



R E A D T O D O G S

CONCEPT

This reading program is designed to assist in the adoption of shy and fearful dogs with high anxiety or are overly stressed, as well as get children involved to learn about dog behavior and improve their reading skills simultaneously. These dogs are more likely to get adopted once they learn that approaching and interacting with people is better than hiding in the back or covering in the kennel at adoption events.

First, kids are taught how to read a dog's body language and tell if they are stressed out or anxious. Afterwards, young volunteers are encouraged to sit in front of a shy dog's kennel with a book and read to them. Ideally, that shy and fearful dog will approach and show interest. If so, the kids reward that behavior by tossing them a treat.

Additionally, children develop great empathy for animals. They are seeing fearfulness in these animals dissipate and understand the positive affect they can have on an animals life. This encourages children to look at things from an animals perspective. In the long run, it helps the children better connect with animals and people in their lives.

The Mostly Mutts reading program is hosted by trainer Emily Shervin of The Gratefull Dog. Emily has a Bachelor of Science from Coastal Carolina University. She has worked as a Veterinary Technician for 4 years in South Carolina and San Diego, CA. Emily was also a sea lion and dolphin trainer for the US Navy Marine Mammal Program for over 6 years. In 2007, Emily and her family moved to Kennesaw, GA, and opened the Gratefull Dog. Emily is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer.

DATE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

starting April 12, 2016

TIME

7:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION

NEW Mostly Mutts Shelter

3238 Cherokee Street

Kennesaw, GA 30144

Limited space, must sign up at

reading@mostlymutts.org

NO drop offs (parents must stay).

