



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

INFUSING HUMANE EDUCATION & ANIMAL ADVOCACY INTO OST PROGRAMS

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WELCOME

○ Who we are

Celebrating Animals | Confronting Cruelty



○ Goal of this workshop

- Humane education in relation to character education, service-learning, and academic standards
- Profile successful programs
- Forming Community Coalitions
- Brainstorm how you can include animal related service-learning in your programs
- Tips and resources to assist youth leaders



HUMANE EDUCATION

1882 The first American Band of Mercy is formed. Soon there are hundreds of Bands nationwide, totaling 250,000 children.

1889 The American Humane Education Society (AHES) is incorporated.

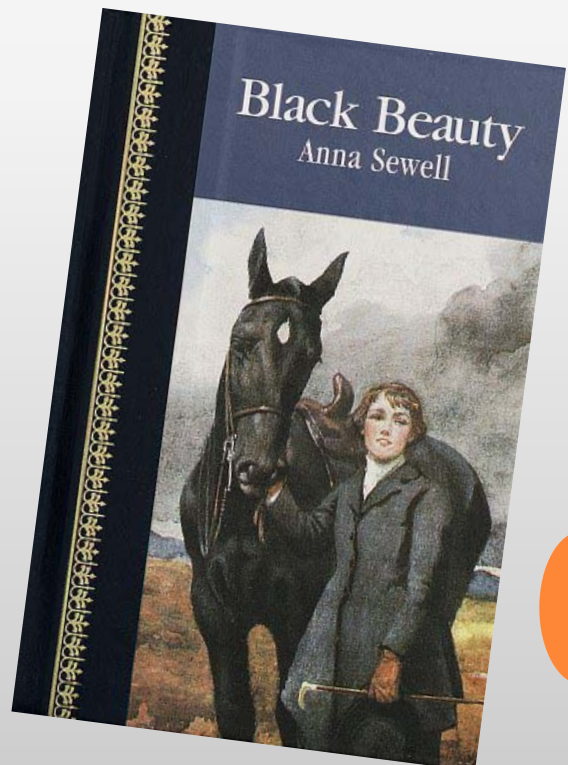
1890 Angell publishes the first American edition of Anna Sewell's humane classic, *Black Beauty*, and distributes 2 million free copies through the Bands of Mercy.

1893 AHES distributes the children's classic "Beautiful Joe."

1983 *KIND News* developed

1991 Operation Outreach-USA is launched. A national, classroom-based humane-education and literacy program. it becomes a separate nonprofit in 1994.

Encourages empathy and an understanding of the need for compassion and respect for people, animals and the environment and recognizes the connection between all living things.



EARLY BANDS OF MERCY



Angell passionately believed that education was the key to ensuring humane treatment of both domestic and wild animals. In 1882, he launched the "Bands of Mercy", a nationwide network of humane education clubs; when Angell's successor, the Reverend Frances Rowley, organized a 1912 Bands of Mercy convention in Kansas City, 25,000 children plus 15,000 parents and teachers attended.

HUMANE EDUCATION AND CHARACTER EDUCATION

- Humane Education is a form of character education.
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Honesty
- Kindness
- Courage
- Respect
- Mandated by law in 18 states
- Encouraged in 25 states (18 with legislation)

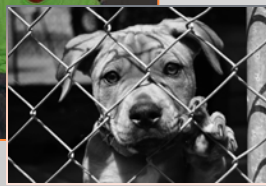
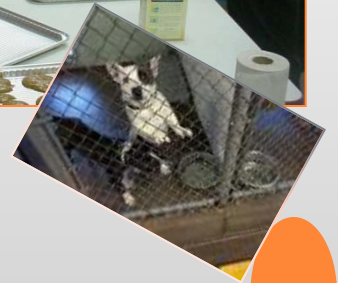
Character Education Legislation-
<http://www.character.org/charactereducationlegislation>

Humane Education Legislation-
http://teachhumane.org/heart/?page_id=13



HUMANE EDUCATION AND STANDARDS

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and standards drive education
- Animal related lessons and projects engage and inspire
- Community groups can support academic learning and good citizenship



HUMANE EDUCATION AND SERVICE-LEARNING

- Humane oriented service-learning promotes connections between organizations, schools, and other community groups.
- Reinforces multiple intelligences-based activities, structure, positive social models and supportive relationships, opportunities for skill building; and integration of family, school, and community efforts.
- Young people learn that they can help to solve real social challenges and fill needs. And young people are more likely to stay engaged when they feel their participation is meaningful.
- Community-based organizations can:
 - expand their mission and reach capable, motivated young people.
 - receive new energy, ideas, and enthusiasm.
 - specialized skills that young people can bring to the organization.
 - receive increased support and visibility in the community.



