RedRover’s Recommended Books with Humane Themes

**Dogs**

- **A Home for Dixie**  
  Written by Emma Jackson  
  Full-color photographs by Bob Carey  
  Recommended for ages 4 to 8

- **A Kid's Best Friend**  
  Written by Maya Ajmera and Alex Fisher  
  Recommended for ages 2 and up

- **A Very Unusual Dog**  
  Written by Dorothy Joan Harris  
  Illustrated by Kim LaFave  
  Recommended for ages 6 and up

- **A Day, a Dog**  
  Written by Gabrielle Vincent  
  Recommended for ages 7 and up

- **Beautiful Joe a Dog’s Own Story**  
  Written by Marshall Saunders  
  Recommended for ages 9 and up

- **Because of Winn-Dixie**  
  Written by Kate DiCamillo  
  Recommended for ages 9 and up

- **Before You Were Mine**  
  Written by Maribeth Boelts  
  Illustrated by David Walker  
  Recommended for ages 3 and up

- **Belle's Star**  
  Written by Connie Gotsch  
  Illustrated by John Cogan  
  Recommended for ages 7 and up

- **Buddy Unchained**  
  Written by Daisy Bix  
  Illustrated by Joe Hyatt  
  Recommended for ages 6 and up

- **Chewy Louie**  
  Written by Howie Schneider  
  Recommended for ages 2 and up

- **Danny Dog**  
  Written by Sid Shapira  
  Illustrated by Izzy Bean  
  Recommended for ages 4 and up

- **Dogku**  
  Written by Andrew Clements  
  Illustrated by Tim Bowers  
  Recommended for ages 4 and up

- **Frank the Tank: An Adopted Dog Tale**  
  Written by DJ Burk  
  Illustrated by Caitlyne Lopez  
  Recommended for ages 6 and up

- **Freckles and Willie**  
  Written by Margery Cuyler  
  Illustrated by Marsha Winborn  
  Recommended for ages 4 and up

- **Fred Stays With Me!**  
  Written by Nacy Coffelt  
  Illustrated by Tricia Tusa  
  Recommended for ages 4 and up
Hachiko Waits
Written by Leslea Newman
Illustrated by Machiyo Kodaira
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog
Written by Pamela S. Turner
Illustrated by Yan Nascimbene
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Harley Saves the Day
Written by Karen Patterson
Illustrated by Nina Robichaud
Recommended for ages 7 and up

JJ the American Street Dog
Written by Diane Rose-Solomon
Illustrated by Rachel Cellinese
Recommended for ages 4 and up

"Let's Get a Pup!" Said Kate
Written by Bob Graham
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Love That Dog
Written by Sharon Creech
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Lucky Boy
Written by Susan Boase
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Luke's Story
Written by Susan Beattie
Illustrated by Sandra Thompson
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Maggie's Second Chance
Written by Nancy Furstinger
Illustrated by Joe Hyatt
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Max Talks to Me
Written by Claire Buchwald
Illustrated by Karen Ritz
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Meet the Mutts
Written by Jena Ball
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Mimi and Maty to the Rescue
Written by Written by Brooke Smith
Illustrated by Alli Arnold
Recommended for age 4 and up

Montague: The Pit Bull of Park Avenue
Written by Mary Gregory
Illustrated by Roger Kabler
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Mutt Dog
Written by Stephen Michael King
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Nico & Lola
Written by Meggan Hill
Photography by Susan M. Graunke

Not Afraid of Dogs
Written by Susanna Pitzer
Illustrated by Larry Day
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Orville: A Dog Story
Written by Haven Kimmel
Illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Pole Dog
Written by Tres Seymour
Illustrated by David Soman
Recommended for ages 6 and up
Rescue Pup  
Written by Brenda Louise Fiorini  
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Rufo liberado  
Spanish-Language Edition of *Buddy Unchained*  
Written by Daisy Bix  
Illustrated by Joe Hyatt  
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Sad, the Dog  
Written by Sandy Fussell  
Illustrated by Tull Suwannakit  
Recommended for ages 3-7

