



2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay, & Multimedia Contest

How could I change the world like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? I would like to speak out about how many dogs are left to starve and die in the cold wet temperatures or in the blazing heat. The dogs have no food, no shelter, or even water, and the dog pounds don't have enough food or space to keep the dogs. I would like to change these unjustified conditions for the dogs in my community.

I would like to change the way dogs are being treated by getting other people involved in my community. Educating the community of the crisis at hand with the dog community would help by getting the word out to the people who might not even realize the issue. Spreading the word with flyers asking for donations or even volunteering their time to our local dog pound would be a big help. I have begun to make this change by putting my plan into action with a few students from my reading class. We have contacted chewy.com and they said that they would look into donating food and other needs to our local dog pound. We have also been discussing about getting together and having a dog drive for our local dog pound to help with the needs of the crisis in our community concerning dogs. Another option is we could look to get nonprofit organizations involved.

How can the nonprofit organizations help us? A nonprofit organization could help us by building dog houses. For example, we could buy the wood and anything they need to build it and they could build it. Something else they could do to help us is they could sew together big comfy dog beds. For example, we could buy the materials and then they could sew it together. A lot of people don't realize what all a dog shelter really needs. For example, a lot of household items are needed in the dog shelter as in cleaning supplies, paper towels, old towels and blankets, hand sanitizer, and office supplies.

Another way we could get the community involved is by organizing a local adoption event. We could include a dog fostering fundraiser to help with the supply demands in the dog shelter. A great way to get the word out is by making each dog a pet profile including a back history of the dog and a photo.

With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. being the leading voice of the injustices against minorities, I will lead by his example and push forth to rectify the injustices and cruelty against dogs in our local community.

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