

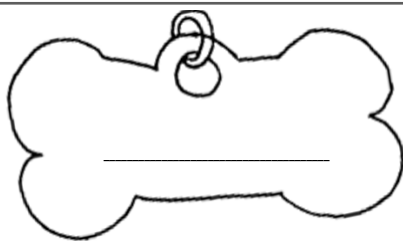
*"Unleash Your Potential"*

A youth humane education activity and coloring book promoting kindness towards all.

A circular arrangement of various dog breeds surrounding a central black silhouette of a dog with a blue collar. The central dog is facing away from the viewer, looking towards the right. It has a blue collar with a gold bell. The surrounding dogs are in various poses and breeds, including a large dog at the top, a small dog at the bottom, and several others in between, all looking towards the center. The entire illustration is in a simple, clean line-art style.

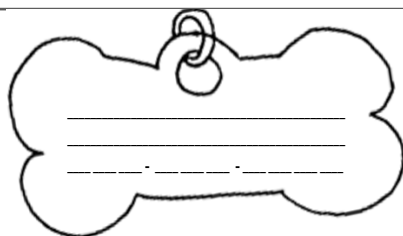
# All About Me!

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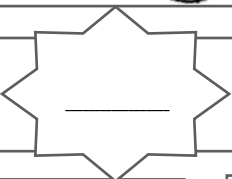
**My address** \_\_\_\_\_

**My phone #** \_\_\_\_\_



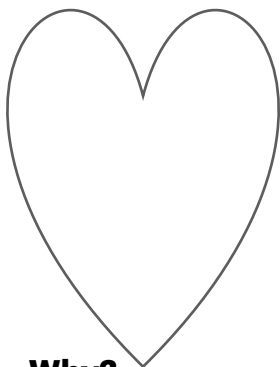
**I am** \_\_\_\_\_

**years old.**



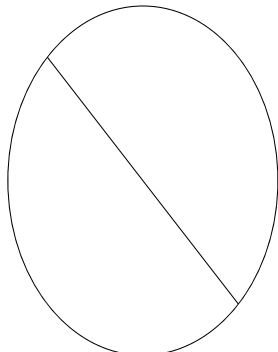
**A drawing or photo of me.**

**I like**



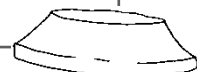
**Why?**

**I don't like**



**Why?**

**My favorite food is** \_\_\_\_\_



**My favorite number is** \_\_\_\_\_

**My favorite color is** \_\_\_\_\_



**My favorite animal is** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Draw it.**

**My favorite pet is** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Draw it.**



Please note, this information is for a general guide and does not warrant guarantee that these suggestions will prevent injury.



# A Pledge of Kindness

I pledge to myself,  
On this very day,  
To try to be kind,  
In every way.

To every pet & person,  
Big or small,  
I will help them,  
If they fall.

When I love myself,  
And others, too,  
That is the best,  
That I can do.



Strong people lift others up, they don't put others down.  
It is cool to be kind! Be an animal advocate by speaking up and providing a hand to help.



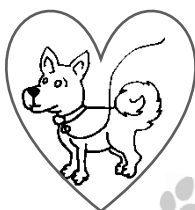
# How to Greet a Dog

Be Smart and Safe: As easy as 1, 2, 3...



## Greet dogs that are:

Alert,  
Calm,  
Happy,  
Quiet,  
Responsive,  
Relaxed leash...



## 1) Look then Ask the Owner to Say Hi

When you see a dog on a leash with their owner, first look at the dog's body language to see if it is friendly and okay to approach. Remember to walk up slowly instead of running. Always ask the owner for permission to pet the dog before greeting the dog. Ask, "May I please pet your dog?"

Be sure to never run to or away from a dog. If a dog jumps on you, stand still like a tree. If the dog knocks you down, curl up like a rock until the dog goes away or someone comes to help.



## 2) Say Hello to the Dog by Allowing a Sniff

After getting permission from the owner to greet their dog, ask the dog by showing the dog your fist for a sniff. Allowing a dog to sniff your fist is like saying "hello" in dog language and helps dogs feel safer around you.

