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In spring, many wild animals give birth and try to raise their young in a safe environment. But as we develop more and more land, building homes, businesses and the infrastructure to support them, we encroach on their natural habitats. Conflicts with wildlife occur, but it's important for children to know that there are ways to peacefully coexist with our wild neighbors. From sharing a beach with harbor seals to being courteous to wild critters near our homes, this issue encourages kids to respect the wildlife around them.



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Turn the page for
Common Core
activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

SL.K-2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults. As a class, write a "Formula for Friendship." Discuss what goes into being a good friend. Have students tell you the ingredients as you write them on the chalkboard. Then discuss how we can be good friends to animals. Are any of the ingredients the same?

As part of Earth Day and/or Arbor Day celebrations, put your students out on a limb by posing this question: What good is a tree? Challenge them to name ways in which trees contribute to the lives of all animals. Examples include: Trees help keep our air clean, provide shade, keep land from eroding, provide wood for homes, furniture, paper and other products, as well as food and nesting places for animals. Can students think of ways we can protect the trees in our environment?

Free Webinars! Humane Society Academy is offering free webinars on humane education topics including: "The Magic of Stories: Encouraging Empathy Through Narrative." Also available is a series on creating and maintaining a humane backyard. For details, visit humanesociety.org/HSAwebinars Click on "Humane Education."

BOOK NOOK



In *Finding Home* by Sandra Markle, illustrated by Alan Marks, a koala and her baby are forced to flee a devastating forest fire, leaving their familiar habitat and home behind. As their search for food brings them closer and closer to

people, the koalas are faced with new and potentially dangerous situations. Just when it looks like they will never find a suitable home, they find it in the most unlikely of places. The evocative text and watercolor paintings offer subtle lessons in the natural history of koalas and their native Australia, while also demonstrating that peaceful coexistence between humans and their wild neighbors is not only possible—it can be positive for all involved.

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ANSWER KEY

The Dog Park From Page 2

bark play tree

Match-Up Moms From Page 7

kangaroo/joey	bear/cub
goose/gosling	deer/fawn
frog/tadpole	cow/calf
seal/pup	goat/kid

WORKSHEET

A Tale of Two Critters

- 1 The family wanted to have a peaceful weekend at their cabin.
- 2 The mother raccoon wanted a safe, quiet place to raise her babies.
- 3 There didn't appear to be anyone living in the cabin, and the chimney was safe from the weather and predators.
- 4 Answers will vary.

Critter Clues / SL.K-2.2

Can your students guess the mystery critter?

- 1 You can find me in coastal rivers and oceans.
- 2 I'm a very smart, playful mammal.
- 3 Members of my kind live in close family groups.
- 4 I never stop swimming—even when I'm asleep!
- 5 Whoosh! I breathe from a blowhole on top of my head.

Our mystery critter is a dolphin. Dolphins are mammals, not fish. Like all mammals, they are warm-blooded and give birth to live young who feed on their mother's milk. 🐬 Dolphins are social animals who live in large groups called pods, often remaining in close family groups throughout their lives. They can dive deep in the ocean, but must surface to breathe air through a blowhole on top of the head. If a member of the pod is injured or sick, others will nudge the animal to the surface for air. 🐬 Sadly, keeping dolphins in captivity for entertainment removes them from their families and keeps them from enjoying many of their natural behaviors.

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KIND QUIZ

RL.K-2.1

Test your students to see what they've learned from this issue of *Kind News*.



- 1 **What can we do to help stop the problem of too many homeless pets?** We can have pets spayed or neutered. These operations keep pets from having babies.
- 2 **When harbor seals rest on land and raise their head and flippers they look like a big** a) beach ball; b) apple; c) banana. c) banana
- 3 **How will closing the beach in La Jolla from Dec 15-May 15 help seals?** It will allow the seal moms to nurse and raise their babies without being disturbed.
- 4 **How long do fox moms usually take care of their kits?** Seven months

