

To the
RESCUE!

RedRover Responders volunteers are trained to help dogs like Summer feel less scared after they have been rescued.



Meet Summer

Newspapers called it a monster that buried Houston, Texas under water. Hurricane Harvey made landfall near the Texas Gulf Coast late on August 25, and moved slowly over the Lone Star state for four days.

Residents went north toward Dallas for safety. Over 3,000 people went into shelters, but not all of them would take pets. The animals could find safety with the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) of Texas. RedRover staff and volunteers traveled there, too—to help take care of 123 dogs, 24 cats and 5 birds.

One of the dogs at the SPCA's shelter was a little terrier mix

named Summer. She had to leave her home in Port Arthur with her guardian in a small boat. At the shelter, Summer suffered from separation anxiety, a problem that causes many dogs to become nervous when they're away from their guardians. Plus, Summer wasn't used to living in a crate or cage.

When Summer's guardian was able to come back for her dog on September 2nd, RedRover got to witness the reunion. "Mama came, and Summer was so happy," says RedRover's volunteer, Janette Freeman. "She was just all tails, wagging and all that stuff."

Kind Questions?

Now that you've read *Kind News*, challenge yourself with these questions.

1. Why do you think Summer feels nervous or anxious? What is the difference between nervous and scared?
2. When do you feel nervous? What does it feel like in your body?
3. What do you do when you feel this way?
4. What do you think would help a dog like Summer feel less nervous?
5. How does Janette know that Summer is happy when she sees her "Mom"?

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ANIMAL EMOTIONS

DO ANIMALS GET
ANGRY?



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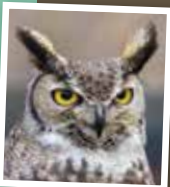
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WHAT PET SHOULD YOU GET?

Dreaming of your own Rover to run with, kitty to cuddle, or fish to fawn over? To make sure she'll get the care she needs, answer these questions with your family:

- 1 Can you fit in play and exercise time? Dogs need walks or a fenced-in yard to run in. Other pets need daily interaction, too.
- 2 Are you ready to work? All pets need to be cleaned up after. Fish need their tanks cleaned frequently. Guinea pigs require thorough cage cleanings each week and spot cleanings every few days.
- 3 Can you handle the expense? Food, supplies, and regular and emergency vet visits add up. The ASPCA estimates it costs from \$1,471 for small dogs, up to \$2,008 for large dogs each year.
- 4 Are you in for the long haul? Cats can live into their 20s, and some birds can live to 80!

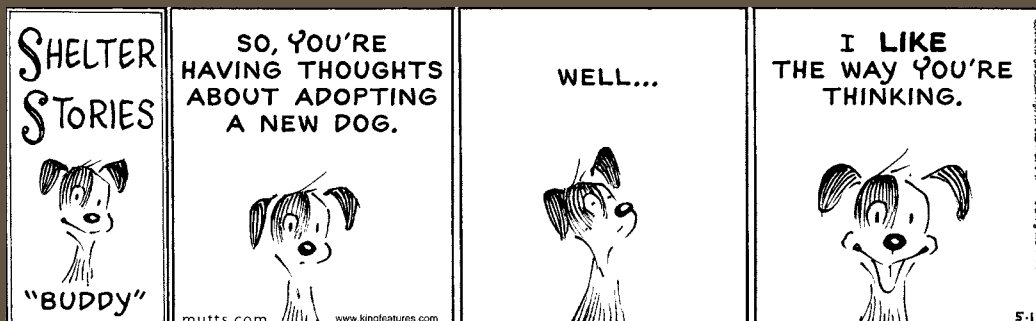
Whatever pet you decide on, check your shelters first. Also, make sure you don't support a business that skimps on proper care, such as a puppy mill, or one that takes animals from the wild. Get the right information, and your dream pet might become more than a dream!



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PARTY FOR A PUP

For her 11th birthday in February 2016, Kate Emerzian wanted a party. She didn't want gifts for herself, though. She wanted life-saving donations for Sandy, a dog she'd never met.

The two-year-old German Shepherd was on RedRover's list of pets in need.* Sandy not only needed an operation on his leg after being hit by a car, he needed a home. A special someone wanted to adopt him, but couldn't afford the costly vet bill.

"I don't typically have birthday parties, and there were no gifts I really needed," says Kate. "I know my friends are all kind people and would be thrilled to help an animal." Sure enough, her friends arrived with envelopes with Sandy's name on them. "I remember that day like it was yesterday," recalls Kate. "We raised about \$250. My friends were just as excited as I was."

By last January, Sandy's new guardian was amazed at how well he was healing, and had big plans to take him to the beach for a run! Kate's message for other young people thinking about having a party that raises fun and funds? "A toy really only lasts for a short period of time, but helping an animal can last a lifetime, and you are not only helping the animal feel better but the animal's owner. It's a bigger impact than you think."



