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Find Raja, from *The
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MEET Raja,

a hero from the graphic novel series,
The Restricted Adventures of Raja.

Hi! My name is Raja, and I live on a planet from another universe. Would you break a rule to help someone? I did. I broke the rules to save a sad boy who lives in the future on your planet. But when I traveled through a portal to get to Earth to help the boy, I turned into an Earth cat and didn't know what to do! Turns out sometimes heroes need a lot of help.

You can join my adventure and help my friends and I try to save planet Earth by downloading my book and game apps! Learn more at:
RedRover.org/EmpathyApp.

Guess What:

The real world is full of heroes. Think about the people you look up to and admire, people from books, movies and real life. Are they heroes? What do you think makes a hero?



MUTTS

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HUMANE HERO

Can Drawing
Change the
World?

YESH!



For Patrick McDonnell, drawing is
fun. It also makes the world better.

Even before he could read, he loved the stories found in the simple cartoon drawings of comic strips. He found them in newspapers and his mother's books in their New Jersey home. Now, he's a cartoonist with his own comic strip, MUTTS. MUTTS appears in every issue of *Kind News*. It can also be found in over 700 newspapers in 20 countries!

The star of MUTTS is McDonnell's real-life dog of 19 years, Earl, who he met after college. "[Earl was] a little Jack Russell Terrier with a big heart," he says. The other main character is a black-and-white "tuxedo" cat named Mooch. Mooch has a pink sock toy and his own way of talking (he says "Yesh" instead of "Yes"). "In some ways, Mooch is my favorite [character] because of his unique and funny personality," McDonnell says.

McDonnell created a special version of MUTTS called "Shelter Stories" to inspire people to adopt from animal shelters. Some of them have been animated for TV commercials. Earl and Mooch even help the cause by appearing on New Jersey's Animal Friendly license plates!

"Whenever you do something nice for someone else, it makes you feel good, too," says McDonnell. "It makes the world a better place for everyone in it."

His advice to a young person interested in becoming a cartoonist? "Three things: draw, draw, and draw. The more you draw the better you will get. And one other thing—have fun."

Are you a hero for animals or people? Tell us your story!

Tell us how you've
been helping animals!

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RIDDLE RAT!

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING THAT BATS LEARN IN SCHOOL?
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Animal GAMES



What games do you like to play? Whether sports or games of chess, people and animals like to play, and games are a good way to master important skills and grow strong relationships.

Animals that are predators (those who hunt for food) like to practice hunting moves, so they like games where they can chase and pounce on objects. Animals that are naturally prey species are often curious and love to explore, so they like different games.

Raja and his brother Rutherford like to practice together. Ionian warriors learn to predict when an opponent is going to use a particular fight move and how to respond. Paying attention to how others around you are behaving or feeling can also tell you when a person or animal needs something, like food or help—or maybe they just want to play!



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!

Is an animal ready To PLAY?

Are they hungry, tired or scared? If yes, let them eat, rest or be alone; they won't be in a mood to play.

Are they showing signs of boredom or being active, like scratching, chewing up stuff or digging? Are they following you around, attacking your feet, crawling up your leg or barking excitedly? If yes, then see if they want to play!

Games to play with a CAT!

- 1 Crumple up a piece of paper and bat it around gently.
- 2 Tie a piece of string to a stick and pull the string slowly away.
- 3 Lay a paper bag on the floor. If the cat goes inside, scratch the outside of the bag as if you were a little mouse exploring.



Games to play with A BUNNY!

- 1 Set up lightweight toys, like plastic bowling pins, for your bunny to knock over.
- 2 Make a cardboard house for your bunny to dash in and out of.
- 3 Hide bunny treats in containers or inside straw for them to find.



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at [YouTube.com/RedRoverOrg](https://www.youtube.com/RedRoverOrg) to watch a video on how to make your own bunny toys.

Curiosity Corner



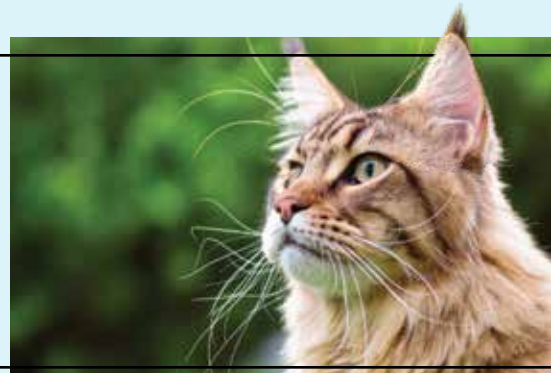
What are you curious about? Kids on our Junior Advisory Board had these questions about animals.



What's the difference between a turtle and a tortoise?
Tortoises live only on land. Their elephant-like feet are designed for walking in deserts and rainforests. Turtles have webbed feet for swimming.

How many different types of fur or hair do mammals have?

Three. Underhair is the soft, fluffy hair that keeps an animal warm. Guard hairs are darker and longer hairs that give protection from snow and rain. Vibrissae are stiff hairs on the face, such as whiskers. They help animals sense their surroundings.



