



Tales with Tails

A 'Reading with the Dogs' program

Getting kids to read aloud and increase
Their reading skills for fun

Presented by Cold Nose, Warm Heart! and
The Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League

Welcome to Tales with Tails!

We are an interactive reading program that allows children to curl up with a fuzzy friend and read books aloud to their new fuzzy friend. The programs take place in a quiet and private way, so that kids with reading or speech problems can read in a non-judgmental environment.

When the children complete a book, they are rewarded with a certificate from Tales with Tails, naming them as a 'Doggone Good Reader'. The certificates have pictures of the pet they read to on them so they can remember the day, and to encourage the kids to come back and read with different animals to collect more certificates.

There is proof in recent studies that children who read aloud learn to read better and have higher reading scores than children who read to themselves, and much higher scores than children who read infrequently. A recent program in the Chicago suburbs showed that participating children raised their reading scores by many grade levels due to their Reading To The Dogs program.

Our group, a part of the *Cold Nose, Warm Heart! Therapy Pets* program and the *Wythe-Bland Animal Welfare League*, currently reads with children every second Saturday at the Wythe/Grayson County Library in Wytheville. The fun starts at 10 am, and runs until 11 (or later if we're having a great day).

We are always looking for volunteers to join the program, either with their pets or as an assistant on reading days. If you would like more information, contact ColdNoseWH@gmail.com.

Thanks, and have a warm and fuzzy day!

