

**Community Partner:** Oktibbeha County Humane Society (OCHS)

**Team name:** Sandy Pawz

**Team Members:** Kathleen Barton, Brittany Ferguson, Hilary Herr, Annistazia LaPresta, Lauren Lott, Tara Mullins, Tora Monroe

The Sandy Pawz Action Team completed 169 hours of service to the Oktibbeha County Humane Society, logged 115 visits, and traveled 509 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to educate students on the proper care of animals to prevent future neglect.” Having created the OCHS education program, they presented these principles to six different first grade classes across the county. Sandy Pawz then tested the knowledge of the first graders by quizzing them with a Jeopardy-like game. In addition to the education programs they created for the humane society, they also spent many hours volunteering at the shelter; performing tasks such as, cleaning cages and lining them with newspaper, organizing supplies, cleaning the facility, socializing animals, walking dogs, and giving tours to visitors. The Sandy Pawz team realized their project benefit to their community partner, “we were successful in all different aspects of our project, and we were able to create a re-usable education program for the Oktibbeha County Humane Society.”