Saving Fannie

When Ms. Smith first met the horse she named Fannie, the horse was thin and afraid. She had no home. Her head hung low and her eyes were dull. Fannie looked like she had given up on life. Ms. Smith’s job is finding horses in need and giving them care at Omega Horse Rescue in Pennsylvania. After many days of good food and exercise, Ms. Smith and her team started looking for a home for Fannie. Ten-year-old Madison and her grandmother came to meet her. “Madison was a nice rider and just clicked with the horse,” said the veterinarian who volunteers for Omega. Because of her speed, Madison nicknamed Fannie “Fast Forward.” Together, they won 3rd place in a show!

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A Cool Summer

Warm weather means more time outside with our friends. Dogs love to be part of the fun! That often includes jumping in the car with us.

Some people make the mistake of leaving their dog in the car alone. In warm weather, a parked car gets hot very fast, even with the windows cracked! Dogs don’t sweat the way we do. This means dogs can’t cool themselves off like we can. A hot car is a dangerous place.

Help the dogs you know this summer! Give them fresh water, and make sure they can get into shade when they get hot.

Shon Griffin is a superhero for cats. His superpower? The “chin scratch.”

Five-year-old Shon helps take care of cats near his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He found out he was really good with the scared cats. That is when he discovered his superpower. When Shon gave the cats a little chin scratch, they calmed right down.

Using the vowels a, i, e, o, u, and y, fill in the blanks to complete the names of animals who have these special abilities.

- Electricity sensing: sh rk
- Super hearing: f x
- Fast runner: h rs _
- Night vision: c t
- Super smeller: d g
- Head turning: b rd
- Tasting with their feet: b tt rl
- Heat sensing: r ttl sn k

WHAT IS YOUR SUPERPOWER?
WHAT ARE YOU REALLY GOOD AT?

RIDDLE RAT!

HOW DID THE CAT STOP THE MUSIC?

(answer on p. 7)
Have you ever thrown a ball for a dog or wiggled a piece of string for a cat? If you have, you know cats and dogs like to play, but did you know lots of other animals play? Dogs, cats, and people play, but so do horses, birds, reptiles, and even fish and insects!

Horses chase each other. Birds play with leaves, pebbles, bottle caps, and pieces of glass. Fish jump over twigs or even turtles, and ants pretend to fight!

**WHY DO ANIMALS PLAY?**

The easy answer is that play is fun! But play is also good for the brain. Exploring and practicing running, twisting, and jumping may help animals when they come across something new. They may feel less scared and are less likely to be caught off-balance.

Following the rules during play also helps animals and people learn how to treat others fairly. Play helps animals and people learn and remember things. So, play is important! It is not just kids’ stuff.

**HOW CAN YOU TELL ANIMALS WANT TO PLAY?**

If you want to play with an animal, you need to learn their rules. If not, they may not understand that you want to play. And just like people, animals won’t play unless their basic needs—like food—are met first. They need to feel safe and comfortable.

Dogs follow clear rules when they play with each other. A play bow is one way they say, “Let’s play!”

You can play more with the “Be A Pet” game by downloading the new app, “Raja Book 2,” from The Restricted Adventures of Raja series, for free in the Apple App store, Amazon or Google Play.
What happens to our trash when it falls on the ground or blows away?

It often ends up in the sea. The trash can be moved by rainwater and wind into storm drains. The drains empty into streams and rivers. The next stop is the ocean.

Plastic is one type of trash that stays around for years and years. Whales, seals, and other animals can get tangled in it or even eat it. A sea turtle can mistake a plastic bag or balloon for a jellyfish!

RECYCLE!

Before your plastic straws, caps and containers end up in the trash, turn them into animal art or a bird house!

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ANSWER: SHE PRESSED THE PAWS BUTTON!