

## QA students raise funds for animal shelter



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DOHA: Four Qatar Academy students successfully raised QR2,840 for the benefit of abandoned animals under the care of the Qatar Animal Welfare Society (QAWS). The worthwhile students' initiative was realised through their Primary Years Programme (PYP) units of study research project.

According to Hugh MacLean, the Primary School's TAP Programme Co-Coordinator and the students' mentor, "This is their grade 5 exhibition, a culmination of their Primary School Years' Unit of Inquiry where they put all their knowledge together and focused on a question or issue, researched it and then made an action plan."

Based on the trans-disciplinary theme of "Saving the Planet" and under the guidance of teacher Jill Duncan, the students researched on endangered animals, identifying places around the world where these animals and its habitats face extinction because of man.

Bringing the issue closer to home, the students decided to raise money for the local animal shelter, QAWS, where abandoned animals are taken care of by rescuers and volunteers.

To raise awareness based on their research and to raise money for the animals, the students creatively made a map with animal pictures on it. Parents were asked to send QR5 or QR10 with their child and the students themselves pinned the money on their favourite animal.

MacLean said, "They worked everyday after school, collecting money from their peers and raised over QR2,800 for the shelter".

After weeks of research and days of fundraising, the students personally turned over the money to Kelly Allen of QAWS and presented the results of their research in front of their schoolmates and fellow animal lovers."

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