



Teacher's Notes: Humane Society

Page 1: Adopting a dog means that you decide that it will be your dog. You will take care of it and feed it. It will live in your house and by your dog. You get to name the dog if you adopt it. Selena named her dog Baylor. She got him from the Humane Society in Canada. She was dating Justin Bieber then and he is from Canada. The United States and Canada and other countries have Humane Societies. Canada is a country. It is at the top of the U.S. It is north. (look at map)

Questions: What country did Selena adopt a dog? What did she name the dog? What does adopt mean? Do you have a dog? How many? Do you know anyone who has a dog? What are the dogs names? What is an animal shelter? Where is Canada? Selena got her dog at a shelter in Canada. (show map-compare to their home for perspective) (ask questions to help them think about what all they know.)

Point: USA, Canada, Manitoba, dogs, Selena.

Take your **Selena** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about Selena Gomez's dogs.

Page 2: There are Humane Societies in many countries around the world. Most cities have a humane society. There are a lot of names for the Humane Society. Sometimes the Humane Society is called an animal rescue, sometimes it is called a shelter or pound. They are all names for places where animals go that do not have a home.

Questions: Is a pound a humane society? Is an animal rescue a Humane Society? Is an animal rescue the same thing as a Humane Society? Have you been to a Humane Society?

Point: symbol for Humane Society, kittens, cage, sign for a Humane Society.

Take your **Humane Society** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about the Humane Societies and other names that they are sometimes called.

Page 3: There are too many animals right now. Not all of them have a home. They are homeless. Homeless means that they do not have a home or an owner who takes care of him or her. If an animal doesn't have a home, it goes to an animal shelter. The people who work there try to find a home for the animal.

Questions: How many cats do you see? What are they doing? Where are they? Why are they there? Can people adopt cats from the Humane Society? How many dogs do you see? Where are they? What does homeless mean? Why don't they have a home? Why are they in a cage? Can people adopt a dog from the Humane Society? Which animal in the pictures would you like to adopt? Why do people like to have pets? Who do you know who has a pet? What is the pet's name?

Point: black cat, tabby cat, orange cat, white dog, smallest dog, black and white dog, gray cat

Take your **homeless** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about homeless animals and animal shelters.

Page 4: A breed of dog means what kind of dog it is. There are many breeds or kinds of dogs. For example, the brown dog is a lab, (point as you say it) this dog is a husky, etc. Do a google image search for Siberian husky to show kids that dogs that are a certain breed look a certain way. There are different breeds of dogs at the shelter. Some are mixed and some are pure bred dogs. You can adopt a dog from the shelter if you can take care of it. If you adopt a dog, you need to be sure that you can care for it. When you adopt it, it is your dog. You can train dogs. Here is a video of one who learned the agility course: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qiXnJ0mCdlc>

Questions: How do you care for a dog? What do dogs need? How do dogs get exercise? Do dogs need exercise? Do you need a leash? Why? What does 'adopt a dog' mean? What is a baby dog called? What is a puppy? Can you adopt puppies at the Humane Society? Can you adopt dogs at the Humane Society?

Point: girl, cage, dog ear, tongue, paw, tail, eyes, fur

Take your **dog** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about adopting a dog.

Page 5: You can adopt cats too! You can adopt cats or dogs from the Humane Society. Baby cats are called kittens. They are so cute. When you adopt a cat, it is your cat. You have to take good care of it. There are different breeds of cats. There is a Siamese cat and Scottish fold. Taylor Swift has 2 Scottish fold cats. See the ears on the picture? See how the ears are a little different? That is a Scottish fold cat. Here is a video showing cats playing (just watch a few minutes unless class wants to see more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtHbMlScVwY>

Questions: Can cats scratch? Can they bite? Are they soft? Do they have tails? Can you adopt kittens? Can you adopt cats? How do you take care of cats? What do they like to do?

Point: ears, mouth, eyes, paws, cage

Take your **cat** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about adopting a cat from the Humane Society.

Page 6: There are other animals that are sometimes at the Humane Society as well. Guinea pigs and rats are rodents that some people like to have as a pet. Rabbits are also a pet. These small pets need to have a cage and the cages need to be cleaned a lot. You also need to buy special food for them and they like vegetables. Here is a video on Guinea pigs as pets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFhXzrvmUUQ>
Pet Rats Tricks: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g2rxtWu_FM Rabbit likes to be pet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8wfR7k3844>

Questions: What small animals are sometimes at the Humane Society? Can you adopt a guinea pig? What do you know about Guinea pigs? Rabbit? Rat? How do you take care of a rat? What do rats eat? Rabbits? Guinea pigs? How do they get exercise? Would you like to own one? Why? How do you take care of them?

Pointing: rat, guinea pig, rabbit, white and black rabbit, girl holding guinea pig.

Take your **small pets** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what small pets are and what you know about rabbits, rats, and guinea pigs.

Page 7: Another thing that the Humane Society does is protect animals. They make laws that make it illegal to hurt animals. Sometimes they are not treated well. They are not fed or they live in a very dirty cage. Sometimes people hurt animals on purpose. That is not nice. Cruelty means being mean. Not being nice. Cruel is not being nice. Cruel is hurting. Vets are doctors they know how to help animals if they get hurt or are sick.

Questions: What does a vet do? What does cruel mean? What are examples of being cruel? Is it ok to be cruel to animals?

Point: hurt leg, vet, dog, vet assistants, scrubs, bandage, blood

Take your **protects** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about how the Humane Society protects animals and what it means to be cruel to animals.

Page 8: When producers make a video for one of Selena's songs, they have to think about what it will look like. The producer wanted to put a pink horse in the "Love you Like Love Song" video. There is no such thing as a pink horse. If you want a horse to be pink, you have to put a pink color on the horse's coat, or fur. That can irritate the horse and make the horse itch. That is why a lot of people don't think that is a good idea. Selena said she didn't want a pink horse because she did not want a horse to have pink coloring that could hurt its skin. **Music Video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgT_us6AsDg

Questions: What color did the producer want the fur? Did Selena want a pink horse? Why? What does irritate skin mean? Which song were they making a video for? What is a producer?

Point: pink horse, hooves, main, head, grass, fence

Take your **pink horse** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about Selena not wanting a pink horse in her video.

Page 9: A lot of people like to support the Humane Society. Here is a video about volunteering at a shelter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUEvPwtm7oU> Support means that you give them money or help out in some way. One thing that little kittens at the shelter need is something to keep them warm. Some shelters need rice bags for that. Would you like to help out? Look at the web site for your local Humane Society to see how you can help. Explore the web site together.

See Handout for how you can make rice sacks and toys for animals. <http://www.azhumane.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Youth-Service-Packet.pdf>

Questions: Why do kittens without a mother need a sock with rice in it? What is rice?

Point: blue sock, rice

Take your **help** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what you find out by looking at the web site for the Humane Society near your home.