

# Activity sessions for primary schools



Animal Aid has a network of trained speakers who are available to run fun activity sessions on general **animal welfare** and **pets**.

Because they are interactive we run them for class-size groups rather than assemblies. Sessions can be tailored for age groups from Year 1 to Year 6, and typically last for an hour.

Our speakers make use of a range of resources, including our *AnimalKind* film, puppets, pictures, games and stories. They involve children in a variety of activities including listening, watching, discussion and hands-on activities. Animal Aid does not take live animals into schools.

## General animal welfare issues

During the visits, we discuss animals' feelings and capabilities and build on the sense of wonder that most children feel for the natural world.



An Animal Aid speaker runs a session on caring for pets with a class of Year 2 students.

We encourage children to develop a sense of respect and compassion for all animal life and to appreciate that they can play their part in caring for all animals, both domesticated and wild.

## Science, citizenship and RE

Inviting an Animal Aid speaker gives students the opportunity to meet and talk with an outside visitor.

We consider the needs of wild animals and discuss how everyone can help to protect them, for example by protecting their habitats and not leaving litter which can harm wildlife.

In our *AnimalKind* film, BBC wildlife presenter Michaela

Strachan looks at the different types of animals and discusses the various ways in which species have adapted to their habitat.

## Pets

At KS1, using toy animals, puppets, pictures and stories, we discuss the needs of companion animals. At KS2, we look at the responsibility that people have towards animals in their care. We talk about why it's better to adopt a rescued animal, rather than buying one from a breeder. We discuss the suitability (or unsuitability) of different animals as pets.

## AnimalKind

Our speakers use our new *AnimalKind* film. This film is part of our free resource package, which also includes a set of lesson plans and a poster.

To view or download the film, visit:

[animalkind.org.uk](http://animalkind.org.uk)



Sessions on pheasant shooting with two Year 3 classes at Brookfield Junior school, where students were reading Roald Dahl's *Danny The Champion of the World*.

To book an activity session visit [animalkind.org.uk](http://animalkind.org.uk)

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