



Adopt-Me Bandanas

Kids are caring by nature, especially when it comes to animals, so nurturing and encouraging this compassion is important. According to the National PTA Congress, "Children trained to extend justice, kindness, and mercy to animals become more just, kind, and considerate in their relations to each other."

Approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter U.S. animal shelters nationwide every year. Of those, approximately 3.3 million are dogs and 3.2 million are cats. Approximately 3.2 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.6 million dogs and 1.6 million cats). You can help these animals find a home by making Adopt-Me Bandanas for shelter animals.

Contact your local animal shelter to see if they would accept your bandanas and find out a good time to drop them off. You can search for a shelter in your area by visiting the ASPCA's site at <https://www.aspca.org/adopt-pet/find-shelter>.



What You Need

- Fabric Markers
- Solid-color bandanas. Depending on whether it is for a cat or dog, the size will vary. The bandana should be folded once in a triangle and has to be able to tie completely around the neck of the dog or cat. There are also special pet-sized bandanas available online.



How You Do It

1. Fold the bandana in a triangle and draw only on the side that faces up.
2. You want the animals that wear the bandanas to get noticed so you should make your bandana colorful and fun. It is a good idea to write some inspirational phrases on the bandana. Below are some examples:
 - a. Adopt Me!
 - b. I'll Be Your Best Friend!
 - c. Please Help Me Find a Home!
3. Let your bandana dry lying flat so it doesn't smear.



Before the project

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS.

Max the Shelter Dog by Nicole Rivera

Max the Shelter Dog is the heartwarming and nail-biting story about an energetic and playful pit bull pup surrendered to a shelter by his owner. Max desperately chases after his owner as she flees through the shelter doors but is yanked back by the leash man - his nemesis. Left behind, he has no choice but to endure the life of a sheltered dog.

Animal lovers of all ages will walk away with a new sense of empowerment, strength of will, the ability to never give up and the overwhelming urge to make a difference in the life of a sheltered animal.

***ASPCA kids: Rescue Readers: I Am Picasso* by Lori C. Froed**

From the ASPCA Rescue Readers series, this reader follows the adventures of Picasso, a puppy that is adopted by a free-spirited artist and her young son. Beautifully illustrated and written to be appropriate for readers ages 4-7. Woven into the story is the importance of care, protection, and love of animals.

*****Double Your Impact*****

Read a book and help save a life: 5-7% of the purchase price of every ASPCA® (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Pet Rescue Club book goes directly to the ASPCA® so they can continue their mission of helping the helpless, with a minimum donation of \$50,000 through December 2019.