WHAT IS SERVICE-LEARNING?

- Service-Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that combines academics, meaningful service, and reflection while filling a real need in the community.
- On the rise- in 2009 President Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act
- For a summary of the bill-
http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=1283



THE SERVICE-LEARNING CYCLE



A FEW EXAMPLES OF HUMANE EDUCATION IN ACTION

- Look For:

- Learning Job Skills

- Academics and Increased Interest in Learning

- Connection to Community and Civic Engagement



“STERILE FERAL”

- Nevada junior high club feral cat program
- Language Arts
 - made fliers, wrote press releases and speeches, and presented to the city commission and community about reducing feral cats.
- Mathematics
 - launched six fundraising efforts and partnered with local veterinarians and the city government.
 - converted statistics about feral cat populations into a graphic-rich Power Point presentation.



THE IMPACT CLUB

- The Impact Club (Part of Volunteer Mobile) is a youth service organization that engages ages 13-17.
- Oxygen to Animals project, which raised over \$6,700 to purchase oxygen masks especially designed for animals. Given to 102 fire stations in Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Alabama.
- <http://www.humaneteen.org/?q=node/935>



WHAT INSPIRES ACTION?

**Current events can
inspire action!**

**Students will share
natural interests.**



See the lesson at:

http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/resources/puppy_mill_LP.asp

More lesson plans at:

<http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/resources/LessonPlans.asp>



CREATING A SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIP WITH ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS

- Understand animal protection community needs and willingness to work with students.
(Insurance!)
- Define character education and service-learning clearly so all participants share a common mission.
- Articulate your desired outcome.
- Involve students, family members, school staff, and community members in the process.
- Promote humane and character education and service-learning in the school and community culture so that both are viewed as essential.



CREATING A SERVICE-LEARNING PARTNERSHIP WITH ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS

- Work together to design student materials and orientation processes for service-learning.
- Conduct an evaluation to assess the program's effectiveness.

- For tips on developing a service-learning partnership visit-

http://www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/factsheets/cb_facts/developing_partnerships/



MISSION: HUMANE

- Gets youth actively involved in animal protection.
- Provides resources to guide elementary school students and teens as well as resources for forming clubs and taking action, plus rewards for activities.

http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/mission/



BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY: ANIMAL WELFARE AND OST

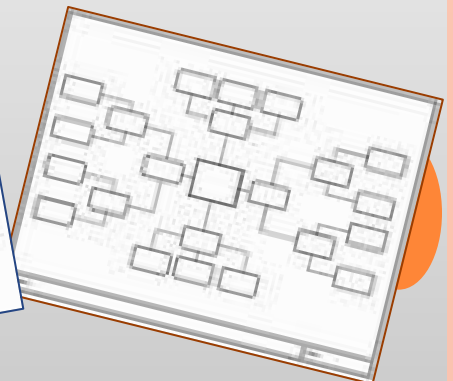
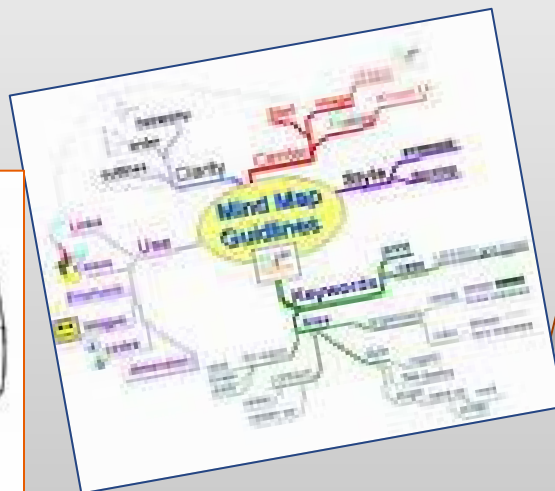
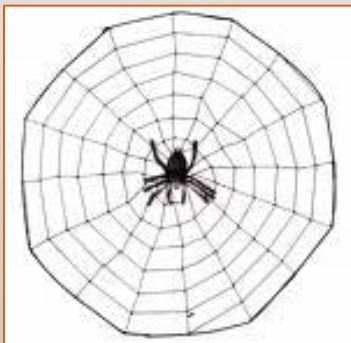


BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY: ACADEMIC CATEGORIES

- Art: Visual or Industrial Arts (e.g., painting, sculpture, photography, film, woodworking, etc.)
- Business/Marketing
- Drama/Theater
- English/Reading/Literature/Writing/Speaking
- Health/Physical Education
- Living Skills (includes lessons on checkbook balancing, child-rearing, etc.)
- Mathematics/Statistics
- Music (e.g., choir, marching band, jazz band, orchestra)
- Science (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, ecology)
- Social Studies (e.g., history, government, geography, psychology, sociology)
- Technology Education/Computer Science
- World Languages/English as a Second Language

GROUP WEB OF HUMANE SERVICE

- Academics:
- Humane Related Need or Area of Focus:
- Community Groups:
- Job Skills/ Resume Builders:
- Civic Engagement:



RESOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

- Humane Society Student Outreach website
www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators
- Resource Center tab
<http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/resources/>
- Service Learning Ideas page
http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/resources/service_learning.asp
- Mission: Humane
http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/mission/
- *KIND News*
http://www.humanesociety.org/parents_educators/classroom/
- Certified Humane Education Specialist (CHES) program
<http://www.humanesocietyu.org/ches>



HUMANE HIGH SCHOOL

HUMANESOCIETY.ORG/TEENS



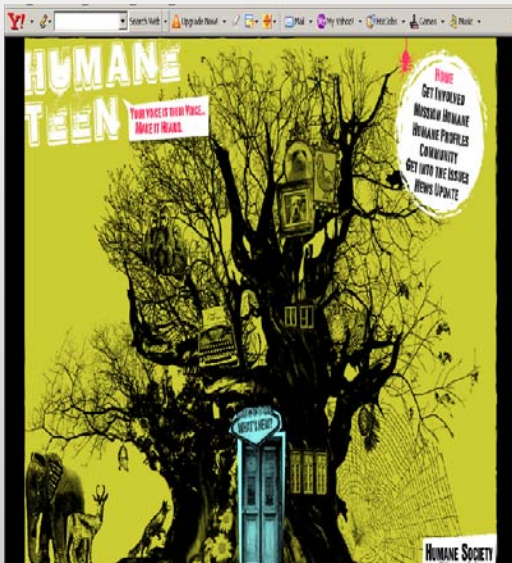
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Service Projects
Split Up by Academic
Area

Study and Activity
Guides

Free On-line
Courses

Career Information

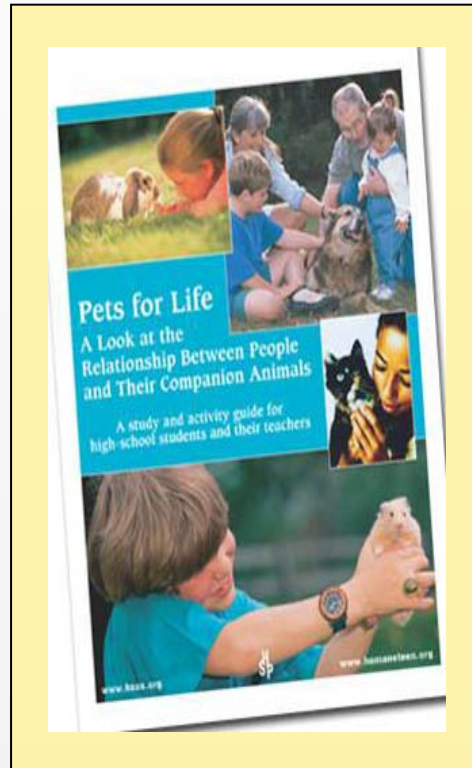


HUMANE SOCIETY YOUTH STUDY & ACTIVITY GUIDES

Pets for
Life

Animals in
Entertain
ment

Farms as
Factories



Understan
ding
Animal
Cruelty

Into the
Wild

Science and
Conscience

humanesociety.org/teens

RESOURCES...

Have you piloted a youth animal protection program of which you are proud?

Share your good news and become the
National Kind Teacher of the Year

http://www.humanesocietyyouth.org/awards/national_kind_teacher_award.asp



RESOURCES...

- Open up opportunities for service learning at your shelter by signing up at SERVENet (www.servenet.org/npo), a program of Youth Service America. Youth Corps for Animals
- (www.youthforanimals.org) also hosts a site where animal protection groups can advertise their volunteering needs. Both services are free of charge.





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