

# Animal Abandonment Solutions To Make A Change



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# Chapter 1: Teen Activism: Common Themes



This is Malala and she is standing up for women's rights.



This is Alex Lin, he is working hard to pass laws and bring awareness to the dangers of e-waste and how to get rid of e-waste.

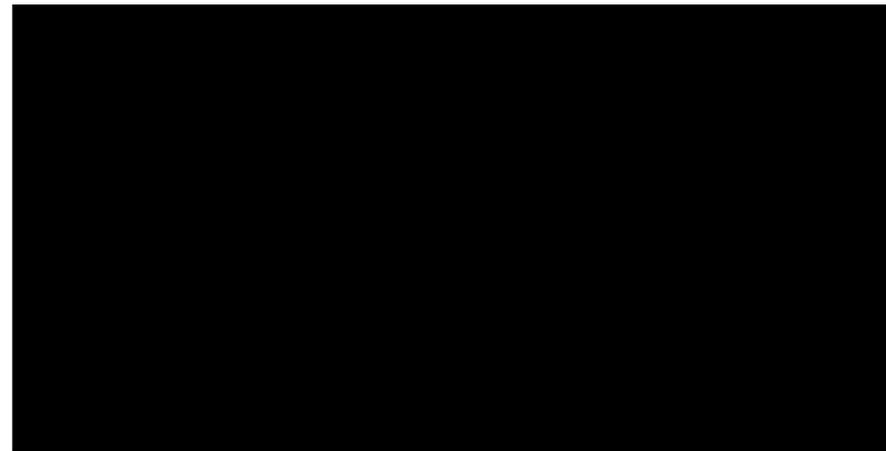


**Teen Activists** are determined to make the world a better place. These amazing people often have many great qualities in common. They keep going when the times get tough. Even though they might have obstacles, they will keep pushing until their goal is achieved. Many teen activists have great people skills and are good learners and that is what makes them special.

Teen Activists are determined to reach their goal no matter what stands in their way. For example, Malala was attacked for trying to get an education. That was an incredibly tough obstacle to get past. Another hard part was when she had to be taught how to read, how to speak and, how to do all those basic skills because of her injury. She believed in herself and what she could achieve so she pushed forward so she could make a difference in the world. One of the quotes she said in the video was “One teacher, one book, one pen, we could change the world”. With this quote she means that with hard work and determination we can accomplish anything. Alex Lin,

another teen activist also showed great courage by trying his hardest to try to abolish e-waste and put painstaking hard work to get the bill passed in 2007. Both of these activists show strong determination in what they believe in. Alex Lin is an activist for the elimination of e-waste. He was famous for coming up with an idea of recycling the materials from e-waste to rebuild computers from the parts (he refurbished 20,000 computers in a month). Then he used the refurbished computers in places throughout the world without access to technology. All over the world people used it as a media center. Alex Lin had to keep going back to the courthouses in pursuit of his dream and he would not give up on what he believed in. Eventually he got the bill passed in Rhode Island to get rid of e-waste and the bill is called, Combating E-Waste in Rhode Island USA. Alex Lin

**Movie 1.1** Alex Lin - E-Waste



How to make a difference in the world.

said that “If we can work together we can accomplish anything and help those people in need in other countries” which means he believes in everyone and is determined to accomplish anything.

Also these Teen Activists have a character trait in common and that is people skills. All of these activists do not just say something, they inspire, motivate and persuade people to help spread the word about their topic. For instance Malala was kind, gentle, and she was most importantly a good people person. She inspired so many people when

she recovered so fast and the words she said after the surgery were remarkable. When she first woke up and was done with surgery she said “I can see you, I can feel, I can eat, I can walk, all of this from the prayers of people and I thank them a lot”. That shows that even before the shooting she inspired people and put her

voice out there so many people believed in her after that which shows that she is a good people person with good people skills. Alex Lin has people skills because if he did not Alex Lin wouldn't have persuaded a group of people to make media centers around the world where they did not have technology. For example he is a good people person because he brought together a group of people that liked what he was talking about and wouldn't have been able to if he was not personable. Also he has people skills because he persuaded a lot of people in the world that e-waste is bad and made a difference by talking with many people about this cause.

