



## Benefits of Pet Ownership



- Reduction of stress, anxiety and depression
- Encourages exercise and as a result may improve cardiovascular health
- Has been shown to improve self-esteem in children by providing a source of unconditional love and attention
- Companionship
- They will seek you out for hugs and affection
- A pet adds joy and unconditional love to your life



## Additional Information

### Fur-Angel Foundation

Established in 2014, Fur-Angel Foundation is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. We operate within a foster network of trusted volunteers that share the same passion in giving dogs a chance at a life full of love. Through daily interaction with their foster family, FAF dogs receive indirect training, as well as lots of personal attention to help rebuild the trust that is often broken in rescue animals. We are honored to be considered as an alternative to the traditional shelter, offering our dogs experience with socialization and life-skills which help ease the process of transitioning into a fur-ever home.

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LESSON PLAN  
and additional  
information



## Objective

The Fur-Angel Foundation Education Initiative (“FAFedu”) focuses on educating the youth about responsible pet ownership to prevent future cases of abuse and neglect. Our goal is to be highly sought after supplemental curriculum in all preschool and elementary schools in the state. We believe that educating children will create an essential foundation for their future as pet guardians.

To create the best possible learning experience for Hawaii’s children, FAFedu works with a licensed veterinarian to create our lesson plans.



## LESSON PLAN Summary

### Approaching Animals

We will teach children to slowly approach the animal with their palm down and allow the animal to smell them to build trust. Once rapport is established, the child will learn how to gently pet the animal.

### Feeding Animals

After trust has been established, children will learn how to safely offer the animal a treat. If the treat is refused, we will reassure the child that the animal may not be hungry and shouldn’t be forced to eat.

### Animal Waste

We will teach the children that all living creatures go to the potty – they just do it in different ways. Children will practice picking up after the animal with pretend poop. Don’t worry, we’ll remind them to thoroughly wash their hands after this exercise.

### Disciplining Animals

Children will learn that animals will not always behave the way you want them to. We will teach them to use positive reinforcement rather than hitting and shouting as a form of discipline.

### Importance of Spaying & Neutering

Getting pets spayed/neutered helps to stabilize the animal population. In addition, there are numerous benefits including lowering aggression and reducing their chances of getting various forms of cancer.

### Microchipping

Every year thousands of animals are reported missing. Microchipping your pet and providing proper identification tags on their collar can ensure their safe return.