

# SPCA Serving Erie County Teaching Love and Compassion Program (TLC)



## The Teaching Love and Compassion Program

TLC is an innovative violence prevention program that encourages students in sixth through eighth grade to identify, exhibit, and practice attitudes of compassion, care, respect, responsibility, and empathy towards all life as well as the environment.

## Why TLC?

Classroom experiences provide students with opportunities to succeed, be confident, and be proud of their accomplishments while making a positive difference in the lives of shelter animals.

## Community Partner

The SPCA is honored to partner with Buffalo Public School #80 Highgate Heights and #91 BUILD Academy.

**"A youth at-promise meets a dog at-risk. After that, between the smiling face and the wagging tail, a small miracle occurs..."**

## Program Components

For approximately five weeks, engaging, powerful, hands-on lessons support students while examining real-life issues that affect animals, people, and the environment.

These lessons and skills are further explored as students partner with shelter dogs. Positive training reinforces growth in the dogs as well as increases patience, teamwork, and other valuable life skills in students.



## Students

Throughout the TLC experience, students grow into more compassionate, caring, kind citizens. Students even remarked that:

- "At the TLC Program, I learned how to be more patient and have determination." – Amya
- "TLC helps me in a positive way; it makes me happy, focused, and peaceful." –Keshawn
- "Teamwork is what helps you get through life." –Danika

## Want to Learn More?

Contact Pamela Hylinger, Director of Humane Education, at 716-629-3530 to learn more or to sponsor the Teaching Love and Compassion Program. Call Andrea Mortimer at 716-799-8651 to learn more about becoming a TLC volunteer.

