



Curriculum Plan for Teachers

Note: Teachers, please use these plans in any way that works for you.

Problem: Over 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized (killed, "put to sleep") each year in shelters across The United States.

Solution: Together we can make a difference through education, community action, and fundraising to help every homeless pet find a forever home.

Key information about Trick or Treat for Homeless Pets:

- **Who:** Young people, students, friends, families, and co-workers can participate
- **What:** *Trick-or-Treat for Homeless Pets*
- **When:** Can be on Halloween night and throughout the month of October
- **Where:** At school, trick-or treating, at parent's offices, at the grocery store, anywhere you can think of!
- **Why:** to help decrease suffering and euthanasia of pets, and to find every dog and cat a forever home!

Short Lesson

- 2) Ask "Who has a pet?" *Most students will raise their hands.* Discuss what our pets mean to us, what responsibility do we have to our pets? (5-10 minutes).
- 3) Explain that 4million healthy dogs and cats are euthanized (killed, "put to sleep") each year in The United States.
- 4) Ask students if they would like to help make a difference. Discuss ways we can all help. *For example: be responsible pet owners, spay/neuter, chip your pets, only adopt from shelters, teach others what you know!*
- 5) Pass out official boxes or wrappers students can use to cover their own cans or bottles and let students know that they can take them trick-or-treating and/or ask family and friends to donate to the cause.
- 6) When people ask what the money will help with, students can say:
 - 10¢ provides a cat or dog with food for 1 day
 - \$2 buys a treatment to keep a dog or cat free from fleas and ticks for one month
 - \$19 provides special formula and supplies to save an orphaned kitten or puppy
 - \$75 gives a shelter animal a full veterinary exam, vaccinations and microchip
 - \$200 spays/neuters 3 dogs or cats, preventing countless unwanted litters and helping animals live longer, healthier, and happier lives
- 7) Ask students what things might be done to make this activity successful. Make a list.

Possible Hands-on Activities

- *Create posters for the school hallways to encourage students to participate. You may do this whole group, or ask students to do this for extra credit or at lunch/nutrition/etc.*
- *Make an announcement over the loudspeaker asking students to make a difference. Have some student volunteers make a short announcement each day that your school is participating.*
- *Create a contest. The grade that raises the most money at the end of the contest will get a prize, like: go to lunch 10 minutes early one day; have a pizza party; et cetera.*
- *Brainstorm together to come up with other ideas to help animals! ☺*