## Don't greet dogs that are:

Alone,  
Barking,  
Eating,  
Growling,  
Guarding,  
Jumping,  
Pulling on leash...



## 3) Gentle Petting After Dog Greets with a Sniff

Once the dog has said hello with a sniff and seems comfortable, slowly and gently reach under their chin to pat them on the chest or neck. Keep an eye on the dog's body language.

How can you tell if a dog is safe to meet you?

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Remember L.A.S.T. = Look, Ask, Show, Touch



# Pet Safety

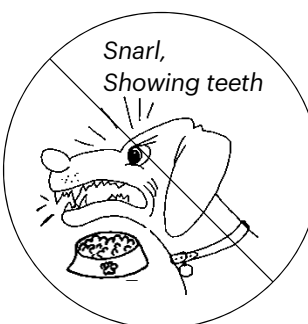
Pet safety is very important! It's essential to learn how to greet dogs properly and understand their body language. Make sure your pets get the best training and vet care to keep them safe and healthy. Always be safe and do *not* approach a dog that is sleeping, eating, scared, hiding, growling, chained up, or behind a fence. Instead of reaching over a dog's head or hugging them, gently pet them under the chin or on their chest. It's also important to respect how pets feel and always play with them safely. Remember, it is best to pet a dog under the chin on the chest!



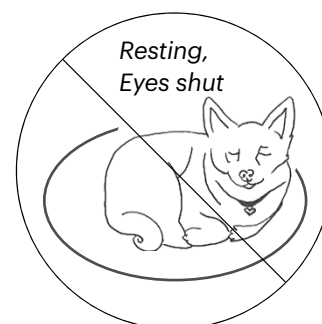
Scared or Chained



Growling or Barking



Eating or Guarding



Sleeping

Washing your hands after playing with or touching animals is really important! It helps keep you healthy by getting rid of any germs or dirt that might be on your hands. Clean hands keep you safe and let you enjoy more time with your furry friends! Wash up after play before going on with the rest of your day.

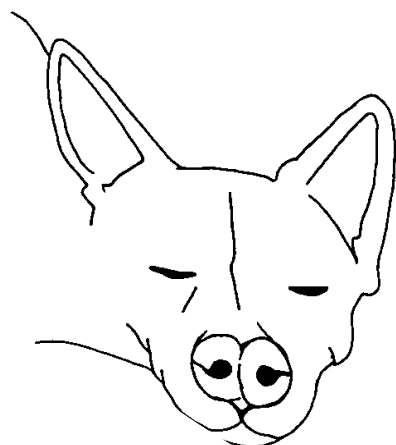


## Pet Safety Promise

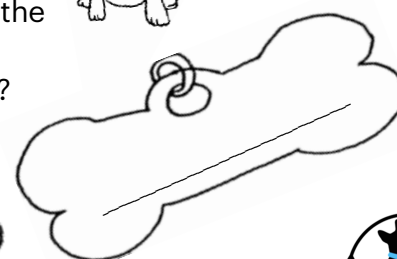
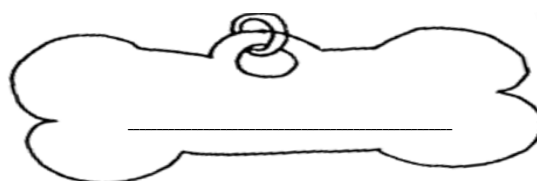
Fill in the words below after you make a promise to stay safe with all animals.

- I will always be \_\_\_\_\_ to animals and \_\_\_\_\_ for them.
- Every time I see a dog I am going to \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ the owner before petting a dog that is on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will not approach or touch a dog that is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- If a dog jumps on me, I will be still like a \_\_\_\_\_ or if knocked down then I will curl up like a \_\_\_\_\_.

