

Thinksheet 2.4: Help! Animals Need to Be Rescued Article

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Millions of Lonely Pets

Every year, millions of pets are locked in kennels without anyone to love them because they have been abandoned by their owners. These cats and dogs usually haven't done anything wrong; their owners just don't want them any more. Sometimes the owners have died or lost a job, so they can't afford to care for their pets.

Where Are These Lonely Pets?

The luckiest of these pets are kept in shelters that help look for new owners. The less lucky animals get picked up by the county where they are put to sleep if no one claims them. All of these places feed the animals while they are in their care. They just don't have the time or money to play with them.

What You Can Do to Help

One way you can help is by never buying a puppy from a store. Instead, visit a shelter and adopt a lonely pet. Another way you can help is by making sure you can care for your pet for his whole life. Many shelters accept donations of money or food. Some even allow people to volunteer to clean crates, feed the animals, or take the dogs for walks. Everyone should do what he or she can to take care of these lonely pets.