

What are some ways that can make life better for animals in your community?

To help animals in our community we should.....

We shouldn't adopt an animal if we can't afford to take care of it. If you can't feed it, water it, take it to the vet, or give it a warm place to sleep, please don't adopt it. You will need to bathe it and brush it from time to time. It's a living breathing thing, just like you and me.

Get your animal or animals spayed or neutered. It is costly to take them to the vet for check ups if things go wrong. It takes time to find homes for the babies, if you can find homes. Why not just go once to the vet and have them fixed and be done?

You can also help the animals by becoming a foster parent for animals or sending donations to a shelter. You can also donate your time to help take care and play with the animals at a shelter. Donate food, toys, cat litter, treats or anything that can help.

Don't forget if you just want a sweet animal to go to a shelter or your local ASPCA. They are just as sweet as full breed animals and you would be helping an animal in the process.

Why hurt an animal? Hurting an animal is just like hurting a person. Just like hurting a person, you can go to jail for hurting an animal

If you see someone neglecting their animal, call your local ASPCA and report it. If you don't know the number, call the operator or the police. Just don't wait or it could be too late. Dog fighting brings tears to my eyes, report it.

All the animals I have right now are rescued. One of my dogs was a stray we found, the other was adopted from a shelter and my cat was in my neighbor's bushes as a kitten, crying his little head off and was really hungry. My Grandma's cats were found dumped as tiny kittens. One was sick and left to die. (She is fine and healthy now)

You can also help wild animals by not hitting them with your car. Give squirrels and birds a place to stay, and food and water.

When I grow up I want to be a vet, so I can help the animals. But that's a while off and it breaks my heart when I see or hear about animal cruelty. They don't do anything to us but help us, so we owe it to them to help them, not hurt them.

Be a saint and help our little friends. Take care of your pets with the tips I gave you. Pets bring joy to our lives so let's help them in return.

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