

Sample Letter to local Animal Shelter inviting an officer to speak to your class

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.

This month's lesson begins with the book Buddy Unchained by Daisy Bix. The book helps teach the importance of speaking up and doing something if you see an injustice. The lesson focuses on speaking up and speaking out, being a responsible citizen, and what to do if you see cruelty or neglect. The children will be creating a "Compassion in the Classroom" poster and will add to it each time they see a classmate showing kindness and compassion.

Our class is also hosting a supply drive for your animal shelter and we are planning to drop off our donations on _____. I am writing to invite one of your animal control officers to speak to our class. The children are often exposed to the image of the "evil dog catcher" in cartoons and movies, the book Buddy Unchained shows the AC officer as a community service worker and animal rescuer. I want to reinforce this truth to my students by giving them the opportunity to meet an AC officer in person.

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,