

Humane Education Program Fourth Grade Program Inherited vs. Learned

Objectives:

Students will understand that some characteristics of pets are inherited from parents and some are influenced by the environment. Taking these into consider how might pet owners work with these characteristics to keep their animals at home instead of having to rehome them and the animal becoming homeless.

SC Standards:

- Science: SCC&CR 4.L.5A.4
- Character Education.

Activity:

Students using cue cards vote on physical and behavior characteristics of pets as being inherited or learned. Using that information, students will use hands on activities with a therapy dog to demonstrate ways these characteristics can be worked with to prevent the animal from becoming homeless.