Also these teen activists have something in common and they do this a lot, they are learners. For example, Malala listened to what she had to do when she was recovering and by doing that she got back to a better life. A quote from the video said “I will stick up to any girl and listen to her, because her voice is her most powerful tool, so is everyone else's” which

means she will listen to any girl and that will make her confident if she is talking to Malala, because if she says you can do it, you can do it . She listens to her parents, her friends, family, and everyone around her because she thinks that everyone's opinion matters.

### Gallery 1.1 Malala Makes a difference



*Malala spoke at WE Day 2014 - Inspiring people to make a difference and work together because when we move from ME to We everyone can accomplish goals.*



Alex Lin is also a good learner, because his project started out in a newspaper he read and that is how he became interested in the topic e-waste. Another example is he had to listen to other people's opinion even if it was good or bad, which shows good research investigative skills. For instance, he did not just come up with the refurbishing idea all on his own. He listened to a lot of ideas and eventually came up with his idea to put computers in other countries that do not have technology and give them a media center. By doing all of this Alex Lin and his team refurbished over 20,000 computers in a month and are still doing it today. All this came about by listening to other people's opinions.

This proves that people can be determined, have people skills and are learners and listeners. Also both of these activist are young and still in school so that means if people have these character traits or some other one's that are spectacular too, people could be a teen activist to. If people put in the work and

dedication and really stick to a topic, everyone can be a teen activist and anyone can do anything.



**What are the two activist that I named in this book.**

- A.** Malala
- B.** Alex Libby
- C.** A and D
- D.** Alex Lin

Check Answer

## Chapter 2: CAUSES OF ANIMAL ABANDONMENT



Pets are losing their homes every day, and there are many factors that are causing this. Some of the factors are owners moving, personal problems with the owner, and not enough money to keep one and that is how pets are getting into **kill shelters** (where dogs and cats get put to sleep) and dying.

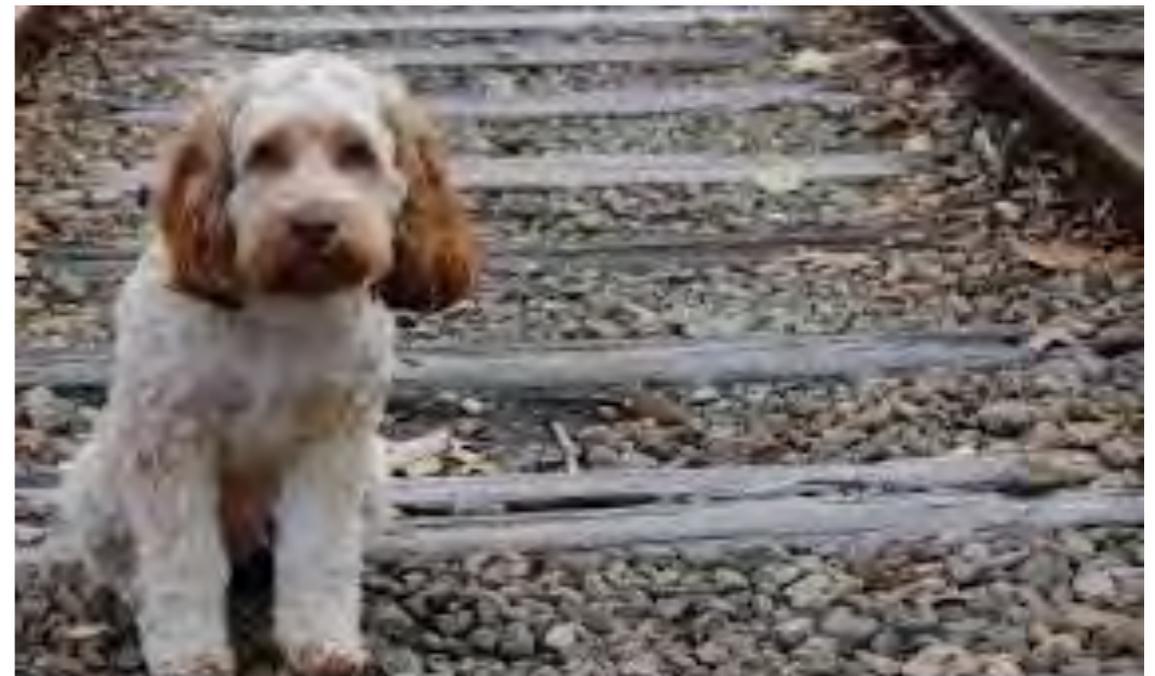
Owners moving is a big factor to having animals **abandoned** (having been deserted or cast off). Usually people try to find a shelter nearby to put the dog or cat in but if there is not a shelter near their house they will just leave the pets on the streets. Not everyone does this, but there is a website that helps prevent this called [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com). There are more cats and dogs in the U.S. than there are humans, making the problem worse. Over half of the animal population is abandoned and for all of these pets it is not fair to them. Hopefully this crisis will end, people will stick together and stop this **epidemic** (affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately

