# Getting Started: Parent Letter

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## Dear Family,

In our classroom we are learning about animals that live in our homes, our city, our state, our country, and our world. This includes family pets, farm animals, wild animals, endangered animals, shelter animals, and even animal actors.

Animals all over the world have one thing in common: they have no way of speaking up for themselves. Unfortunately animals cannot file complains for neglect, mistreatment, or illegal poaching. An important goal of our animal study is to teach students the importance of treating animals with respect, compassion, and kindness.

During our study we'll investigate different ways you and your child can make a difference in the lives of animals near and far. We need animals, and animals need us. We're all in this together!

Sincerely,

## Mark Your Calendar

The first full week in May is Be Kind to Animals Week®. This event encourages Americans of all ages to take action toward improving the well-being of our nation's animals and to spread the word about the value of treating all of earth's creatures with care and compassion.

**Go online with your child and look for ways to help animals in your community.**

**Be Kind to Animals Week®** has been celebrated for more than 100 years. Learn how to show your compassion for animals at **AmericanHumane.org.**

## What Can I Do to Help?

Here are a few things you and your family can do to show compassion for animals.

- Look for the "American Humane Certified" seal when purchasing eggs, meats, and dairy products. This seal certifies that these are the products of humanely raised animals.
- Look for the "No Animals Were Harmed"® end-credit on movies and television programs that feature animal actors. This credit certifies that all animals on set were treated with respect and kindness.
- Help save millions of animals from our nation's shelters by choosing to adopt pets and by making sure to include your pets in the family's personal disaster plan.

- Help your children understand and appreciate endangered and disappearing animals by taking them to certified and accredited zoos, aquariums, and conservation centers.

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