***RedRover's On-Call Angels program helps connect people, or classrooms, to animals in need of emergency veterinary care. To learn more, visit RedRover.org/Youth.**

**Tell us how you've
been helping animals!**

Send photos and details to KindNews@RedRover.org or to:

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RIDDLE RAT!

WHAT IS A DOG'S FAVORITE INSTRUMENT?
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DO CATS FEEL ANGER?

Yes! But with animals it may be more helpful to talk about **aggression**. Aggression is how ready an animal is to attack, and we can look for behaviors that help us know when this might happen. Aggression, just like anger, has other emotions underneath it. Understanding these **primary**, or first, emotions can help people better understand animals.

Often the emotion of fear comes before aggression. If cats feel like something or someone might hurt them, they may feel they need to attack.

Sometimes aggression comes from feeling like an animal has to protect where they live, or their **territory**.

Other times aggression comes from the drive to hunt. Since cats are predators, you may see them attack because they are hunting. Cats have a strong drive to hunt, even if they do not need the food.

It can be hard to tell when a cat is aggressive or just being playful. A playful cat may “attack” you or your shoe, but true aggression has tell-tale signs.



HOW DOES A CAT'S FUR DO THAT?

The secret lies in special “guard hairs” that are longer and thicker than the others. The guard hairs attach to muscles under the skin that cause the hair stand up straight when a cat feels scared or threatened.

HERE ARE WAYS AN ANGRY OR AGGRESSIVE CAT SAYS “STAY BACK!”

- Hissing
- Growling
- Arching back like a Halloween cat
- Hairs standing straight up on the back
- Fluffy tail
- Flicking tail

HOW DO YOU THINK RAJA, THE CAT, FEELS IN THESE ILLUSTRATIONS? HOW CAN YOU TELL?



Want to learn more about animal emotions and read a story about Raja?

Download *The Restricted Adventures of Raja* app for free! Available in the Apple App store or Google Play. While reading, see if you can find and listen to the place where Raja is purring.



WHAT DO THEY SEE?

Try this experiment. Stand and stare straight ahead at an object across the room. Have a family member or classmate walk up to you from behind. Don't move your head. When can you see them? The area you can see when you stand this way is called your field of vision.

Look at these four different images of animals. Look closely at their eyes. Where are they located on their heads? What would be your best guess about why their eyes are located where they are? What do you know about the behavior of these animals already? What do they eat? Are they prey or are they predators? How is their vision similar or different from yours?

FUN FACT: BINOCULAR VERSUS MONOCULAR VISION

In monocular vision, the eyes are located on the side of the head and each eye takes in its own field of vision. This allows for animals to see a wide view all around them. In binocular vision, the eyes are located on the front of the head and what each eye sees overlaps, making the field of vision more narrow. Having eyesight that overlaps like this makes it easier to tell how close or far away something is.



Be Mine DIY Valentines for animals

Want to say thank you to your pets in a way they will love? Make them some homemade treats! Use this recipe or look for one online.

Did your cat or dog love the recipe you found or what you made up? Share your story and your recipe with us! The winning recipe (judged by the pets of RedRover staff) will be published on YouTube or social media and in a future issue of Kind News!

Send photos or a video and the recipe to KindNews@RedRover.org or to:

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Think of an animal you know, or imagine an animal. Create a Valentine's Day card or write a letter to the animal you are thinking about. If this animal could read and understand you, what would you like to say?

Pumpkin & Peanut Butter

Dog Treats

- 1 cup** whole wheat flour or crushed oats
- 1/3 cup** canned pumpkin (just pumpkin)
- 1/4 cup** peanut butter without sugar

Instructions

- 1** Preheat your oven to 300F (150C).
- 2** Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 3** If using rolled oats, use a food processor to grind the oats into a flour.
- 4** Add the pumpkin and peanut butter to the flour and blend until a sticky dough is formed.
- 5** Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface.
- 6** Cut out cookies using a small dog bone or heart cookie cutter for Valentine's Day or just cut into squares with a knife.
- 7** Bake cookies for 25 to 30 minutes, until the treats are dry and hard.



Cool before giving to your dog!

Check out RedRover's YouTube channel for a How To video!

CRITTER CLUES

WHAT ANIMAL AM I?

- 1** When I see someone I like, I squeak to get their attention!
- 2** I purr when I am happy, just like a cat.
- 3** I am a vegetarian and love vegetables of all kinds.
- 4** I am very social which means I like to be around others, even humans. In the wild I live in herds.
- 5** I love to be held.
- 6** When I feel relaxed, I stretch my body out long.
- 7** The word "pig" is in my name, but I am not related to a pig.
- 8** Because I am a rodent, my teeth are always growing so I need something to gnaw on.



ANSWER: A TROMBONE