Advocate  
Ask  
Eating  
Kind  
Leash  
Rock  
Run  
Sleeping  
Tree  
Walk



If you see a stray dog, a dog without his owner, or a dog that isn't friendly, stay away from it. Ask an adult to report the lost dog to an animal control officer or the local animal shelter. What information should be on your pet's collar or ID tag?



# Animal Advocates

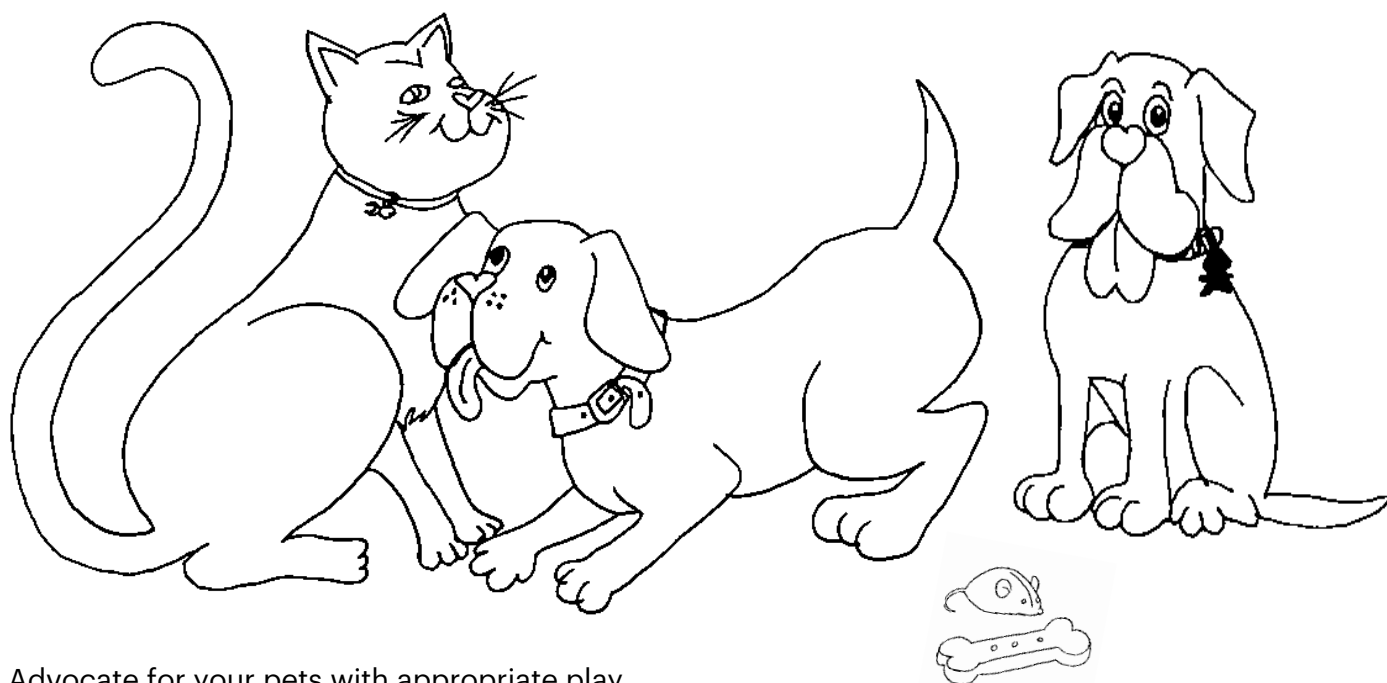


Being an animal advocate means speaking up for animals and ensuring they are treated with kindness and respect. As an animal listener, you pay attention to what animals need and how they feel, even when they can't use words to tell you. By helping just one animal at a time, you can make the world a better place for all creatures. Whether they are big or small, every animal deserves to be cared for and protected. Remember, you can save the world, one animal at a time—big or small, advocate for them all!

As a pet owner, it's your responsibility to make sure your pet is happy, healthy, and safe. This means providing them with good food, clean water, regular vet visits, and lots of love and attention. It's also important to ensure your pet is trained and knows how to behave around people and other animals. Being a responsible pet owner is a big part of being an animal advocate because you're caring for an animal who depends on you.

