

SPCA Serving Erie County Encouraging Kind Kids Program (EKK)



The EKK Program

Developed by the SPCA, the EKK Program explores humane education in an engaging, innovative way, promoting students to practice and strengthen attitudes of care, respect, empathy, and kindness towards animals, people, and the environment.

Program Themes

Promoting a more humane community and encouraging students to make a difference in the lives of others, the EKK Program studies elements such as:

- Responsible pet ownership and animal safety
- Bullying and animal cruelty
- Conflict resolution and decision making
- Literacy skills
- Character education (empathy, compassion, kindness, respect, responsibility, citizenship, honesty, care, etc.)
- Real-life problems that exist for animals, people, and the environment

Program Components

Working closely with classroom teachers, the EKK Program is designed to supplement and support classroom lessons and state standards.

Fifteen forty-minute lessons are conducted in each classroom with students receiving three humane-themed novels. A tour of the SPCA further enhances the EKK students' learning while providing them with a valuable experience in our community.

The Books

Students relate to the characters and themes found in the humane novels. With lessons designed to meet each classroom's needs, books include:

- [Because of Winn-Dixie](#)
- [Touching Spirit Bear](#)
- [Friendship According to Humphrey](#)



Community Partners

The SPCA partners with approximately 1,170 students in the Buffalo Public School District and Baker Academy.

Want to Learn More?

Contact Pamela Hylinger, Director of Humane Education, at 716-629-3530 if you are interested in learning more or sponsoring the EKK Program.