large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time).

Another factor of abandoned pets is personal problems. Research shows that 4% of the reason animals are abandoned is people have personal problems such as **mental health issues** (disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior). Another personal problem may be that the person is not home enough to take care of the pet. Mostly animals have to be taken from the owners because they are too dangerous and they have to have a police escort the animals because that person might be dangerous.

Also, another reason that people have to leave their pets is that the owners do not have enough money to keep them. There are a lot of reasons to not having enough money like house expenses, food and utility bills. 5% of the abandoned pet problem is not having enough money. It is not the people it is just there is not unlimited money and they have to make choices.

There are a lot of reasons for having abandoned pets like not enough money, personal issues, and owners moving. Hopefully in the future they will have an answer to this crisis and researchers and volunteers are doing a lot of good things to prevent this and hopefully there are better times in the future.



# CHAPTER 3: EFFECTS OF THIS DISASTER



There are a lot of effects from **animal abandonment** (knowingly or recklessly subjects any animal to cruel neglect or abandonment, failing to provide necessary medical attention to prevent protracted suffering, causes unnecessary physical injury, kills any animal without the legal privilege or consent of the owner), where animals are left out on the streets or in shelters, with no one to take care of them. The effects hurt the city, the people and of course the animals. For example the city has to pay for all the animals and that is really expensive. Also it hurts the **guardian** (a person or a grownup or even your parents that protect you) because sometimes they have to make the right choice and that choice might be letting their pet go. Sometimes the owners are not thinking right and they just leave the dog or cat on the streets alone and cold. This animal abandonment is affecting a lot of people and it is hurting tons and tons of animals.

Also many effects of this epidemic is hurting the city. Research shows that 65% of the time someone is arrested for animal cruelty

they have also be arrested for crimes against another person. Here is a quote from someone who has first hand experience of what is going on “I have been in an animal shelter for 10 years now and there are a lot of strays that come in that are really hurt”.

Another effect of animal abandonment is really hurting ourselves. Most of the time people have to get rid of their pets because they are going through hard times. This might aggravate someone into doing something harmful to someone else. They have to make the right decision and give their pet away to someone else or put them in a protected shelter for animals.

This is the most important effect about animal abandonment and that is the animals. For years animals have been kicked out of their own homes because of things that they can not control. For instance they can not help if the pet is ripping things apart because the pet has not been trained yet. Another thing is that if the pet hurts somebody, the

animal might be thinking of some bad memories from the past.

All of the effects of animal abandonment can get solved. This problem is hurting the cities it is in, the people because they might not want give their pet away, and lastly the animals lives.