Youth animal advocates can make a big difference, too! Even if you don't have a pet, you can still help animals by learning about them, sharing what you know with others, and speaking up if you see an animal in need. Whether it's volunteering at an animal shelter or rescue, helping a lost pet find its way home, or just being kind to the animals you meet, every little bit counts.

By being a responsible pet owner and an animal advocate,  
you're helping to create a better world for all animals!  
Do not forget that pets need exercise and playtime, too!



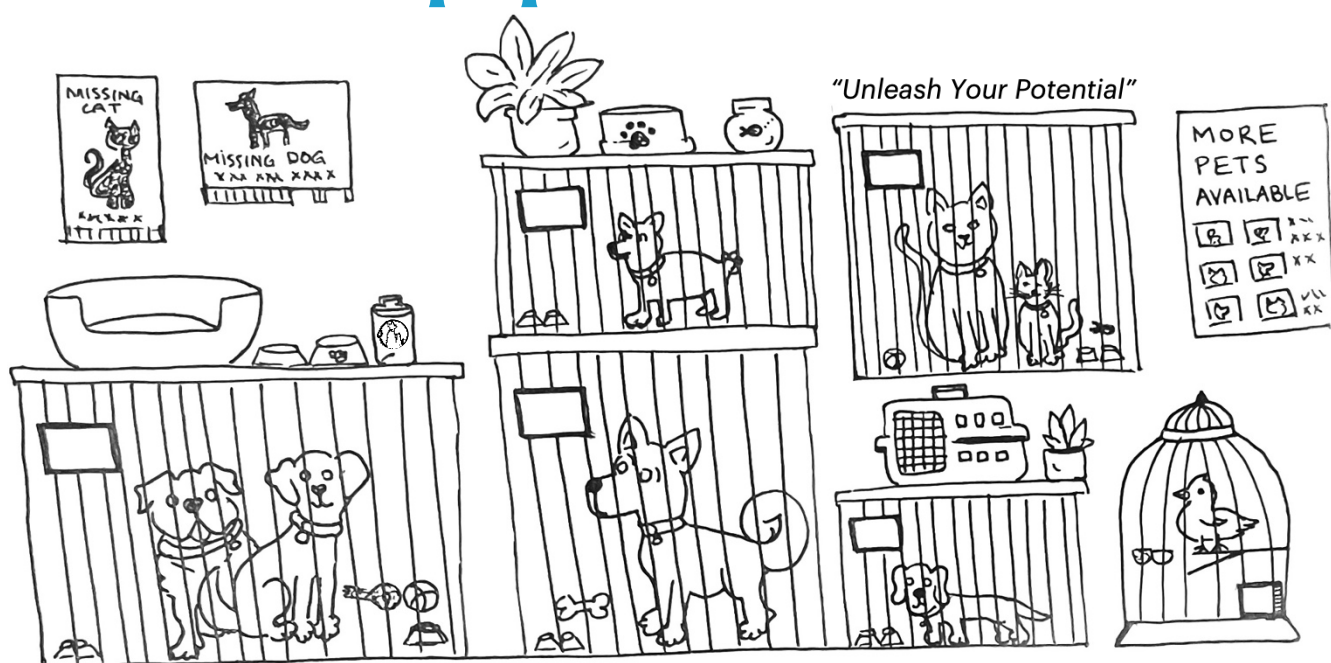
Advocate for your pets with appropriate play.

- Share, never steal.
- Handle and play gently; no wrestling, hard handling, or rough play.
- Teach and play polite games like “find it” or “fetch”.





