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Winston will soon be
back to his hoppy self.



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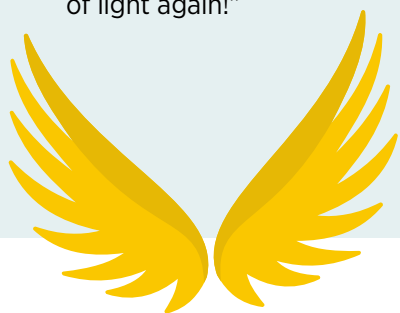
Meet Winston Smith

As a pet bunny, some of Winston Smith's favorite activities are snuggling with his guardian and hopping around his living room. But when the five-month-old rabbit's right hind foot was injured when the family dog played with him too roughly, he found himself in urgent need of an operation to make sure he could use his back legs normally again.

There was just one problem. Winston Smith's owner didn't have the funds for the operation. That's where RedRover's On-Call Angels program came in. Anyone can donate money for pet guardians

who can't afford a costly, unexpected vet bill. Winston came home groggy from the operation, with his leg in a cast. He fell asleep in his guardian's arms like a baby, and rested in his bed.

Weeks later, his guardian reported that he was doing much better. "His bones are well on their way to healing back to normal," says RedRover's Erin Bialecki. "Thanks to the operation, his guardian says he will one day be able to hop around the living room at the speed of light again!"



Kind Questions ?

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

1. How do you think Winston felt when he broke his foot?
2. How do you think Winston's family felt when they did not have the money to heal his foot?
3. How do you think Winston's family feels at the end of the story?
4. When the article mentions Winston falling asleep in his guardian's arms "like a baby" what does this mean?
5. When the article says Winston will one day be able to "hop around at the speed of light" again, what does this mean?

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EXERCISE FOR PETS



Born to Run!

Pets of all ages need exercise—every day. It's how they stay healthy, happy, and form strong bonds with their guardians. The best activities set your pets' paws and mind in motion—and involve you! Here are ideas that do just that.

Dog Obstacle Course

You can create your own using soft and flexible items like old children's play tunnels, cardboard boxes with the bottom removed, hula hoops, and small orange cones. Set up the cones for your dog to weave in and out of. Reward her with treats for each obstacle she gets through.

Cat Chase Games

Throw a long, rope-like object such as a cat teaser wand near your felines, pull it away slowly, and watch them stalk, chase, grab, and kick. (Keep ribbon, string, and small decorations away from your cat, as they may be harmful if swallowed.) Watch your cat bat at a small, light object like a ball of paper or ping pong ball in a dry bathtub. Food-dispensing cat toys also encourage movement; cats roll them around the ground until a treat or piece of kibble falls out.

Do you have another kind of pet? How do you get him or her moving?



ALAINA

Cat Foster Parent



Fourteen-year-old Alaina Prantil remembers every cat she's taken in. Rainbow was about to have kittens. Sadie was left at a Petco store as a kitten. Little Champ was thrown out of a car.

They all found their way to Half the Way Home Cat Rescue in Georgia. As a foster volunteer with the group, Alaina cares for homeless cats with special needs in her own home until they're ready for adoption. She gives medications and bottle-feeds orphaned newborns (whom she calls "bottle babies"). She has a gentle hand with cats who are afraid of people, such as those she calls "hissy spitties," kittens who hiss and spit when people approach.

Since age nine, Alaina has fostered 177 cats! The experience has had its ups and downs. "At first, [I felt] very sad and unhappy to see them go," she

says. "Now I'm very excited that they are going to their forever homes, and I'm happy that I get to foster another cat!"

Her advice for other young people wanting to get involved in animal care? "If volunteering isn't possible, it doesn't mean you can't help. Another thing that is often overlooked is fundraising," says Alaina. "Ask your friends and do some extra chores around the house. Animal rescues are almost always having money problems from helping so many animals, and without donations we can't do anything."

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

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RIDDLE RAT!

WHERE DO FROGS KEEP THEIR MONEY?
(answer on p. 7)

THE Mad Dog

You've got the best spot in the living room to watch TV. You are all ready to watch your favorite show, and then your brother steals your seat! What emotion might you feel?

If you said "anger," you are not alone. People and dogs may feel angry when another tries to steal their space, or maybe their food or a favorite toy. Mad dogs will usually warn those around them that they're feeling angry or aggressive, and it is important to give both dogs and people who are angry some space.

Sometimes the signs that a dog is feeling aggressive are really hard to see, so never pet a dog without asking first. When dogs are scared or protecting something—maybe even their person—they could try to bite if you get too close!

SIGNS TO STAY AWAY

- Growling or teeth exposed
- Pushing whiskers forward
- Barking
- Fur standing up
- Ears back
- Lips curled back
- Eyes big
- Tail down and tensed
- Body slightly crouched



Look at both pictures. Both dogs have their mouths open and both are showing their teeth.



But this dog has lips pulled back and whiskers pulled forward. This means **STAY BACK!**



What is the best choice when you see a dog who looks like this?



Want more practice on how to respond to animals, while reading an adventure story? Download *The Restricted Adventures of Raja* book and play the Animal Watch game for free! Available in the Apple App store or Google Play. "Raja Book 2" is now available as well!



These baby bunnies may look helpless, but their mother is just out feeding. She'll return at night to feed and snuggle them.

Leaving young

Our human families don't usually leave young children alone while we go out grocery shopping. Wild animals are different. Sometimes Mom and Dad trade off getting food and caring for young, but sometimes only the mom is caring for her babies. These moms will often hide their young and leave them to go find food.

Other than two daily feedings, rabbit mothers will leave their babies alone in a nest on the ground with grass covering them. Does (female deer) will often leave their fawns alone in thick cover for several hours, usually not straying more than 100 yards. Baby fledgling birds who just left the nest often spend a lot of time on the ground without their parents as they learn to fly. Great horned owl babies may be on the ground for up to three weeks!

Oftentimes, leaving young in a safe spot is a matter of survival. When parents stay with young, they may draw attention to the babies. A good example are deer. Unlike their fawns, adults have a smell that attracts predators.



There are lots of different parenting styles in the wild kingdom! Red fox moms, for example, stay with their babies while Dad goes out hunting. Pick your favorite wild animal and research how the parents work together—or not—to get the job done.

DIY WILD ANIMAL BABY POSTERS

1. Get permission from your teacher or principal to hang posters about helping young wildlife this spring.
2. Make a list of 3-5 tips on how people can help. For example: Check your yard for rabbit nests before mowing; if you see young, leave the area so that the parents will feel safe to return; call [your animal shelter name] or animal control if you think a wild animal is sick or injured and needs help.
3. Write your tips neatly on poster paper with markers. Add drawings of wild animal babies, or cut out and paste photos from the Internet or magazines.
4. Come up with a fun title such as "Defend [your town name]'s Wildlife!"
5. Hang your creations around school wherever you have permission—in high-traffic hallways and on doorways, if possible.
6. Take photos of your project—we may feature them in a future issue of *Kind News*!

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WHAT ANIMAL AM I?

- 1 My teeth never stop growing!
- 2 I can be trained to use a litter box and come in response to my name.
- 3 When I'm happy, I make a big, twisting dance in the air called a binky.
- 4 In the wild, I live in groups called a herd, in a network of underground tunnels called a warren.
- 5 Within a year, a female of my kind can have as many as 800 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!
- 6 I require fresh hay and vegetables every day, and enjoy an occasional apple slice.
- 7 My long legs let me run for long periods at speeds of up to 40 miles, or 64 kilometers, per hour.

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