

COMPASSION COMICS

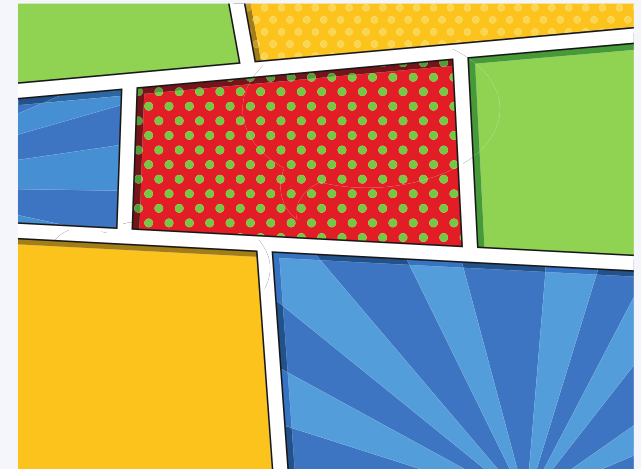
To exercise **empathy** and **compassion**, kids will create a comic strip that identifies how an animal in a given scenario may be feeling and to imagine human action that would be helpful.

*Age level: 7 and up *Estimated time to complete project: 15-45 mins

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MATERIALS NEEDED

- ★ 2 sheets of blank paper (at least 8x11")
- ★ Pencil
- ★ Crayons/markers/colored pencils
- ★ Ruler (optional)



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STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS - PART 1

SELECT ONE SCENARIO TO FOCUS ON



The scenarios provided are not graphic or severe, but they are nonetheless examples of animals being harmed in some way – filter and edit scenarios for your child if needed.

- A parrot is left abandoned in a house when its family moves out.
- A dog lives chained up in a backyard with no shelter from the hot sun.
- A turtle is forced to live in an aquarium that is too small for it.
- A cat is abandoned in a park when its owner decides they can't keep it.
- An older dog is ignored when the family gets a new puppy.
- A kitten gets lost from its mother and siblings and is hiding under a porch.
- A horse is not fed properly and is severely underweight.
- A neighborhood cat is taunted and teased by the local kids and is living in fear.
- A hawk's wing is broken and it cannot fly.



Focus on your chosen scenario and consider the following questions:

- Why do you think this is happening?
- What does this animal need that they are not getting?
- What do you think this animal is feeling?
- Who can help them? Will that person be you? Someone else?

1. Make 4-6 boxes of equal size on your sheet of paper by either folding the paper or drawing lines directly onto it.
2. Using a pencil and a scratch sheet of paper, draft your story.
 - a. What will happen in each scene?
 - b. Who are the characters and what is the setting?
3. Map out your vision for the comic, box by box. Make sure you include a statement on what the animal is feeling.
4. Sketch out drawings and text for each box using a pencil.
5. Add color and final touches!
6. Share with friends and family.

- Why do you think people are cruel to animals?
- What can we do to bring awareness about animal cruelty/neglect?
- Why is it important to bring awareness about animal cruelty/neglect?
- How does it feel when you help an animal that needs it?
- What can you do in your daily life to help animals?