# Pet Overpopulation & Lost Pets



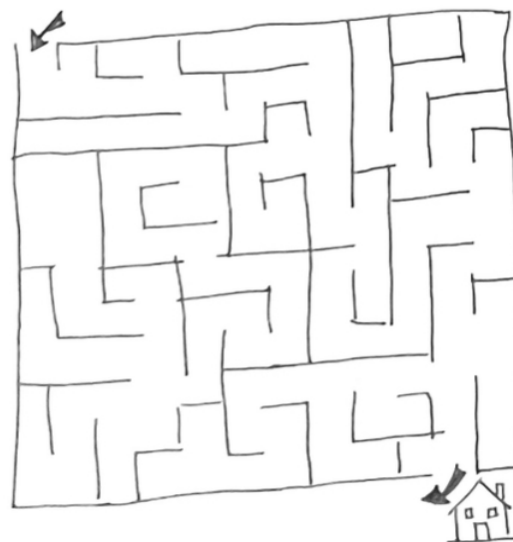
Pet overpopulation happens when there are too many pets and not enough homes for them. This can lead to many animals not having a family to care for them. One way to help prevent pet overpopulation is by making sure pets are spayed or neutered. This simple procedure helps control the number of animals being born, so fewer pets end up without homes. By taking this important step, you're helping to make sure every pet has a chance to be loved and cared for.

Lost pets are another big problem. Sometimes pets get scared or curious and wander away from home. To keep your pet safe, it's important to make sure they always have an ID tag with your contact information. Microchipping your pet is another great way to help them get back to you if they ever get lost. A microchip is a tiny device placed under the pet's skin that can be scanned to show your contact details. By keeping your pet properly identified, you're making sure they can find their way back home if they ever get lost.

You can help prevent both pet overpopulation and lost pets by being a responsible pet owner. If we all do our part, we can make sure more pets find happy homes and stay safe with their families. Remember, every little action you take helps make the world a better place for animals!

Every day, thousands of pets are born for whom no homes exist. Only 1 in 10 will find a home. Please be responsible and spay or neuter your pets!

Help Blue find his way through the maze and back home.



# Pet Ownership Responsibility

Getting a pet is exciting. It also comes with big responsibility. Before adopting an animal, you need to have the right supplies to take care of your pet. Pretend you are getting a pet. What do you need? Circle, color, or draw the items you will need for your new friend.

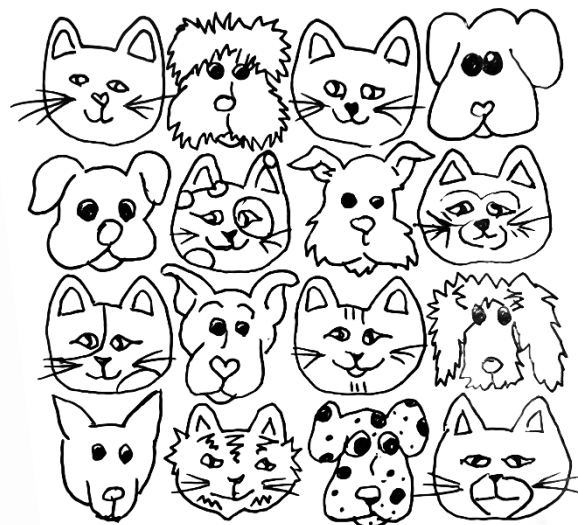


## Pet Responsibility Pledge

I promise to give my pets all the correct care for their needs.

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
pledge to give my pets:

- Shelter
- Food & Water
- Love & Respect
- Grooming & Care
- Training, Exercise, & Playtime.



Advocate for your pet by making sure they always wear a collar with an ID tag and a rabies tag. This simple step helps keep your pet safe and makes it easier for someone to help them to get their way back home if they ever get lost.

## Pet Word Search

Find all the pet related words in the puzzle.

