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Kids Take Action to Make a Better World for Animals

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"I can't imagine a world without animals. When I hear about a species being threatened, I used to feel so helpless. Now I feel part of a huge community of people like me who care and are actively doing something. Everyone could. Imagine if everyone did!"

—Leah, age 14

"If we don't help them, I don't know who will."—Ezra, age 12

Minneapolis, MN—For animals, the world is truly shrinking. Space to roam free is becoming harder and harder to find. In Africa, animals ostensibly "live in the wild," and actually are most often able to survive only within the confines of national parks, sanctuaries, and game reserves. Even migrating animals are finding their routes increasingly encroached upon by highways and shopping malls. Creatures of all sizes and shapes are growing ever more reliant on humans for their safety and well-being. Fortunately, kids and teens are reaching out to become stewards on behalf of animals, and with the right tools at the right time, great things can happen.

The new service learning workbook from Cathryn Berger Kaye, M.A., a pioneer in service learning curriculum and award-winning author, puts the power of positive change directly into young people's hands. **A KIDS' GUIDE TO PROTECTING & CARING FOR ANIMALS: HOW TO TAKE ACTION!** (Free Spirit Publishing, \$6.95) teaches students in grades 6 and up:

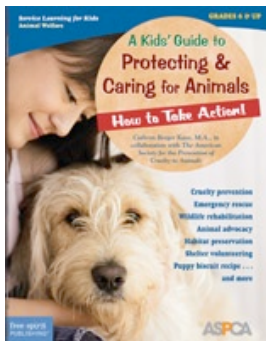
- The basics of service learning
- The facts about animal welfare, cruelty prevention, habitat preservation, and much more
- How to get started by assessing community needs
- How to locate resources and assistance
- When and how to take action

Service learning has become an integrated and often required part of education in schools across the country. No longer a new idea, service learning is a proven way for students to discover and test new skills, develop a sense of competence, and appreciate the value of being part of something larger than themselves. This workbook is the third in Free Spirit's Service Learning for Kids Workbook Series, together with Kaye's **A KIDS' GUIDE TO HELPING OTHERS READ & SUCCEED** and **A KIDS' GUIDE TO HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS**. All three books include activities intended to engage and provoke imagination, followed by a call to action.

Cathryn Berger Kaye, author of **THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO SERVICE LEARNING: PROVEN, PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, & SOCIAL ACTION** (2004, Free Spirit Publishing), knows that young people have ideas, energy, and enthusiasm that can benefit our communities. She says, "By giving these books to students or to your own children, you are helping them participate successfully in service learning. The process of completing the activities helps them develop the personal skills, knowledge,

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by

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in collaboration with
The American Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals (ASPCA)

Hands-on, consumable workbook includes games, quizzes, and journaling space on almost every page—encouraging continuous, active participation. Includes abundant resources for additional research and exploration.

and abilities required to address the community needs they care about.”

Teachers, parents, and group leaders can use these workbooks in classrooms, youth-serving organizations, after-school settings, or at home. Kids *do* care about animals, and they want to make a difference in the world. Here are the facts, tools, and inspiration they need to make it happen.

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Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Free Spirit is the leading publisher of learning tools that support young people’s social and emotional health. Free Spirit’s mission is to help children and teens think for themselves, succeed in life, and make a difference in the world.