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Mrs. Savant

Stray Cats and Dogs

There are about 70 million homeless animals in the U.S., and that number will only grow if we don't make some changes. There are many things we can do to help animals around the world. If you want to be a part of the solution, I have a few suggestions for ways you can help improve animals' lives.

Don't shop Adopt!

Animals at pet shops have kids come in every day to look or buy them. People shop at pet stores because they are cleaner and the pets look happier. We all know that pet stores look nicer and have more choices, but many shelters are overcrowded and have animals that need to be adopted before they are put down. Those pets don't have very nice homes, play areas, or get lots of love from people. SO please think about rescuing a pet from a shelter before you go to look at a pet store.

Good Neighbor

You can be an animal advocate in your neighborhood too! Paw, I mean put, out water and food bowls for cats and dogs in your area & ask your neighbors to do it too! There are a lot of stray animals that need our care. I bet a cat or dog would love to come to your house if you put out water and food for them. If you really want to go above and beyond, you can also put out dog beds in a safe covered area so the animals will have a warm place to sleep or find shelter when it is cold or raining.

Super Hero

Finally, be powerful in your environment. Make sure you do not litter & if you see litter, make sure you pick it up. Animals can get hurt by trash like glass or

items that might look like food. We don't want an animal hurt and suffering because we were too lazy to use a trashcan.

I am a big animal lover, so I hope that we can keep working hard to help the lives of animals in our community and around the world. All animals deserve a safe, loving place to live and explore.

HOPE YOU LIKED MY PAW JOKES!