



What is the Kindness Club?

Kindness Club Inc. (KCI) is a registered charity dedicated to humane and environmental education. It was founded in 1959 by the late honorable Hugh John Flemming's wife, Mrs. Aida Flemming. She was determined to promote respect for the environment and kindness to all living creatures. Through her efforts, she touched the lives of thousands of children, adults, and animals. Over the years, membership has grown across North America and in other countries, and the Club continues to encourage kindness towards animals as well as people, and to act in defense of all living creatures.

The Club's philosophy was founded on Dr. Albert Schweitzer's belief of reverence for life, both human and non-human. Dr. Schweitzer served as the Club's first honorary president.

As the Kindness Club continues to grow, we are pleased to provide pet care literature, and humane and environmental education materials for members, group leaders, and teachers. Ongoing programs include an annual writing and essay contest, quarterly newsletters, memberships, a feeding program, spay and neuter financial assistance, public displays, and educational presentations.

The Club's Motto:

"Be Kind"



Join the Kindness Club Today!



Are you interested in joining the Kindness Club? Individual and group memberships are available. Each member will receive a membership card, humane and environmental education material and a subscription to the Club's newsletter. Group memberships also include a leader's kit suitable for all members.

Annual membership fees are as follows:

Individual: Adult \$10.00 Child \$5.00

Group: \$1.00 per member (minimum of \$15.00 per group up to 15 people. \$1.00 each additional person).

Kindness Club Membership Application

Please check:

_____Group _____Adult _____Child

Name: _____
(Groups - please attach list of member's names, group name, and leader's name)

Age(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to:

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**Humane and Environmental Education
Founded in 1959**

"We have done so much but there is so much more to do".

**~ Aida McAnn Flemming
Founder of the Kindness Club**

The Value of Humane Education Programs

Humane education programs are designed to identify the relationship between human and non human animals, and recognize that we all share similar physical and emotional needs. Successful programs develop empathy and compassion amongst children and adults towards other people and animals, and a greater appreciation for the environment.

The goals of humane education programs seek to improve the treatment of both animals and people. Understanding humane concepts provides individuals with the capacity for responsible decision making, improved self esteem, and ensures that all people develop attitudes of kindness towards all living creatures. Including humane education programs as a part of the regular school curriculum ensures that all children learn appropriate behaviors, not just those fortunate enough to come from stable, caring home environments.

The Kindness Club's Mission Statement:

To educate children and adults to be kind to all animals and people, and to respect the environment.



KCI Programs

The Kindness Club offers various humane and environmental education programs including:

Annual Writing and Essay Contest:

The contests are held each spring and are open to children in grades 4 – 8 in New Brunswick English and French schools. Topics change annually, but are meant to encourage children to creatively share how they would implement humane practices in their own community.

Animal Ambassadors Presentations:

This presentation program is available to schools, child care facilities and community youth or adult programs in the Fredericton and surrounding areas. Topics pertain to animals or the environment. There is no fee, but donations are gladly accepted. Popular topics include Pet Care Responsibilities, Dog Bite Prevention, and Environmental Awareness.

Feeding Program:

This program is designed to help those in need feed their pets. The Kindness Club provides local food banks with pet food for dogs and cats. We also accept donations at anytime, and would gladly deliver your contribution to the food bank.

Liaison Teachers' Programs:

English elementary and middle school teachers in New Brunswick are invited to take part in this no fee program which offers video loans, reproducible activity sheets, newsletters, and information on various topic related to humane in environmental education. Specific

information can be provided in French and at the high school level upon request.

Educational Brochures

Brochures and other educational materials are available on various topics such as pet care, pet safety, dog bite prevention, and the environment. Some are available in French.

Memberships

Individual or group memberships are available annually. Memberships include a card, a packet of information, and the Club's newsletter mailed for a year. Please refer to back of brochure for application.

Quarterly Newsletter:

The Kindness Club publishes a newsletter four times a year – spring, summer, fall, winter. Newsletters contain educational information pertaining to pet care, animals, and the environment. Articles appeal to children and adults, and can be enjoyed by all age levels.

Spay & Neuter Assistance Program:

S.N.A.P. provides financial assistance to low income families to help fund the cost of a spay or neuter operation for their dog. By reducing pet overpopulation this program seeks to reduce the number of homeless and stray dogs.

"The soul is the same in all living creatures, though the body of each is different"

- Hippocrates