E	A	R	F	T	T	P	Y	K	B
M	V	E	E	A	U	R	E	E	U
A	E	O	C	T	A	R	S	T	N
D	I	C	L	N	S	T	T	E	N
K	G	P	A	C	F	M	A	L	Y
L	D	C	M	R	L	J	A	F	E
A	U	C	I	H	S	I	F	H	U
W	B	E	G	E	R	B	I	L	R
K	N	D	O	G	P	L	R	Z	M
D	G	I	P	A	E	N	I	U	G

BEST  
BUNNY  
CANARY  
CAT  
DOG  
FEED  
FISH  
FRIEND  
GERBIL  
GUINEA PIG  
HAMSTER  
LOVE  
PET  
TURTLE  
WALK





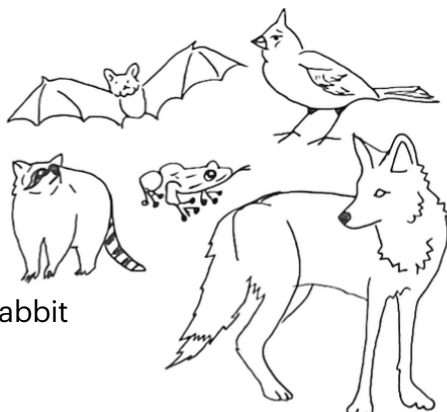
# Wildlife vs. Pets



Learn about and advocate for them all!

## Wildlife

Bald Eagle  
Beaver  
Bobcat  
Bullfrog  
Cardinal  
Coyote  
Cottontail Rabbit  
Fox Squirrel  
Gray Fox  
Gray Squirrel  
Great Horned Owl  
Indiana Bat  
Mallard Duck  
Mink  
Muskrat  
Opossum  
Otter  
Raccoon  
Red Fox  
Red Tailed Hawk  
Striped Skunk  
White Tailed Deer  
Wild Turkey



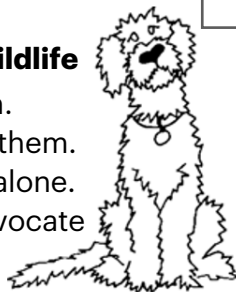
**What animals can you draw?**

## Pets

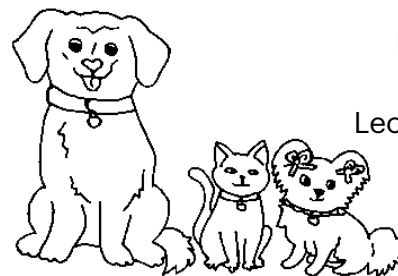
Ant Farm  
Ball Python  
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Betta Fish  
Bunny  
Cat  
Chicken  
Corn Snake  
Cow  
Dog  
Gerbil  
Goat  
Goldfish  
Hamster  
Hermit Crab  
Horse  
Leopard Gecko  
Mouse  
Parakeet  
Rat  
Turtle

## The L's to Wildlife

Look at them.  
Learn about them.  
Leave them alone.  
Love and advocate  
for them.



**What makes wild animals  
different from pets?**



Help Blackie find  
his way through  
the maze and  
back home.



## What is a Feral Feline?



A feral feline is a cat that has lost the ability to socialize with humans. A feral cat is shy or skittish and more behaviorally like a wild animal. TNR stands for Trap – Neuter – Release. TNR programs help stop pet overpopulation. If you see a cat with an ear tip or ear notch, it means it has been part of a TNR program.



# Animal-Related Careers

Animal Assisted Therapist  
 Animal Health Inspector  
 Animal Groomer  
 Animal Photographer  
 Animal Farmer or Farm Worker  
 Barn or Farm Manager  
 Horse Trainer and Exercise Rider  
 Animal Lawyer  
 Grant Writer

Animal Management  
 Nature Park Ranger (DNR)  
 Animal Nutritionist

Animal Pooper Scooper (Kennel work)  
 Animal Chiropractor or Massage Therapist  
 Animal Shelter Worker or Manager or Volunteer

Pet Adoption Counselor  
 Professional Dog Trainer

Aquaculture Farmer  
 Marine Biologist  
 Marine Mammal Trainer  
 Herpetologist

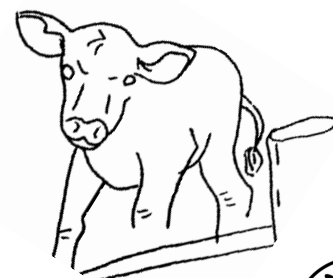
Animal Control Officer  
 Police Officer with K-9  
 Dog Walker and Pet Sitter  
 Emergency Veterinarian  
 Veterinarian Animal Behaviorist  
 Exotic and Wild Animal Vet

