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

**Cheering for the Underdog: A Rescue Dog’s Quest**
Written by Alexandra Bach-Weidmuller
Illustrated by Justo Borrero
Recommended for ages 8-12

**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 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 8 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 6 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. 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

Cat on the Bus
Written and illustrated by Aram Kim
Recommended for ages 2-6

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

Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos
Written by Monica Brown
Illustrated by John Parra
Recommended for ages 5 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 Stouck
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
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Written by Corinne Demas
Illustrated by Ard Hoyt
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

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn
Written and Illustrated by Kenard Pak
Recommended for ages 4-7

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

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

The Ocean Calls: A Haenyo Mermaid Story
Written by Tina Cho
Illustrated by Jess X. Snow
Recommended for ages 5-8

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