

Animal Helpers

Complete the five steps to earn your Animal Helpers Badge.

1. **Explore the connection between humans and animals:** Find out how views of animals have changed over the years. Look into at least three animals and find 10 ways the views and connections have changed. You can look up your own animals or check out information on [bears](#) and [bison](#). If you have time, watch a documentary on animals and see how human views have changed.
2. **Find out how animals help keep people safe:** Animals are used to help people. Check out this [video](#) about search and rescue dogs. Take a look into two other types of animals that help people, it could be police dogs, military dogs, or service animals. Learn about how they train them and how the animals assist their person.
3. **Know how animals help people emotionally:** Chat with five pet owners and get a story from them on how their pets make them feel better.
4. **Check out how animals help people with disabilities:** Watch this [video](#) on training dogs with physical disabilities. Can you find any other animals that are used to help people with disabilities? Write, or create an art work of which animal you think would be the best at helping someone with a specific disability.
5. **Look at how animals might help us in the future:** Many animals have better senses than us. Dogs can hear better, bears can smell better, even pigeons have great eyesight. Look at five animals and create a chart comparing them with humans. Can you think of a way to someday train an animal who has skills that can help us? Check out an example of a chart in the attached video.