Humane Educator  
 Livestock Appraiser  
 Pet Food Representative  
 Pet Store Worker or Manager  
 Riding Instructor  
 Small & Large Animal Veterinarian  
 Veterinarian Technician  
 Wildlife Biologist  
 Wildlife Rehabilitator  
 Zoo Director  
 Zoologist

**What do I want  
to be now?**



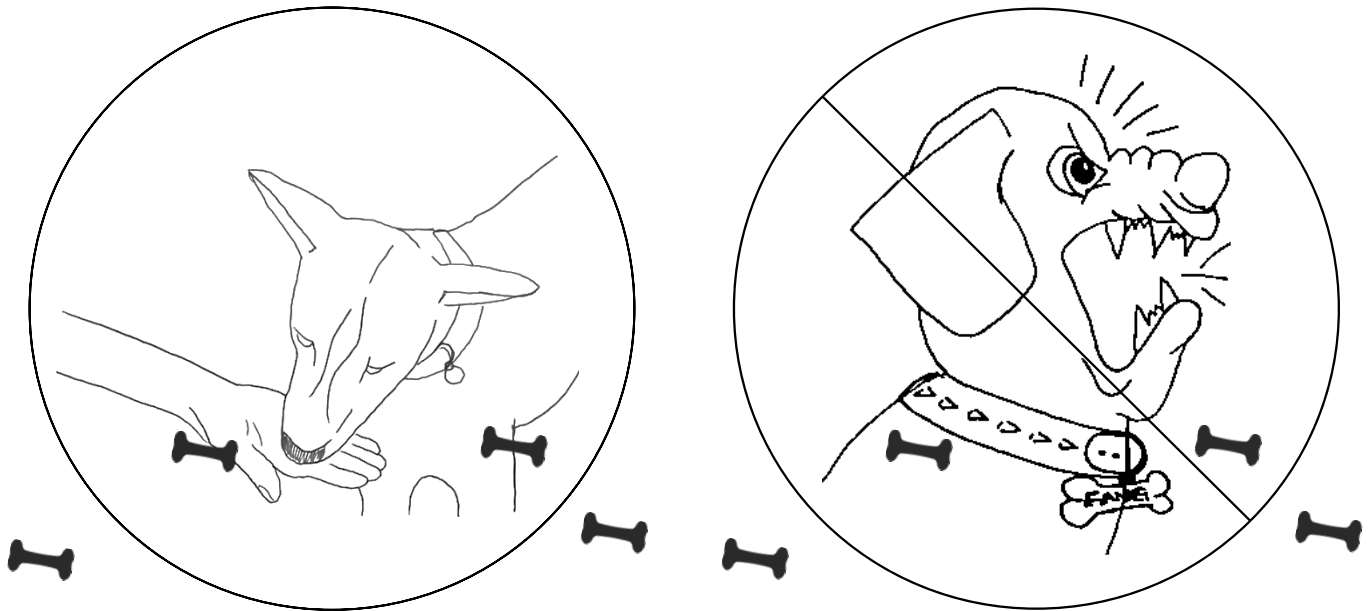
**What do I want to be  
when I grow up?**



... and many more!



# Be a Friend, Not a Bully.



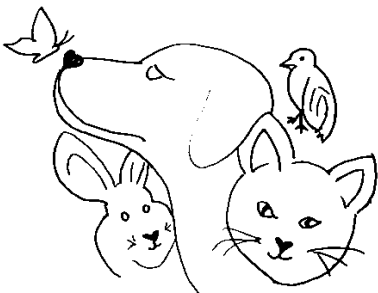
## How to Give a Dog a Bone

Advocate for a dog by giving a treat with an open palm. This protects your fingers in case the dog gets suddenly startled. Be sure not to yell, scream, or be mean to your friends. Learn and practice empathy and compassion. Read your pet's body language and speak up for them.

