



# IFAW

International Fund for Animal Welfare

## Cats, Dogs and Us

### Dear Educator:

As part of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) Animal Action Education program more than 5,000,000 students, teachers and families in 18+ countries are learning about and celebrating dogs and cats, two of the most universally familiar animals in our world. In fact, cats and dogs live side by side with people in every country and on every continent except, perhaps, Antarctica.

The program, available at three levels of instruction, will introduce young people to the many very special qualities these very common animals have and to the many different ways that people live with cats and dogs around the world.

**Cats, Dogs and Us** will help your students understand the responsibilities people have to cats and dogs, who have been a part of human culture and daily life for thousands of years.

IFAW 's educational programs are good for animals and good for your students too! Studies have shown that integrating humane education into the classroom can lead to reductions in school violence and bullying, while supporting moral development and instilling a sense of responsibility for others, both animals and people.

Other Animal Action thematic education packs such as elephants, tigers, biodiversity, and marine wildlife include a focus on environmental education, which has been found to improve critical thinking skills, motivate students to become more engaged, and promote academic achievement, including better performance on standardized tests.

We'd love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or to send us your feedback so we can continue to improve the value of our programs to you, your students and core classroom activities.

Sincerely,

**Nancy Barr**

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For more information on IFAW education programs and to request free materials or download resources on animals and the environment, visit: [www.ifaw.org/lessons](http://www.ifaw.org/lessons)

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### FREE Animal Action Education packs include:

- Teaching Guide with lesson plans and student worksheets
- Standards Chart aligning program with the new Common Core curricula.
- Student Magazine
- Classroom Film
- Take Action Guide with Family Pledge & Flyer
- Classroom Poster
- Art and Writing Contest
- Online Resources