Second Chance: How Adoption Saved a Boy with Autism & His Shelter Dog  
Written by Sandra J. Gerencher, illustrated by Virginia Cody  
Recommended for ages 7 and up

Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs  
Written by Michaela Muntean. Photographs by K. C. Bailey and Stephen Kazmierski  
Recommended for ages 4 to 8

Straydog  
Written by Kathe Koja  
Recommended for ages 8 and up

The Good Dog  
Written by Todd Kessler  
Illustrated by Jennifer Gray Olson  
Recommended for ages 5 and up

The Lucky Tale of Two Dogs  
Written by Cathy M. Rosenthal  
Illustrated by Jessica Warrick  
Recommended for ages 4 and up

The MAGIC SQUAD and the Dog of Great Potential  
Written by Mary Quattlebaum  
Recommended for ages 8 and up

The Way I Love You  
Written by David Bedford and Ann James  
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Tiffany Rolls On  
Written by Stephanie Itle-Clark  
Illustrated by Rhonda Van  
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Too Many Dogs  
Written by Karen J. Roberts  
Illustrated by Jen Griggs Sebastian  
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Two Bobbies: The True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival  
Written by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery  
Illustrated by Jean Cassels  
Recommended for ages 4 to 8

What's in a Woof?  
Written by Julie Hundman  
Illustrated by Elizabeth Wright  
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Worzel Says Hello! Will you be my Friend?  
Written by Catherine Pickles  
Illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje  
Recommended for ages 5 to 7
Cats
A Home for Nathan
Written by Claudia Roll
Illustrated by Finn Rizer
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Cat Care Heroes
Written by Julie Hundman
Illustrated by Elizabeth Wright
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story
Written by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter
Recommended for ages 8 to 12

Duncan and Dolores
Written and illustrated by Barbara Samuels
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Ginger Finds a Home
Written and illustrated by Charlotte Voake
Recommended for ages 3 and up

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Written and illustrated by Charlotte Voake
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Goyangi Means Cat
Written by Christine McDonnell
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Hate That Cat
Written by Sharon Creech
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Kitten Caboodle
Written by Paige Grant
Illustrated by Lisa Carol Williams
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Meow Means Mischief
Written by Ann Whitehead Nagda
Illustrated by Stephanie Roth
Recommended for ages 7 and up

Mrs. Crump's Cat
Written by Linda Smith
Illustrated by David Roberts
Recommended for ages 5 and up

My Cat Copies Me
Written and illustrated by Yoon-duck Kwon
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Nobody's Cats: How One Little Black Kitty Came in from the Cold
Written by Valerie Ingram & Alistair Schroff
Illustrated by Hadley Hutton
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Rescue Kitty
Written by Brenda Louise Fiorini
Recommended for ages 5 and up

So, What's it Like to be a Cat?
Written by Karla Kuskin
Illustrated by Betsy Lewin
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Scrawny Cat
Written by Phyllis Root
Illustrated by Alison Friend
Recommended for ages 4-8

The Happy Tale of Two Cats
Written by Cathy M. Rosenthal
Illustrated by Jessica Warrick
Recommended for ages 4 and up

The Upstairs Cat
Written by Jaimi Ilama
Illustrated by Audrey Miller
Recommended for ages 2 and up

The Very Best of Friends
Written by Margaret Wild
Recommended for ages 7 and up
Other animals

Belle, the Last Mule at Gee’s Bend
Written by Calvin Alexander Ramsey & Bettye Stroud
Illustrated by John Holyfield
Recommended for ages 5-8

Black Beauty
Written by Anna Sewell
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Call the Horse Lucky
Written by Juanita Havill
Illustrated by Nancy Lane
Recommended for ages 5 and up

Charlotte’s Web
Written by E.B. White
Illustrated by Garth Williams
Recommended for age 8 and up

