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Welcome back! Summer fun is wrapping up and it's time for another year of learning. But first, let's take a moment to look back 10 years ago this month, when Katrina came calling on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Even though our young readers won't remember the horrific storm, the lessons learned in its aftermath are valuable for all. We hope our readers will never experience a storm like Katrina, but preparation is the key to surviving any emergency. In this issue we discuss the importance of including pets in emergency plans.



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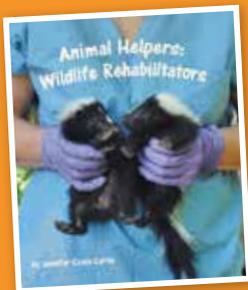
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Common Core
activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

SL.K-2.4 Describe people, places, things and relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly. *Webster's dictionary defines humane as kind or gentle to people or animals. Have students share some humane things they have done. You might consider creating a bulletin board display titled, "Humane Heroes." As a daily activity—and a confidence booster for your class—have students add to the display by listing the kind, gentle or helpful things they have done for people or animals.*

SL.K-2.2 and SL.K-2.5 Confirm understanding of a text read aloud by asking and answering questions about key details; add drawings to provide additional detail. *Read aloud "River Otter Rescue" with your students. Ask: What skills would the baby otter need to learn before she could live on her own in the wild? How did staff members at Cape Wildlife Center help her learn those skills? Can students draw a picture of the otter in her new home? Conclude your discussion by watching a video of the otter's recovery and release at humanesociety.org/kindnews.*

BOOK NOOK



In each issue of *Kind News*, we showcase the work of staff members—including wildlife rehabilitators—at the animal care centers operated by The Humane Society of the United States and The Fund for Animals. Give students a better understanding of what wildlife rehabilitators do by sharing

with them *Animal Helpers: Wildlife Rehabilitators* by Jennifer Keats Curtis. The photographic journal takes readers on a tour of some of the day-to-day duties of wildlife rehabilitators as they ready the wild animals in their care for release back to the wild. Use the additional information at the back of the book and educational activities at sylvandellpublishing.com to supplement your class discussion.

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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 **How does our mystery critter use his tail as an umbrella? As a blanket?** *Squirrels can hold their bushy tail over the head when it's raining. When the tail is wrapped around the body, it helps keep the squirrel warm.*
- 2 **Why did some people leave their pets behind during Hurricane Katrina?** *People had to leave their homes, and pets weren't allowed where they were going. Most people thought they would return to their pets in a day or two.*
- 3 **Why do you think keeping cats indoors is safer for wildlife?** *Cats are natural hunters. When allowed outdoors they may stalk, attack and possibly kill birds and small animals.*
- 4 **Why is it important for pets to always wear ID tags, especially during an emergency?** *If pets become separated from their families during an emergency, they can more easily be reunited if they are wearing identification tags.*

ANSWER KEY

Be Your Pet's Best Friend

From Page 3

Pet owners should: give pets food and fresh water; keep pets clean and groomed; play with her pets every day; take pets to a veterinarian for checkups; keep cats indoors and walks dogs on a leash. **(10)**

Pet owners should not: leave dogs tied up in the backyard most of the time; allow pets to roam free; forget to have pets spayed or neutered. **(3) 10 - 3 = 7.**

Watching Them Be Wild

From page 7

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| 1 park | 4 rocks | 7 pets |
| 2 listen | 5 jump | 8 happy |
| 3 pond | 6 home | |

WORKSHEET

Ready for Anything

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1 kit, photo | 4 neighbor |
| 2 collar | 5 window |
| 3 escape, leash | |

Critter Clues / SL.K-2.2

Can your students guess the mystery critter?

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 As a baby, I'm pink and bald. | 4 I plant a lot of trees. |
| 2 I can jump 12 feet or more. | 5 I use my bushy tail as an umbrella, a blanket and a flag. |
| 3 I'm one of the best-known animals on Earth. | |

Found in most parts of the world, our mystery critter—a squirrel—

is among the most familiar wild animals. Squirrels' small, curious faces and daring acrobatics make them one of the best-loved animals. Ironically, they also rank as some of the least popular, considered by some as "pests" in backyards, attics and gardens. There are a number of squirrel species, including gray, red, fox and flying. 🐿️ Squirrels use their long, bushy tails to balance as they jump and climb, steer as they swim and cover their bodies to keep dry and warm. They also wave their tails to send signals to other squirrels. 🐿️ Burying seeds and nuts throughout their territory, they're credited with replanting forests. Learn ways to solve common problems without harming squirrels at humanesociety.org/kindnews.

