



# PROD

## Promoting Responsible Ownership of Dogs

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### PET-ED

The **Pet-Ed** program is geared toward elementary school children. Our current offerings are described below. Please call PROD for information on how to bring these classes to your school.

### Dogs & Kids

Audience: 4th Grade

Time: About 45 minutes

This is a fun and informative program for the 4th graders that stresses dog bite prevention and responsible care for pets. The basics of ownership are discussed, with the goal of teaching children what they need to do to best meet the needs of their dogs.

The program features a kid-friendly canine who aids in demonstrating the need to “pay attention” when in the company of dogs.

Children learn that dogs belong to a different species and speak their own language. In addition, children need to learn how to read a dog’s body language and how to identify what situations to avoid.

Other topics discussed include: obedience training, medical care, adequate exercise, the importance of identification tags, proper nutrition, spay/neuter, safety issues such as keeping the dog on their property, etc.

## **Adopt-a-Classroom**

Audience: 5th Grade

Time: Varies

KIND News is a tool to enhance awareness in the classroom. This program is taught by the classroom teacher. The primary goal of this program is to teach children how to respect animals and treat them with kindness.

The program is based on content of a classroom newspaper developed by NAHEE (National Association for Humane & Environmental Education). This colorful, four page newspaper features puzzles, projects, articles, and interviews to encourage good character, responsible pet care and respect for wildlife and habitat.

PROD is in the process of incorporating NAHEE's (National Association for Humane & Environmental Education) Adopt-A-Classroom Program into the 5th grade curriculum in Hood River County.

### ***ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM Program***

Parents, local businesses, and civic groups can help by purchasing classroom gift subscriptions to KIND News. A \$35 donation will provide a classroom with 32 copies of KIND News, plus a teacher's guide each month of the school year. Teachers will also receive a 53 page book of reproducible worksheets with KIND ID cards for students, a classroom poster, and a calendar of fun facts and tips on helping people, animals and the environment.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please visit [www.kindnews.org](http://www.kindnews.org) or [www.nahee.org](http://www.nahee.org).

If you'd like to contribute to this program, or would like an opportunity to participate in this program, please call PROD at 541-387-DOGS (3647).

## **Dogs Can Be FUN**

Audience: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Time: 30 to 45 minutes

### ***Program Under Development***

It's disheartening to hear some children in the classroom say their dog is stupid or really dumb. There are children who don't understand the natural inclinations behind their dog's behavior, and how incredibly eager and capable most dogs are when given direction to learn something new.

PROD is currently trying to develop a program to address this lack of understanding many children have. As part of the development process, we are looking for a volunteer in the community who can take their kid-friendly canine into the classroom and give some basics on clicker training, dog obedience, tips on teaching tricks, or whatever else might be appropriate.

Our goal is to strengthen the bond between children and their dogs, help them understand the intelligence of the canine mind, and show them just how capable "man's best friend" truly is.