

ANIMAL HEROES MOVIE FUNDRAISER

AGES

Children 6+ years
Multigenerational

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Help your local animal shelter or Humane Society and entertain families at the same time! Contact the shelter to see what types of items they need. Then screen a fun movie that features pets or animal heroes; encourage patrons to donate one item from the shelter's list of needs. Remember the book display related to the movie, animal heroes, and/or shelter pets. Suggested runtime: 120 minutes

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

You will need:

- A licensed movie, a laptop and AV equipment, and audience chairs
- Snacks (optional)
- A list of donation items for the local shelter
- A large container to collect donations as people arrive

Be sure to advertise the list of suggested donations before the screening.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

A room or space large enough for attendees to sit and watch the movie.

RESOURCES

Animal Hero Movies

Balto (1995) G, 71 min

Bolt (2018) PG, 96 min

Dolphin Tale (2011) PG, 113 min

Free Willy (1993) PG, 112 min

G-Force (2009) PG, 88 min

Homeward Bound (1993) G, 85 min

Madagascar (2005) PG, 86 min

Rango (2011) PG, 107 min

Sgt. Stubby (2019) PG, 85 min

Underdog (2007) PG, 84 min

TIP:

To take this program outdoors, screen the movie at a local park. Try partnering with your municipality if they screen outdoor movies during the summer.

ADAPTATION:

For teens, consider starting a "Film Friday" series to screen a new animal movie (PG-13) every week.

MORE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ANIMAL MOVIES:

- *Because of Winn-Dixie* (2005) PG
- *A Dog's Purpose* (2017) PG
- *Doolittle* (2020) PG
- *Lady and the Tramp* (2019) PG
- *Marley and Me* (2008) PG
- *Max* (2015) PG
- *Red Dog* (2011) PG
- *Togo* (2019) PG
- *We Bought a Zoo* (2011) PG

Disneynature Documentaries

African Cats (2011) G, 89 min

Born in China (2017) G, 76 min

Chimpanzee (2012) G, 77 min

Earth (2009) G, 90 min

Monkey Kingdom (2015) G, 81 min

Books

Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen (2018) by Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann (middle grade)

TIP:

See also Chapter 06: Animal Hero Scavenger Hunt for animal hero books and Chapter 04: We Rate Pets for pet books!