



Zoe Lauer

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Houndannas

Zoe Lauer has been a Girl Scout for 12 years as an individual girl member in Service Unit 672. She is currently a junior at Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Zoe's Gold Award project addressed the issue of dogs in shelters being overlooked in favor of pet store dogs for ownership. The "Houndannas" project supplied bandanas to animal shelters to place on the dogs for their photos and thus increase the likelihood of them being adopted. In addition, Zoe taught two Girl Scout troops how to sew the "houndannas," increasing the number that could be donated while providing the girls with a new skill and engaging them in a creative way to give back.

Zoe worked with a variety of animal shelter in the Kansas City area, photographers and Girl Scout Troop 1715 and 3084 to create and distribute the houndannas. By increasing the number of dogs that are adopted out of shelters, Zoe hopes to help decrease the number of homeless pets and create happy families through pet ownership.