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## Mountain View students raise funds for K-9 no-kill shelter

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A class of Mountain View students have opened up their hearts to the needy animals at the K-9 Bed and Biscuit's no-kill shelter this holiday season.

The students collected cans for recycling and raised \$51.12 for the shelter.

Cindy Jacquot, a shelter volunteer, brought her pit bull-Australian shepherd mix Barbie to Cami Keel's class last Friday to thank the students for their efforts.

"Barbie is a rescue dog from the shelter," Jacquot told the students. "Pit bulls are supposed to be really really mean, but as you can see, she's not."

Barbie spent most of her time in the classroom rolling over for belly rubs and wagging her tail at the kids.

The six-week effort to collect cans is part of a larger program to raise money for the shelter. Windsorite Cindy Winklepleck is spearheading the program, called Pennies for Pooches.

"I wanted to come out and thank you kids personally," Winklepleck told the students. "Our goal is to raise 1 million pennies, which comes out to \$10,000."

The students were enamored with Barbie.

"We wanted to help all the dogs at the shelter," said Hunter Romero.

Anya Davis was one of the students who asked Barbie to do a trick, jumping up to get a treat.

"We learned that we can raise money to help if we work hard," Davis said. Jacquot told the students their money would go toward a variety of things at the shelter.

"We use a lot of laundry detergent because we wash the animals' blankets every day," she said. "We also buy new blankets and of course, lots of food to feed the animals."

Jacquot also told the students to remember how much good they were capable of doing.

"When you do good things for other people, it comes back to you," she said.

