



Recommended Books

Here are some shelter dog stories, as well as fiction and non-fiction books about dogs, to share with your child. You can find them at your local library or bookstore. As you talk about the stories, take the opportunity to teach children about the importance of humane treatment of all animals.

Shelter Dog Stories

Are You Ready for Me? by Claire Buchwald

Two children at an animal shelter try to decide if they are ready to adopt a pet. (Sit! Stay! Read! series)

Before You Were Mine by Maribeth Bolts

A young boy imagines what his dog's life was like before he was adopted from a shelter.

Buddy Unchained by Daisy Bix

Buddy is abandoned, rescued, and then adopted by a caring family. (Sit! Stay! Read! series)

“Let’s Get a Pup!” Said Kate by Bob Graham

What do you do when you fall in love with two dogs at the animal shelter?

Martha Speaks: Shelter Dog Blues by Susan Meddaugh

When Martha is accidentally taken to the pound, she makes friends with some special dogs.

Stella, Unleashed: Notes from the Doghouse by Linda Ashman

A dog describes the adoption, training, and care of her new family.

Picture Books about Dogs

The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca and Sal Barracca

Maxi thinks that being a taxi driver's dog in New York is the best job ever.

The Great Dog Wash by Shellie Braeuner

A group of kids get together to wash dogs of all kinds, but what happens when a cat shows up?

Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound by Beth Finke

This book shows how Beth, and her guide dog Hanni, spend the day together.

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

A boy and his dog share many adventures in this easy-to-read book series.

Hooray for Reading Day! by Margery Cuyler

Jessica is worried about reading aloud in school until she tries reading to her dog.

I Got Two Dogs by John Lithgow

This book and combined CD are a musical ode to two dogs, Fanny and Blue.

I Want a Dog! by Helga Bansch

Lisa loves dogs, but despite her pleas, her family's apartment is too small for a dog.

Katie Loves the Kittens by John Himmelman

Katie, the family dog, must learn to make friends with three little kittens.

Not Afraid of Dogs by Susanna Pitzer

Daniel finds a new kind of courage when he has to comfort Bandit the dog during a thunderstorm.

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

When Gloria the police dog comes along, Officer Buckle's safety lectures get a lot more exciting!

¡Perros! ¡Perros! Dogs! Dogs! by Ginger Foglesong Guy and Sharon Glick

This story follows a humorous pack of excited, rambunctious dogs, describing their adventures in English and Spanish.

Please Take Me for a Walk by Susan Gal

A persuasive pup pleads with his best friend—the reader—to take him for a walk.

Say Hello by Rachel Isadora

Carmelita and her mother set out with their dog to visit Abuela Rosa and greet their neighbors on the way.

A Small Brown Dog with a Wet Pink Nose by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Amelia wants a small brown dog with a wet pink nose, but will her family agree to adopt one?

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

After lots and lots of practice, Peter learns to whistle for his dog, Willie.

Who's Been Here? A Tale in Tracks by Fran Hodgkins

Three children follow their dog, Willy, outside on a winter's day and find the animal prints in the snow.

Nonfiction Books about Dogs

Dogs by Seymour Simon

All kinds of information about dogs told with photographs.

A Kid's Best Friend by Maya Ajmera and Alex Fisher

Colorful photographs show kids around the world with their dogs.

Little Pink Pup by Johanna Kerby

The runt of a litter of piglets is adopted by a dog named Tink.

May I Pet Your Dog? by Stephanie Calmenson

This friendly guide shows children how to behave safely around dogs.

The Right Dog for the Job: Ira's Path from Service Dog to Guide Dog

by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Photos show a golden retriever as he is trained to be a guide dog.

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival

by Kirby Larson

An abandoned cat and dog pair rely on each other to survive after Hurricane Katrina.

A Dog's Best Friend: An Activity Book for Kids and Their Dogs

by Lisa Rosenthal

This guide tells everything you want to know about caring for and playing with dogs.

Puppies (Pet Care) by Rebecca Sjonger and Bobbie Kalman

This is a how-to guide on how to care for your puppy.

Poetry

Good Dog by Maya Gottfried

A variety of dogs, from collies to bulldogs, express their individual personalities in these playful poems.

Once I Ate a Pie by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest

Dogs of all shapes and sizes describe themselves in these poems.

Martha Speaks Books

Picture Books by Susan Meddaugh

Martha Speaks
Martha Calling
Martha Blah Blah
Martha Walks the Dog
Martha and Skits
Perfectly Martha

Books Based on the MARTHA SPEAKS TV Series

<i>Leader of the Pack</i>	<i>Toy Trouble</i>
<i>Martha Says It with Flowers</i>	<i>Haunted House</i>
<i>Farm Dog Martha</i>	<i>Thief of Hearts</i>
<i>Meet Martha</i>	<i>Martha on the Case</i>
<i>Play Ball!</i>	<i>A Pup's Tale</i>

