



Green² Troops: Cadette Animal Helpers Badge

Step 1: Timeline of the Human–Animal Bond

- Research how humans have relied on animals throughout history (e.g., farming, transportation, companionship, service).
- Create a timeline showing 5–10 moments where animals helped shape human life.
- Present it as a collage on reused cardboard, a digital slideshow, or a chalk timeline on the sidewalk or playground.
- Use recycled materials for physical timelines or go fully digital to avoid waste.

Step 2: Eco-Mapping Animal Safety Services

- Research how animals help during natural disasters, search-and-rescue missions, and public safety.
- Create a map (paper or digital) of where different animals are used in safety work around the world.
- Add fun facts or a legend with animal icons. Present your map to your troop or share it on a school bulletin board. Eco Tip: If making a physical map, use old maps, folders, or other paper headed for the recycling bin.

Step 3: Emotional Support Zine or Podcast

- Interview people who benefit emotionally from pets or therapy animals (e.g., seniors, students, veterans).
- Turn their stories into a zine (mini magazine made from one sheet of paper) or record a podcast episode discussing animal-assisted therapy.
- Discuss what makes these connections special — and how animals should also be treated with care and respect. Eco Tip: Use recycled or scrap paper for your zine. If recording, use free online tools needed.

Step 4: Advocacy Poster or Digital Campaign

- Research how assistance animals are trained and what rights their owners have.
- Create a PSA (poster, short video, or social post) to educate others about respecting service animals and their handlers.
- Include ways we can support programs that train these animals responsibly.
- Share your campaign digitally or print on reused paper/cardboard.

Step 5: Animal-Inspired Innovation Challenge

- Learn about real projects like rats detecting tuberculosis or dogs identifying invasive species.
- Create your own invention or idea that uses an animal's natural skills to solve an environmental or social problem.
- Present your idea as a poster, prototype (using recycled materials), or video pitch.
- Eco Tip: Use only reused or recyclable materials for prototypes and presentations.