

## Lesson Plan

### Animal Advocates

**Book:** *Helping with Animals*

**Series:** Community Helpers

**Level:** Pioneer

### Objective

To help students identify ways that people can help animals in their communities.

### Supplies

- Several copies of the *Helping with Animals* book
- Whiteboard
- Animal Advocates worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

### Before the Activity

Divide the students into groups of three or four. Print a copy of the Animal Advocates worksheet for each group.

### Activity

*Helping with Animals* explains several different ways that people can help and care for animals in their communities. Explain that an advocate is someone who helps others. Then give each group of students a worksheet and a copy of the book. Have students read the book in their groups. As they read, students should look for answers to the questions on worksheet. They should write each answer as a complete sentence.

Give groups time to write down their answers. Then come back together as a class. Invite volunteers to share their group's answers. Then discuss the following questions:

- What are some ways that you or your family could help pets in your community? (Possible Answers: help walk a friend or neighbor's dog, pick up trash/litter, volunteer at an animal shelter)
- What are some ways you could help wild animals? (Possible Answers: plant trees or native plants, grow grass, pick up trash/litter, clean streams or rivers)
- How can planting trees or growing grass help animals? (Possible Answers: These actions can give animals places to live, find food, or lay eggs.)

**Evaluation**

Collect each group's worksheet at the end of class. Use the attached answer key to give each group up to 15 points.

**Standards**

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 2 (RI 2.1, 2.2, 2.4), and the National Council for the Social Studies standard 10.

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1. What are three ways that people can help take care of animals?
2. What are four jobs that volunteers can do to help animals in shelters?
3. What does it mean to foster an animal?
4. What does it mean to adopt an animal?
5. How are fostering and adopting similar?
6. How are fostering and adopting different?
7. What are three ways people can help wild animals?

# Animal Advocates Answer Key

1. What are three ways that people can help take care of animals? (3 points)

People can walk animals, volunteer in shelters, and foster animals.

2. What are four jobs that volunteers can do to help animals in shelters? (4 points)

Volunteers can help animals in shelters by playing with animals, taking animals on walks, feeding animals, washing animals, and helping clean the shelter.

3. What does it mean to foster an animal? (1 point)

Fostering means taking an animal home and taking care of it for a short period of time.

4. What does it mean to adopt an animal? (1 point)

Adopting means taking an animal home from a shelter to keep.

5. How are fostering and adopting similar? (1 point)

Fostering and adopting both involve taking care of animals, usually in homes.

6. How are fostering and adopting different? (2 points)

The amount of time is different. Fostering is just for a short or limited time, while adopting lasts longer.

7. What are three ways people can help wild animals? (3 points)

People can help wild animals by planting trees/native plants, picking up trash, and cleaning streams.