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 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 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 6 and up

Second Chance: How Adoption Saved a Boy with Autism & His Shelter Dog
Written by Sandra J. Gerenchener, 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
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 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 3 to 7

**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

Owl Moon  
Written by Jane Yolen

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