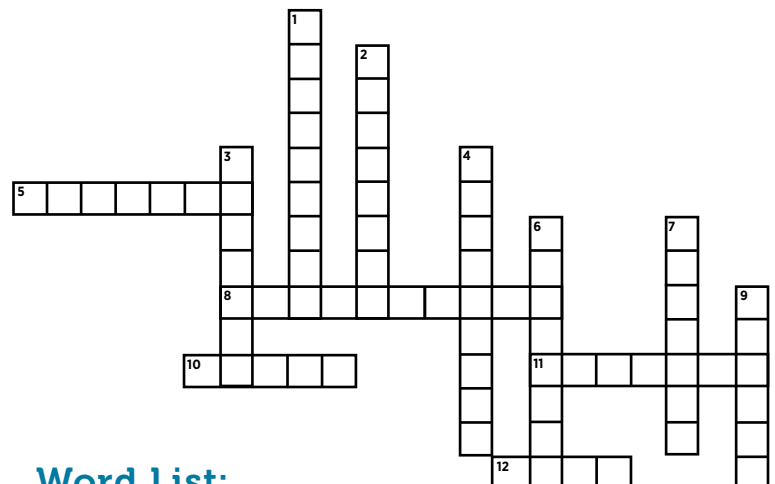
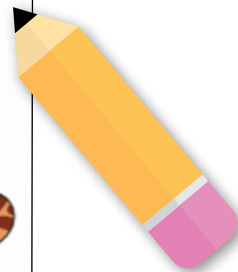
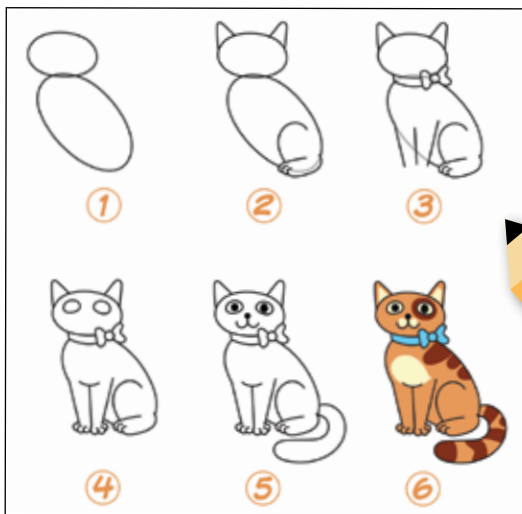
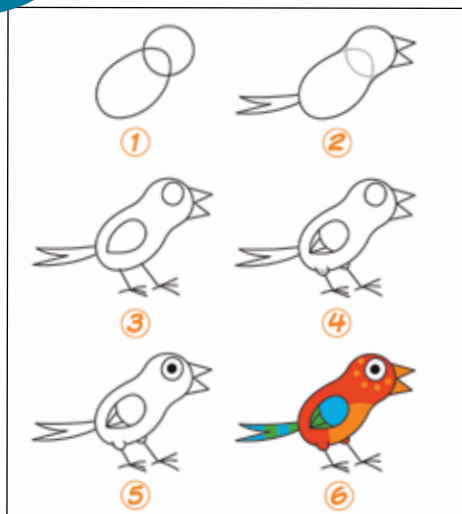
Why are dogs' noses wet?
A dog's sense of smell is very important, and a wet nose does its job better! When a dog's nose gets wet from mucus, sweating, or licking, more scents in the air can "stick."



Do you have a question about animals?
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HOW TO Draw a cat and bird



- Across**
- 5. to watch carefully
 - 8. feeling ready to attack
 - 10. resembling a wild animal
 - 11. troubled by disturbing suspense
 - 12. an animal that is eaten by another
- Down**
- 1. the young of an animal or plant
 - 2. eats plants and animals
 - 3. to break down
 - 4. a place an animal defends
 - 6. hunts for food
 - 7. feeling a bit worried or fearful
 - 9. to take care of

Word List:

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| Predator | Feral | Nervous | Offspring |
| Prey | Territory | Anxious | Observe |
| Omnivore | Degrade | Aggressive | Foster |

CRITTER CLUES

WHAT ANIMAL AM I?

- 1 I am olive-colored with a yellow stripe down the middle of my back
- 2 Scientists say I have a great sense of direction. I use the sun as a guide.
- 3 I can grow as long as four and a half feet.
- 4 I can have 40 babies at a time!
- 5 I am found in Yellowstone National Park and in backyards across North America.
- 6 I bask in the sun during the day, sleep next to friends to stay warm, and hibernate in the winter.
- 7 Gardeners like me because I eat insects.

ANSWER: THE ALPHABAT



To the **RESCUE!**

There are laws that help protect animals from harm. Animal control officers used those laws to rescue Hank where he was suffering from fear and neglect.



Meet Hank!

As a young pig living in the city of Riverside, California, Hank was in trouble. He was kept in a junkyard with dogs. Being **predators**, dogs can pose a danger to pigs who are **prey** animals. The dogs were biting at Hank's ankles. Hank wasn't getting enough food.

Thankfully, the city's animal control agency found out about Hank and got him to a safe place: Love Creek Farms and **Sanctuary** in Grass Valley, California. Now, he roams 12 acres with goats, alpacas, chickens, and a 2,000 pound **steer**. There's an orchard with pear, fig, and apple trees. A strip of muddy **wetlands** runs through the sanctuary. "In the summer, Hank rolls around and gets all muddied up and gets sun protection and stays cool,"

says Garth Brooks, the sanctuary's Executive Director.

Hank's ankles have healed. He enjoys massages and belly rubs. He's gained 75 pounds from grazing in the pastures, digging up grubs and roots, and enjoying the fruit harvest in the late summer and fall. "I'll go over and shake a limb and the apples fall," says Brooks.

"Hank knows which trees have fruit depending on the season. He'll sit and wait for me to come shake the tree."

Kind Questions ?

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

1. How do you think Hank felt when he was living in the junkyard?
2. What does the word **sanctuary** mean? How do you think Hank feels living at Love Creek Farms and Sanctuary?
3. Knowing that Hank is a prey species, what kinds of games do you think he would like to play?



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