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Welcome back to school—and another year of fun, thought-provoking issues of *Kind News*! We begin the school year with news about animals used in entertainment. Earlier this year, Ringling Bros. ended the use of elephants in their circuses and SeaWorld pledged to phase out the use of performing orcas in their theme parks. These decisions—which will have a huge impact on the future use of animals in entertainment—were made in large part as a result of pressure and criticism from the public. We hope you and your students enjoy lively discussions on the topics in this issue.



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Common Core
activities to use in
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COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

SL. K-2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with peers and adults. Ask students to describe their perfect “habitat.” They may describe a home with many luxuries, such as an indoor pool or basketball court. Then ask them what basic things they really need to survive. How would they feel if those things were taken away? Turn the discussion to animals’ survival needs and ask how we can keep from destroying animals’ homes and their habitats.

SL.K-2.5 Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions to clarify ideas. Review the characteristics of several habitats: African grassland, desert, ocean, forest and polar ice. Ask students to describe the habitat each of the following animals need: polar bear, elephant, octopus, porcupine, lion, rattlesnake, dolphin, raccoon. What kind of environment do all animals, including humans, need to survive? (A clean environment—clean air, soil and water). Ask students to draw one of the animals in the appropriate habitat.

PROTECT DORY:

Don't buy wild-caught fish as pets

Disney/Pixar's film *Finding Dory* hit theaters this summer, and many children will ask for a Dory of their own. But blue tangs like Dory should live in the ocean—not in a fish tank. Look for more on this topic in the next issue of *Kind News*. In the meantime, download the Tank Watch app at forthefishes.org.



Critter Clues

SL.K-2.2

Can your students guess the mystery critter?

- 1 I'm the largest rodent in North America.
- 2 You bet I'm a busy builder. What I do creates habitats for many other animals.
- 3 Plants, leaves and tree bark—yum!
- 4 I live in and around water.
- 5 I use my flat tail to steer myself through water, to build my home and to send messages.

Our mystery critter is a beaver, the largest rodent in North America and second largest in the world. Beavers are strong swimmers and can swim underwater for up to 15 minutes. They build their homes, called lodges, from sticks and mud. The entrances to the lodge are underwater, providing beavers with protection against predators.

 Beavers like to keep a high water level around their lodges. If the water isn't deep enough, they'll build a dam downstream that creates a pond around their lodge. They cut down trees for the dam and their lodge with their strong teeth.  Beaver dam building creates habitats for many wetlands animals.

 Sometimes people feel beaver activity is damaging trees or may cause flooding, so they want to destroy the dams or harm the beavers. But that's not necessary. Ornamental trees can be easily protected and flooding can be prevented with flow devices, consisting of a pipe threaded through the beaver dam to keep the water flowing and keep a tolerable water level for the beavers at the same time.

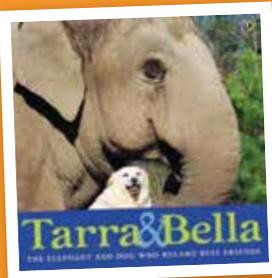
KIND QUIZ

RL.K-2.1

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

- 1 **Do you think a circus without animals could be as exciting as one with animals? Why or why not?** Students' answers will vary.
- 2 **What other kinds of circus acts that don't include animals would be fun to watch?** Students' answers will vary.
- 3 **Of all the things pets need, love and attention are among the most important. What are some ways we can show pets love and attention?** Answers may include keeping them indoors with the rest of the family, grooming pets regularly, playing with them and providing them with healthy food and veterinary care.
- 4 **Cats are safest when kept indoors. Can you think of dangers cats might face when allowed to roam outdoors?** Answers may include animal attacks, traffic, poisons and becoming injured or lost.

BOOK NOOK



Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends is the heartwarming true story of a retired circus elephant and her unlikely best friend—a mixed breed dog named Bella—who spend their days side-by-side in an elephant sanctuary. When

Bella suffers a serious injury, the elephant refuses to leave the little dog until help arrives. As she recuperates, daily visits from Tarra prove to be the best medicine for Bella, who recovers and resumes her life alongside her BFF. Students will enjoy seeing the full color photos of the duo roaming the sanctuary together.

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ANSWERS

Online Activity Sheet

Sarah loves her **pets**. Her **dog's** name is Lucy. Sarah throws a **ball** for Lucy to chase. Lucy runs after the ball and brings it **back** to Sarah. Then she **barks** really loudly so Sarah will throw it again.

Sarah also has a **cat** named Mac. Mac is a happy **cat**. He purrs when Sarah brushes his **fur**. Sarah wants **Mac** to stay safe so she keeps **him** indoors.

Sarah spends **time** every **day** playing with Mac. She hangs a **toy** mouse on a string. Mac tries to catch the **mouse** with his paws. When playtime is over, Sarah puts the toy away so Mac can't get tangled in the **string**.

Animal Homes

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