

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

Cookie's Fortune

Written by Lynda Graham-Barber
Illustrated by Nancy Lane
Recommended for ages 3 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 Nancy 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 8 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

Please Puppy Please

Written by Spike Lee & Tonya Lewis Lee

Illustrated by Kadir Nelson

Recommended for ages 3-8

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

Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me

Written by Eloise Greenfield

Illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi

Recommended for ages 4-8

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

Ginger

Written and illustrated by Charlotte Voake

Recommended for ages 3 and up

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 Ilima

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

Jeannie Houdini

Written by Mary-Ann Stuck
Illustrated by Rebecca Evans
Recommended for ages 3-7

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 Maseva

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

Owl Moon

Written by Jane Yolen

Illustrated by John Schoenherr

Recommended for ages 3 and up

The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter

Written and illustrated by Shabazz Larkin

Recommended for ages 3-7

Whale Trails, Before and Now

Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Illustrated by G. Brian Karas

Recommended for ages 5-9

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 9 and up

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