

# Information Guide

Topic: Animal Issues: abuse, homeless  
etc.

**Who?**- About 7.6 million animals enter shelters each year and about 2.7 million are euthanized or put to death each year. Dogs are the most common animal in shelters while cats are the second. There is also an extreme amount of homeless and abused animals.

**Where?**- Homeless and abused pets can be anywhere although the higher amount of homeless pets is in Asia. Shelters take care of animals if they have enough space and there is usually 1 animal shelter per every city or two.

**When?**- Although animals are being neglected and abused year-round, animals usually need a home in the winter because otherwise they would suffer from the cold.

**What?**- There are many ways you can help with the issue of animal homelessness. Here are some ideas below.

- Adopt a pet (if you can)
- Collect money and donate to your local animal shelter
- If you see a stray animal, call your local shelter and notify them
- Donate dog food and other animal necessities to your local animal shelter
- Volunteer at an animal shelter

**Why?**- The number of homeless animals is slowly rising so it is important to help out the community. Just because our furry friends are smaller than us, doesn't mean they are any less valuable to our lives and the community.

## Before:

If you are planning on volunteering at an animal shelter, good for you! Just remember to discuss what you will be doing beforehand and make sure you know your limits. It's okay to feel uncomfortable at first.

## During:

Don't forget to take pictures!

## After:

Discuss how you helped the community and how you changed the lives of a few animals for the better.