# CHAPTER 4: SOLUTION TO THIS CRISIS

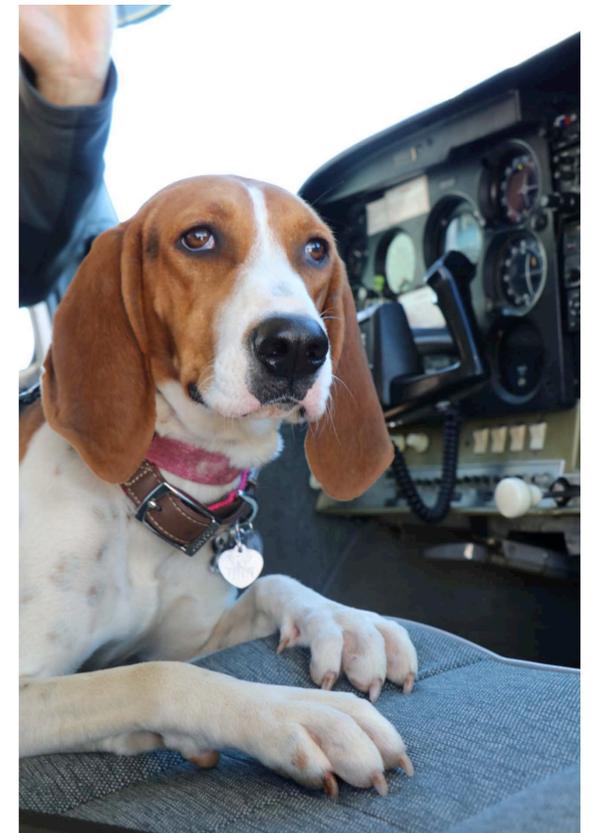
**What can you do to help pets in need?**

- A.** Log on to Petfinder.com
- B.** Sign up to be a Pet Foster Home
- C.** Sign up for a pilot
- D.** All of the above

Check Answer

This epidemic has been going on for a long time but there are solutions to this crisis. Some of them are joining the Pilots for Paws Missions and you do not have to be a pilot to do this. You can be a volunteer that drives the dog to the airport or a foster home between flights. Also, the media can be a helpful resource to get the word out there and encourage people to help. Another solution is you can sign up to be a foster home. These are not all of the things you can do, there are more, but these three are really important ways to help pet abandonment.

**Pilots for Paws** is an **organization** (an organized body of people with a particular purpose, especially a business, society, association) that brings pets from state to state and brings them to their new owner. Sometimes if you do not have



the money or an air plane you can sign up to be a foster home and they will text you when there needs to be a dog dropped off at your house for the night. President Barack Obama once said, “Standing alone doesn't mean you are alone...If we all share the same road we will get stronger... If we all share the same road our voices will get louder...If we all walk the same road... Our voices will be heard”. He said this because he thinks that if the people put enough hard work into things everyone that is good or trying to do something good we can accomplish are goals.

People have been using social media for years as a place where you can post information and communicate on various topics. This can be a solution to animal abandonment because you can post thoughts, feelings, research and photos of this crisis. Reaching someones emotions can be a great

way to encourage people to help. Pilots for Paws missions are on the internet and all you have to do is search for transfers. Social media is also used to get videos, research, and statements on websites and blogs. A lot of people look on these websites and they put their thoughts and feelings and then people can see what other people’s feelings are.

Another solution that people can do is sign up to be a a foster home for pilots for paws mission. All you have to do is go to the website then there is a button that

say’s “sign up for foster” and it will take you through the process and it is really easy. Matt Heyen is a pilot as well as a foster. Here is a quote from him of what happened “ Our first mission was with 2 red tick coon hounds who were in a kill shelter in Kentucky. We received the notice that these two dogs needed a Flight to Freedom. We were able able to successfully bring them to their new



Illinois Birddog Rescue added a new photo to the album: Demelza-- Illinois or Bust!!  
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*Social Media helps connect those that care!*

