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BENBEN!

The Saddest Cat on the Internet?



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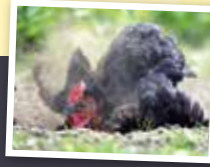
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Where's Raja? Find Raja, from *The Restricted Adventures of Raja* app, hidden in Kind News.



Pet Corner

Circle how you think this cat feels:

happy sad scared angry



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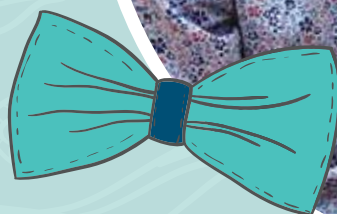
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SIR Snazzy

When Darius Brown learned about animals in shelters that needed homes, he found a way to help. He made bow ties! The bow ties help animals get noticed and get adopted.



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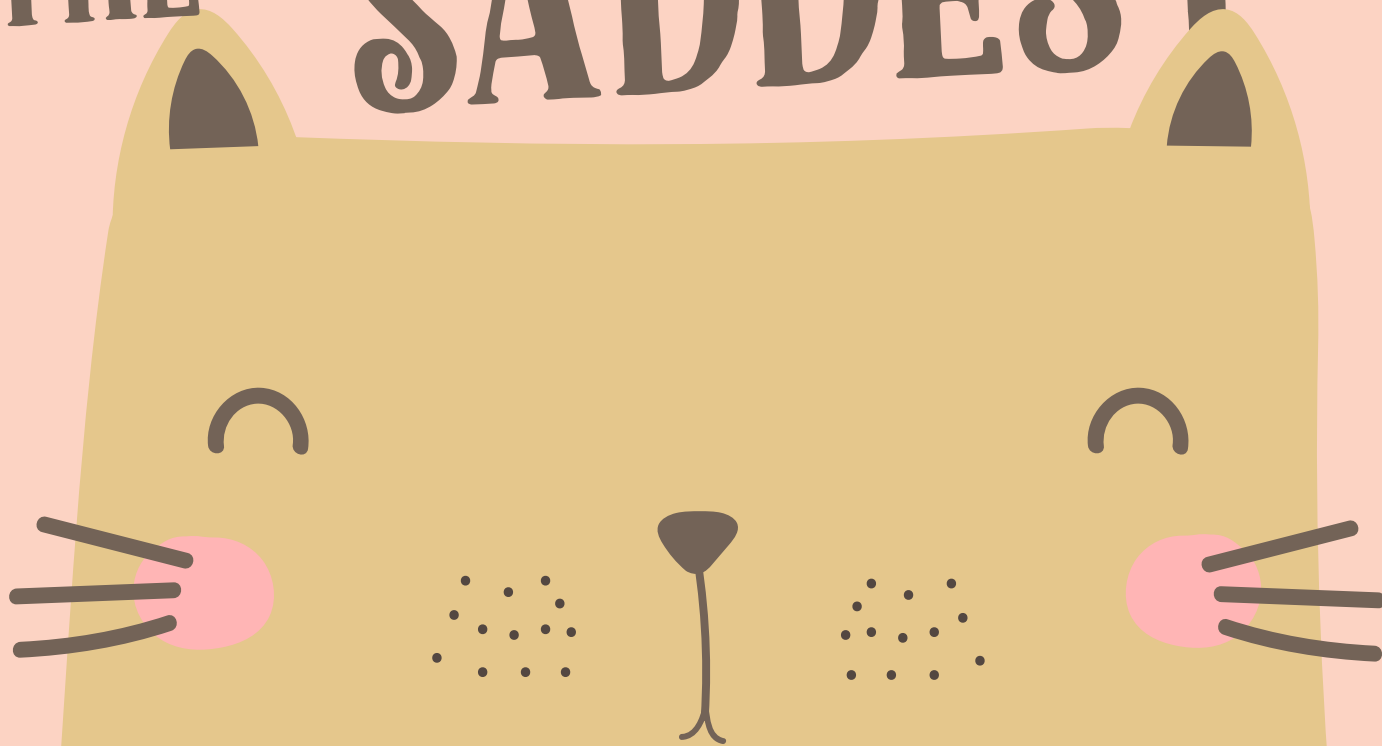


RIDDLE RAT!

**WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO RABBITS LIKE
BEST?** (answer on p. 7)



BENBEN: THE “SADDEST”



BenBen's life on the streets was scary. He was hurt. He found the home he needed. He found the care he needed. Now, his photos online have made him famous! He has 400,000 fans! Here is what BenBen has to say:

Kind News: You are called the “Saddest Cat on the Internet.” Why?

BenBen: I used to look sadder. This is my happy face! My people think I had **mites**, very

tiny **spider-like** animals, in my ears. The mites made my ears itch and hurt. The mites caused me to shake my head very hard. My ear folded over.

CAT?

Kind News: Do you still have pain?

