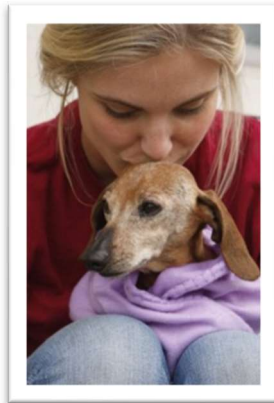


Citizenship

MAKE A POSITIVE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY



A wise man once said: "Be the change you want to see in the world." What do you think he meant by that?

It means that, if you see something in the world that you wish were different, then do something about it, starting with yourself! For example, if you wish that people were nicer to each other, you can make that happen by being a nicer person yourself. By "being the change," you will make that change in the world.

If you wish that the world were a better place for animals, you can help make that happen by doing things to help them. Below are some ideas of things you can do to help animals:

- ☺ Form an animal club at your school!
- ☺ Make an "Adopt me!" bandana for a shelter dog! (For instructions, please visit: www.humanebroward.com/php/downloads/dog_bandana_project.pdf.)
- ☺ Make kitty tube toys for homeless cats! Have your parent help you cut some empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls into 3 inch pieces. Decorate some 6 inch long strips of paper with colorful drawings or patterns, use stickers, etc. Wrap the paper around the cardboard roll and use tape to secure the paper. Use scissors to fringe the ends. Have your friends help you make a bunch of these and then bring them to the Humane Society for the shelter cats!
- ☺ Raise money for the animals at the Humane Society! Hold a car wash, lemonade

stand, bake sale, etc. Use your imagination!

- ☺ Learn all you can about animals by reading books about them.
- ☺ If you see someone being mean to an animal, tell a grown-up. If you don't speak up for that animal, who will?
- ☺ Have a toy drive for the animals at the Humane Society! Toys help to keep the animals from getting bored while they wait for a new home. But, the toys wear out quickly and need to be replaced constantly. Why not encourage your friends and family to donate a new toy or two? The toys that work best are: Large rubber toys for dogs, ping pong balls for cats, and small plastic cat toys with a bell inside for rabbits. Imagine how happy the animals will be!
- ☺ Make adoption posters to advertise animals looking for homes at the Humane Society. Go to the Humane Society's website (www.humanebroward.com) and print some of the photos and descriptions of adoptable pets. Glue the photos to a piece of poster board and decorate it using fun and colorful things like glitter, stickers, and markers. Hang the posters around your school!
- ☺ Set a good example by taking good care of YOUR pets!



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Is Your Pet A “Good Citizen”?

Most communities have laws concerning pets. These laws are meant to maintain the health and safety of the people and animals in the community. As a class, take turns reading the important information below and discuss the answers to the questions. The laws listed below are similar to those commonly found in communities throughout the U.S. They all apply in Broward County, Florida.

Leash law

Dogs are not allowed to run loose off their owner’s property. They must be kept indoors or in a fenced yard. If they are off of their owner’s property, they must be on a leash or in a carrier.



Imagine if people were allowed to let their dogs run loose. Would it present a danger to people? In what way(s)? Would it present a danger to other animals? There is no leash law for cats. Do you think there should be? Why or why not?

“Pooper Scooper” law

People must immediately clean up their pet’s waste if their pet defecates (goes to the bathroom) on someone else’s property.

Why is it important for people to clean up after their pets? What if no one ever did?

Rabies Vaccination Requirement

All dogs and cats that are four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies. Rabies is a serious disease that is contagious between animals and humans. It is extremely rare for a person to catch rabies from a dog or a cat, though, largely because rabies vaccines are required for dogs and cats throughout the U.S. and this has kept the disease under control.



How has dogs and cats being vaccinated for rabies helped humans?

“License Law”

All dogs and cats that are four months and older must wear a license on their collar. The license is issued through the county where the pet lives. A license is also called a ‘tag’. The license is used to help identify a pet if he becomes lost or stolen. It is also used to keep track of which pets have received the required rabies vaccine. Also, counties use licensing to keep statistics on owned pets. Owners often must renew their licenses yearly.

“Nuisance law”

Pet owners must not allow their pets to bother or be a nuisance to other people. For example, it would be considered a nuisance for a person to allow their dog to bark all night, every night, in the yard. And, it would be a nuisance for a person to allow their cat to dig up plants in a neighbor’s garden each day.

Do dogs and cats always know how we want them to behave?
Whose responsibility is it to make sure that pets do not bother others?

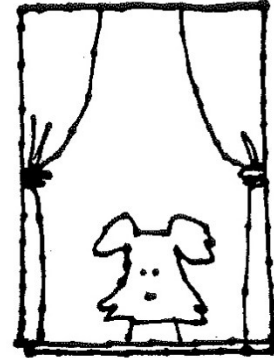


IS YOUR DOG A GOOD CITIZEN?

DOES HE HAVE A CURRENT LICENSE AND I.D. TAG? DOES HE WEAR THEM?



IS HE KEPT IN A HOUSE OR YARD, OR ON A LEASH? LOOSE DOGS CAUSE PROBLEMS AND AREN'T SAFE.



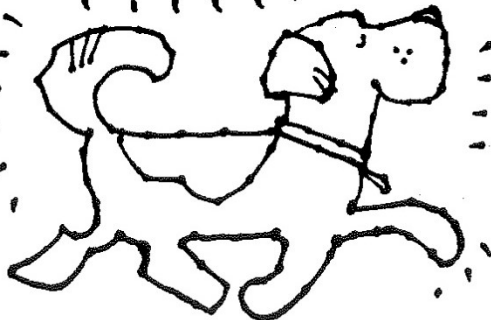
HAS HE BEEN TAUGHT NOT TO MAKE EXCESSIVE NOISE, LIKE BARKING WHEN LEFT ALONE?



DO YOU PICK UP AFTER HIM WHEN HE GOES TO THE BATHROOM?



IS HE KEPT CLEAN AND HEALTHY?



HAS HE BEEN TAUGHT TO COME, SIT, STAY, LIE DOWN, AND HEEL?



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