

Red Bluff students form club to help shelter animals



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Red Bluff >> A group of Red Bluff Elementary School District fourth grade students are looking to make a difference in the lives of those who reside at the Tehama County Animal Care Center.

“Four of our students at Bidwell Elementary School approached our librarian, Ellie Scott, last year about starting a club for shelter animals,” said teacher Kaillee Hamre. “They met a little bit last year, but the club really took off this year.”

The idea for the club, which the girls named Bidwell Bulldogs Helping Pups, was that of Zoey Pelanconi and put together with help from Scott and fellow students Kylee Hembree, Adalyn Grames and Ashlinn Tucker, Hamre said. The idea is to help out the shelter animals through fundraising.

Once a month the girls meet with Scott to work on their fundraisers, which they hold throughout the year. Events hosted for 2017-2018 have included donation buckets in the Bidwell Elementary School office and one at Red Bluff Union High School, a bake sale for the teachers and, with the help of their parents and Scott, a chili lunch for the Bidwell teachers.

Between baked goods, chili and donation buckets, the girls were able to bring in about \$175, Hamre said.

The club took the money to Aquarium and Pets where, with a discount from the store, they bought a number of toys and treats they took to the shelter after school on April 11. The girls spent time petting and playing with the shelter animals.

While fundraisers are done for the year, the girls plan to continue efforts with more bake sales and chili luncheons next year and hope to visit the shelter animals more often to take them out to play, Hamre said. They are looking at putting donation jars at local businesses.

Anyone wishing to assist the girls in their efforts can donate money or supplies at the school office, 1256 Walnut St. Donors should be sure to mention it is for the Bidwell Bulldogs Helping Pups.