Who's Your Dream Dog?
Pet Corner

What do you think this cat sees? What do you think scares a cat?

How many of these fear emotions do you know?
- Terrified
- Startled
- Helpless
- Worried
- Frightened

Ask an adult to download "Raja Book 3" and read the story with you.
These fifth and sixth grade students have an important job! They train dogs at animal shelters. They visit the dogs. They read the dogs books. Then they teach the dogs how to “Sit” and “Come.”

“We give dogs a better chance at finding a new wonderful home because of our training!” says student Riley R. “Every dog is amazing!”

Canine Commandos is a program in Brevard County, Florida that teaches kids how to train dogs and help more dogs get adopted.
People have lived with dogs for thousands of years. There are more than 200 different breeds of dogs! But what is a breed?

People saw early on that dogs were helpful. They could protect humans and help with hunting by smelling prey, and they could make loving pets.

People also saw that when dogs had puppies, the puppies looked and acted like the parents! Humans started breeding dogs to give them certain traits: ways of looking or acting. They bred dogs who were friendly, and dogs who barked to protect them. They bred dogs who were a color or size they liked.

People think the Basenji is one of the oldest dog breeds! Pictures of dogs that look like them have been found in ancient Egyptian art.
Sometimes picking a purebred dog, a dog of a certain breed, can help you know what a dog will be like. You might pick a breed because it is easy to train. But there is no way to know for sure. Purebred dogs may have more health problems than mixed breeds do, like back or skin issues.

Many puppies sold in pet stores or online are born in “puppy mills,” a place where so many puppies are born it is hard to take care of all the dogs well. You may want to think about adopting an adult dog from an animal shelter. You will already know how the dog will act, and you will be giving him or her a better life!

Finding the dog for your family

Would your perfect dog run and play, or cuddle with you on the couch? What if your family wants to find a certain dog breed, like one whose fur won’t make you sneeze? Guess what! There are now many ways you can search for dogs you like online!

**CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:**

- **Petfinder:** www.petfinder.com
- **BarkBuddy:** www.barkbuddy.com
- **Adopt A Pet:** www.adoptapet.com
HOW DOES THE SENSE OF SMELL WORK?

Think of your favorite scent. Is it freshly baked cookies or a hot pizza? Whatever it is, a dog could smell it much better! Smelling is what dogs do best.

How do noses work? When we smell something like a peanut butter sandwich, we are smelling super tiny pieces of it that float in the air. These are called molecules.

Inside our nose, at the very top, we have tiny olfactory receptors. When the molecules reach our nose, these receptors help our brain and nose figure out what we are smelling. That is why we smell things better when we sniff!

CRITTER CLUES

1. I have a short hair.
2. A long time ago, I was a working dog on people’s farms.
3. I have been a pet to many famous people—even two presidents!
4. Some people think I am dangerous, but I can be as gentle as any other dog.
5. One of my own, Sergeant Stuffy, was a war hero.
6. I have wrinkly skin on my forehead, which stretches as I grow.

Today, you can find me as a police dog, a service dog, or a loyal pet!

WHAT KIND OF DOG AM I?

Start The Restricted Adventures of Raja. Download today!
No! Some birds, like penguins and ostriches, can’t fly. They use their wings for other things, like keeping warm or running. Ostriches even lift up their wings to show they are the boss! But all birds have wings and feathers, and they lay eggs.

DIY Origami Pet

Instructions:

1. Place a square colored piece of paper with the color side down like a diamond.
2. Fold the paper across the center to make a triangle.
3. Fold the top two corners of the triangle together and unfold them. Fold the top two corners of the triangle down to make the dogs’ ears.
4. Flatten your paper out.
5. Fold the bottom corner of the triangle up to make your dog’s nose.
6. Use your crayon or marker to give your dog a face.
Atticus got a wound on his leg. People worked hard to help him.

Meet Atticus

Justin and Alicia rescue goats who need new homes. When they brought Atticus home, another goat, Peanut, started to pick on him! Atticus was too gentle to defend himself.

Peanut attacked Atticus with his horns. Atticus got a cut on his leg. The cut was so bad, the vet said they would have to remove his leg. Justin and Alicia were worried about the surgery and did not have enough money. RedRover helped them by paying part of the cost. The veterinarian, or animal doctor, also said a lot of animals do fine with just three legs. This made Justin and Alicia feel much better.

Now, Atticus is the fastest goat in the herd, even just on three legs! Alicia says, “He is happy and full of life.”

Kind Questions

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

1. How do you think Atticus felt when Peanut bullied him?
2. What choices do you have when you see someone being bullied?
3. After reading the article on page 4 and 5, what would be your dream dog? Where would you go to look for him or her?