contact me at your convenience to discuss what options would work best for you, your staff, and the animals.

You can contact me at (email) or (phone number)

I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you so much for helping build compassion in our classroom and beyond.

Sincerely,

