

## Extensions For Librarians and Neighborhood Book Clubs

One of the many ideas within *The Good Dog* that is rich for extension activities relates to rescue dogs. Tako was a rescue dog—as well as the other dogs in the pound. Use this story as a way to support learning about rescue animals:

- Invite a guest speaker from a local animal shelter to explain aspects of their job and of the lives of rescue dogs.
- One of the underlying themes in this book is heroism. Tako risked his safety and well-being for the good of the community; like many heroes, he “saved the day!” In order to meaningfully expand on this theme, invite local heroes from the community who also risk their lives and/or well-being for the greater good (i.e. firefighters, military personnel, community safety groups, police officers).
- Have your students read from *Kind News*, a magazine for K-6 students that features rescued animals, amazing children and pet care tips. Have students connect what they read to the themes and issues raised in *The Good Dog*:  
[http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/kind\\_news/](http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/kind_news/).
- Have students learn about the ASPCA <http://www.asPCA.org/> and find out what it takes to adopt animals or to rescue them.
- Investigate how to bring Library Dogs to your school or community.  
<http://www.librarydogs.com/>