**Draw your furry, scaly, or feathery friend.**



What does being an animal advocate, ally, and friend mean to you?



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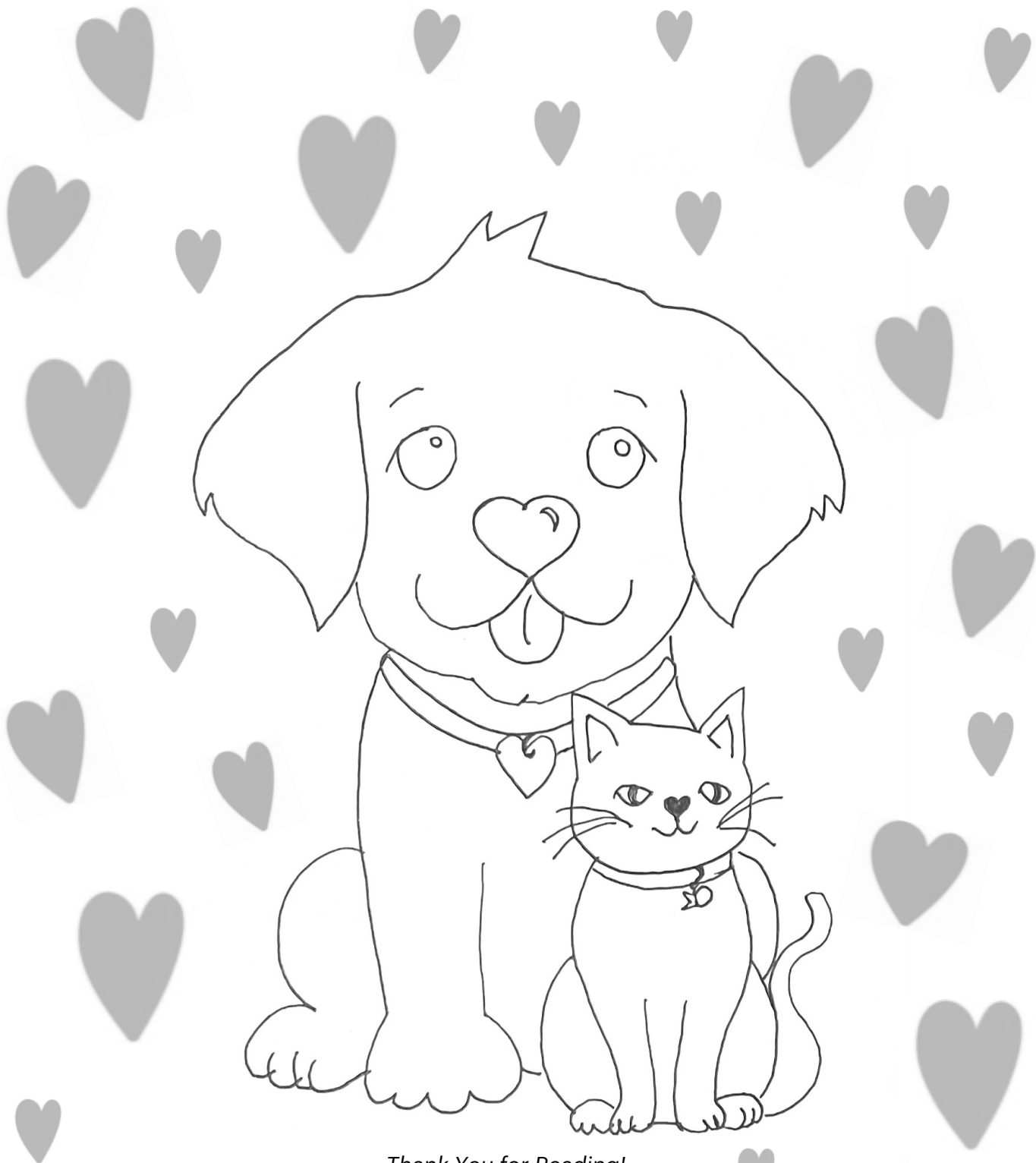
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