BenBen: Yes. My people give me medicine that helps. I need help getting on the couch and bed. My scratching toys must be on the ground. I cannot scratch standing up.

Kind News: What are your days like?

BenBen: I start by waking up my people by stepping on their heads. They must feed me breakfast! Then it is time to zoom around and chase my brother Norman. Once we are

tired out, we sit in the window and watch for birds, bugs, and the mailman. I like to take a walk with my people at night. I like to snuggle and watch movies. The best spot to sleep is on one of their pillows. I keep them safe while they sleep.



HOW DO YOU THINK THIS CAT FEELS?

This cat may be sad. Her ears are back a little bit. Her eyes are looking down. When a cat is sad or sick, she may hide, look

sleepy or not feel like eating. What do you think people should do if their cat is sad or doesn't feel well?

BATH TIME IN...DIRT?



Not all animals use water to get clean. Some use dust or dirt! Dirt soaks up extra oil in an animal's skin. It takes away fleas and mites. Chickens scratch and kick up soil over their backs. The dirt rolls down to where the feathers meet the skin. Then they stand up and shake it off.

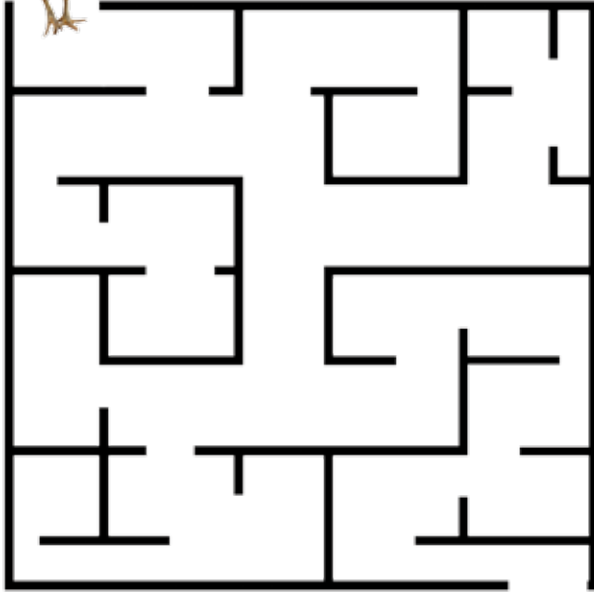
Many **hens**, or female chickens, that are kept for eggs live in small cages. They don't have the space or the dust to bathe. People who raise chickens can help keep them healthy and happy. They can make sure they have enough space and fresh, dry dirt to keep clean.

For a video of **dustbathing** in action, go to youtube.com/RedRoverReporters!

CHICKEN MAZE



Help the hen get to the dirt
so she can take a dust-bath!



CRITTER CLUES

- 1 I am as big as a large cat.
- 2 I am **nocturnal**. I am active at night. I sleep during the day.
- 3 I can be found looking for food around garbage bins.
- 4 I have thumbs that make it easy for me to open lids.

WHAT AM I?

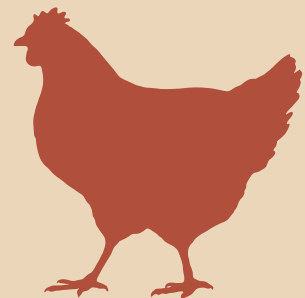


Read this poem. Then act it out!

Chicken, chicken
What do you do?
When the sun is hot
And the sky is blue?
Chicken, chicken
What do you need
To keep happy and healthy
With your family or friends?
You flip and you flap
The dirt flying high!
You roll and you scratch
Please tell me why?

Human, human
Here's what I do
When the sun is hot
And the sky is blue
I find some dirt
And spread it all around!
I stand and I shake
My feathers from the base
Then I clean and preen them
Right back into place!
I do it with friends
And sometimes alone
To stay happy and healthy
In my backyard home.

CHICKEN,
CHICKEN,
WHAT DO
YOU DO?



ANSWER:

HIP HOP!



To the **RESCUE!**

RedRover staff member, Devon, with Lollipop... “the cutest little fluff of love.”



Meet Lollipop

RedRover is a group that helps animals. When they heard about 150 sick dogs at the East Bay SPCA in California, the workers sprang into action. The animals had the dog flu virus. They needed lots of care. They needed food, water, medicine, and cuddles every day.

One dog named Lollipop stood out from the rest. “She was the cutest little fluff of love,” says Devon from RedRover. “She looked like a stuffed animal that belonged on TV.”

With rest and care from the workers—plus some bites of their lunches—she was soon healthy. “Lucky for Lollipop, she had a loving home waiting for her!” says Devon.

Kind Questions ?

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

1. Can you tell when an animal or a friend you know are sad? What do you do or say that helps them feel better?
2. Chickens like to roll around in dirt! What are your favorite things to do? Ask a friend what they love to do. Write a poem about what you find out about your friend, like the poem on page 6.



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