Humane Education

When you teach a child to be kind to animals, you help pave the way to a brighter future for all living beings. Animals benefit because the next generation has learned to treat them with respect and compassion, as we strive to eliminate instances of animal cruelty. Children benefit because learning about compassion and empathy early in life builds moral character, reduces violence, and builds a sense of empowerment and responsibility.

Compassion and empathy... are, for the most part, learned behaviors. Humane education helps to awaken empathy. If we can affect children early on in their lives and help them develop strong ethics, then perhaps they will continue to make ethical decisions throughout the rest of their lives.

Compassion for Animals

Napa Humane Society has identified several books that teach children to be caring, compassionate individuals, delivering messages in kindness, respect and responsibility.

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Norman, Speak!
E Adderson  A boy and his family adopts a dog that just can’t seem to learn the things other dogs do, until they discover the dog only understands Chinese.

Mogie: the heart of the house
E Appelt  Mogie has a special talent: he always knows just what a sick kid needs! And there’s one little boy in particular who needs him.

The Way I Love You
E Bedford  A little girl celebrates all of the ways she loves her puppy.

Buddy Unchained
E Bix  Buddy the dog talks about his current good home and the bad home that he was in before, where he was chained outside in all kinds of weather and his owners forgot to feed him.

Before You Were Mine
E Boelts  A young boy imagines what his rescued dog’s life might have been like before he adopted him.

The Forever Dog
E Cochran  Mike and his dog Corky plan to be best friends forever, so when Corky becomes sick and dies, Mike is angry about the broken promise.

Stormy: a story about finding a forever home
E Guojing  In this wordless book, a woman finds a scruffy pup hiding under a park bench, too scared to let her near.

A Cat Named Swan
E Hobbie  This is a story of a rescue cat’s adoption, the paradise he finds, and the transformative joy he brings to his new family.

Six-Dinner Sid
E Moore  Sid the cat plays the pet of six different owners on Aristotle Street so that he can get six dinners every night!

Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog
E Papp  Ever since Madeline Finn met Mrs. Dimple’s Bonnie, the library dog, she has asked her mother for a puppy of her own every single day. Finally, Mom says yes.

Little Flower
E Rand  Little Flower is a very smart pig. She has learned lots of tricks. Miss Pearl is proud of her pet’s talents. The neighbors like the trick too, so Little Flower gets lots of practice. Read about how she becomes a hero.

Each Living Thing
E Ryder  Celebrate the creatures of the earth, from spiders dangling in their webs to owls hooting and hunting out of sight.

Chewy Louie
E Schneider  A family may have to get rid of their new pet, a cute puppy that eats everything in sight, including toys, bowls, and porches.

Pole Dog
E Seymore  An old dog is left by a telephone pole and waits and waits for someone to care for him.

Tails Are Not for Pulling
E Verdict  Simple text and illustrations encourage careful handling and awareness of pets.

Ginger Finds a Home
E Voake  A little girl feeds Ginger, a thin little cat who has been living in a patch of weeds, and takes him home to live with her.

Hachiko
J 636.7 Turner  The true story of a dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years.