Each Living Thing
Written by Joanne Ryder
Illustrated by Ashley Wolff
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Hens for Friends
Written by Sandy De Lisle
Illustrated by Amelia Hansen
Recommended for ages 3 to 7

Hello, Horse
Written by Vivian French
Illustrated by Catherine Rayner
Recommended for ages 5-8

Little Flower
Written by Gloria Rand
Illustrated by R.W. Alley
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Millie and Cupcake
Written by Mildred Potash
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Oh, Theodore!
Written by Susan Katz
Illustrated by Stacey Schuett
Recommended for ages 4 and up

One Unhappy Horse
Written by C.S. Adler
Recommended for ages 9 and up

Phantom Stallion: The Wild One
Written by Terri Farley
Recommended for ages 8 and up

Sapphire the Great and the Meaning of Life
Written by Beverly Brenna
Illustrated by Tara Anderson
Recommended for ages 8 to 12

Stealing Thunder
Written by Mary Casanova
Recommended for ages 8 and up

The Forgotten Rabbit
Written by Nancy Furstinger
Illustrated by Nancy Lane
Recommended for ages 3 and up
Pet Loss

Albuquerque Turkey
Written by B.G. Ford
Illustrated by Lucinda McQueen
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Desser the Best Ever Cat
Written by Maggie Smith
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Forever Buster: What a Name! What a Dog, We Exclaim!
Written by Martin Babbett
Illustrated by Donna Burns
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Forever Dog
Written by Bill Cochran
Illustrated by Dan Andreasen
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Goodbye Mousie
Written by Robie H. Harris
Illustrated by Jan Ormerod
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Sammy in the Sky
Written by Barbara Walsh
Illustrated by Jamie Wyeth
Recommended for ages 4-8

Saying Goodbye to Lulu
Written by Corinne Demas
Illustrated by Ard Hoyt
Recommended for ages 4 and up

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney
Written by Judith Viorst
Illustrated by Erik Blegvad
Recommended for ages 4 and up

Wildlife

Armando: An Adventurous Nine-Banded Armadillo
Written by DJ Burk
Illustrated by Caitlyne Lopez
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Daisy and the Dirty Dozen
Written and illustrated by Brian Wallace
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Daphina: A Freed Bottlenose Dolphin Tale
Written by DJ Burk
Illustrated by Caitlyne Lopez
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Dario and the Whale
Written by Cheryl Lawton Malone
Illustrated by Bistra Masseva
Recommended for ages 2 and up

Gamba: An Optimistic Mountain Gorilla Tale
Written by DJ Burk
Illustrated by Caitlyne Lopez
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Goose’s Story
Written by Cari Best
Illustrated by Holly Meade
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Grady the Goose
Written by Denise Brennan-Nelson
Illustrated by Michael Glenn Monroe
Recommended for ages 3 and up

Hoot
Written by Carl Hiaasen
Recommended for ages 10 and up
Look Up! Birdwatching in Your Own Backyard
Written and Illustrated by Annette LeBlanc Cate
Recommended for grades 8-12

Mali: A Rescued Asian Elephant Tale
Written by DJ Burk
Illustrated by Caitlyne Lopez
Recommended for ages 6 and up

Animal Behavior & Emotions

Animals Have Feelings, Too! Exploring Emotions from A to Z
Written by Karen Lee Stevens
Illustrated by Teri Rider
Recommended for ages 4 and up

How to Speak Cat
Written by Sarah Whitehead
Photography by John Daniels
Recommended for ages 4 to 8

How to Speak Dog
Written by Sarah Whitehead
Photography by John Daniels
Recommended for ages 9 and up

How to Talk to your Cat
Written by Jean Craighead George
Illustrated by Paul Meisel
Recommended for ages 4 to 8

Worzel Goes for a Walk: Will You Come Too?
Written by Catherine Pickles and illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje
Recommended for ages 5 to 7

Owl Moon
Written by Jane Yolen
Illustrated by John Schoenherr
Recommended for ages 3 and up