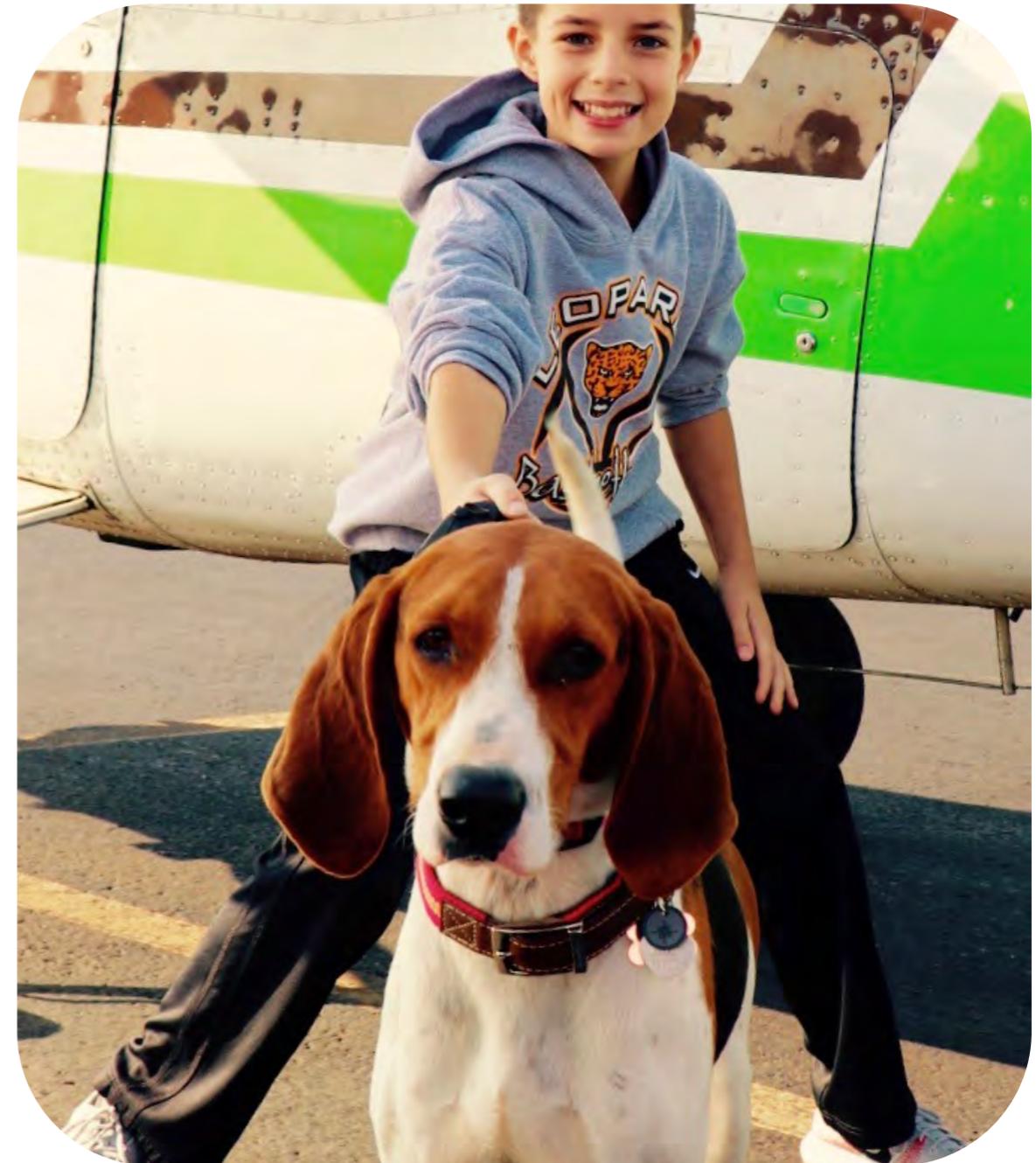


homes and later that evening the new family sent us a picture of the dogs in their new homes. I was **instrumental** (very important in helping or causing something to happen or be done) in helping transport these dogs in their Flight to Freedom to their new home”.

Pet abandonment has been going on for a long time but there are solutions to this crisis. Some of them are joining the Pilots for Paws, using social media to get information out to volunteer and signing up to be a foster home. These are not the only things you can do but these three are really helpful solutions for Pet Abandonment.



### Gallery 1.2 Freedom Flight



*Demelza before Freedom Flight*



# GLOSSARY

Abandoned: **having been deserted or cast off**

Animal Abandonment: **knowingly or recklessly subjects any animal to cruel neglect or abandonment, failing to provide necessary medical attention to prevent protracted suffering, causes unnecessary physical injury, kills any animal without the legal privilege or consent of the owner**

Epidemic: **affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time**

Guardian: **a person or a grownup or even your parents that protect you**

Instrumental: **very important in helping or causing something to happen or be done**

Kill Shelter: is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.

Mental health issues: disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior

Organization: an organized body of people with a particular purpose, especially a business, society, association

Teen Activist: a person who campaigns to bring about political or social change.

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# Instrumental

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## Kill shelter

Where abandoned pets go and eventually have to get put to sleep.

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# Mental health issues

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# Organization

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