

LESSON 6

Our final lesson!

Can you find the "I can...." statement on your folder or on the one to the right?

I CAN help solve the "SAD PROBLEM" in Moore County.

Pet Responsibility Folder

Belonging to:



Snowball



Barney

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THE PET RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

"I CAN" STATEMENTS:

"I CAN" HELP SOLVE THE "SAD PROBLEM" IN MOORE COUNTY.

LESSON 1

"I CAN" BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER.

LESSON 2

"I CAN" HELP STOP PET OVERPOPULATION IN OUR COUNTY.

LESSON 3

"I CAN" MAKE SURE MY PET IS HEALTHY AND SAFE; I CAN BE SAFE AROUND DOGS AND CATS.

LESSON 4

"I CAN" MAKE A RESPONSIBLE DECISION ABOUT PROVIDING FOR A PET FOR ITS ENTIRE LIFE.

LESSON 5

"I CAN" BE AN ADVOCATE FOR ANIMALS.

LESSON 6

"I CAN" HELP SOLVE THE "SAD PROBLEM" IN MOORE COUNTY.



Activity 1

- Watch the video "The PRC visits Pinehurst Animal Hospital" and get a behind-the-scenes look at a local veterinary hospital!
- Listen to Dr Ioppolo, the vet, and Miss Jessica, the certified veterinary assistant, and think about all you learned during the Pet Responsibility Program.



Activity 2

- Watch the video of our PRC Mascot, Kitty Speuter, as she reads you the poem she wrote about her life and how she ended up where she is!
- Should cats be left to look after themselves on the streets?



Activity 3



What was the happy ending to their tale?



Activity 4

A Dog's Journey To Happiness!

Read this wonderful story written by a team of fourth graders who took the Pet Responsibility Program.

What responsible and irresponsible actions are in this story?

I shiver in the cold silence of the night. My matted ebony fur is not enough to protect me from the chill winter air. My name is Faith and I was abandoned by my owner three months ago. My home is under a rickety wooden bridge in the country. Life for me and my seven puppies is difficult.

The sun slowly rises. I have nursed my undernourished puppies, but they still cry for more. Nervously, I leave my babies to search for food and water. Hopefully, no predators will discover them as they are too young to protect themselves. It seems like an eternity since I have eaten a nutritious meal. I feel as emaciated as the mummy of King Tut! I'm covered in parasites and fear I may have heartworms. I question if I will be able to survive much longer! After hours of searching for food, I only found some rotted meat. It was not pleasant to eat and my stomach is rolling like tumbleweed through the dry dusty desert.

As I comfort and protect my young, I am alarmed by the sound of footsteps on the bridge. I must protect my babies so I start furiously barking at the intruder. He stands still as a tree trunk and does not make eye contact with me. Instead, he slowly walks towards me extending his fist for me to sniff. Cautiously, I allow him to scratch under my chin. His words are as calming as a gentle ocean breeze. Is it possible that this human will rescue me and my pups?

ONE MONTH LATER

I am resting on my new comfortable dog bed. I am recovering from my spaying. However, my babies are zipping and zooming around our new home. My days of fear and loneliness are over. Luckily, we were rescued. However, around 3,000 other dogs like me will not be saved. I wish upon a star every night that other animals will be spayed or

neutered and not abandoned. Overpopulation of cats and dogs is becoming a catastrophe.

THE END!!!

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PET RESPONSIBILITY

A PLAY

"Pet Health!"

By Ariadne and Reina Grace

Scene One: At the Park

Ariadne: Hi! Can I ask you a question?

Reina: Hi! Sure you can ask me a question. I don't mind.

Ariadne: Have you ever neutered or spayed your pet?

Reina: NO, basically because my family wants my dog to have puppies before we spay or neuter it.

Ariadne: I haven't neutered my pets because I don't think it is necessary.

Scene Two: Two months later at Reina's house

Ariadne: Oh! You don't want to know what happened with my pets. There is a bunch of cats and dogs in my yard.

Reina: Why? Did you not spay or neuter them? I spayed mine already!

Ariadne: Why is that so important?

Reina: It is important because there is an over population with pets and if you do not spay or neuter them, not all of them will have a home.

Ariadne: Well then, I will take them to be spayed or neutered right away!

THE END

Activity 5



Pet Health!

Some students in Robbins wrote this short play to get the message across about how important it is to spay or neuter your pets.

Perform this with a family member and teach them the message!

Activity 6

- Congratulations!
- You have completed The Pet Responsibility Program and are on the team that makes life better for pets!
- If you received a folder, you will also receive a book mark and a sticker to celebrate your "graduation" from the program!
- Put the sticker where people can see you and ask you what it's about? **YOU CAN TELL THEM!**



Abuse or neglect? Tell an adult to contact the Moore County Sheriff's Office at (910) 947-2931



Adopt your furever friend at:
The Animal Center
5235 Hwy 15-501
Carthage, NC 28327
(910) 947-2858
animalcentermoorecounty.com



We need shelter, water, food and..... a loving home!



Have us spayed or neutered at:
The Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic
(spayneutervet.org)
5071 US Hwy#1
Vass, NC 28394
(910) 692-3499



THANK YOU FOR JOINING
THE PET RESPONSIBILITY TEAM!

