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Parents Guide

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KIND TIME

THIS ISSUE OF KIND NEWS—which includes tips on keeping pets safe during cold winter weather and throughout the busy holidays, as well as information on helping the canine members of our families overcome fear of being left alone—is perfect for families to read and share together. Best wishes for a happy, healthy new year to all members of your family—including the furry ones!

MAKE 2016 HAPPY FOR WILDLIFE AS WELL. Go outdoors with your kids and gather items to make the feeding wreath on page 6. Hang the wreath on a fence or tree where critters will be safe when they come to partake in the treats!

DOWNLOAD THE ONLINE ACTIVITY PAGE and read and discuss “The Decision” as a family. Ask: What was the dilemma that was keeping Logan awake in this story? Why do you think that Logan made the choice he made? Do you agree or disagree with his decision? Why? What might you have done differently? What do you think happened next?

AS WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR, ask your children: What is your new year’s wish for people and animals? What can we do to help make that wish come true?

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BOOK NOOK



John Muir and Stickeen: An Icy Adventure with a No-Good Dog, by Julie Dunlap and

Marybeth Lorbiecki, is the story of acclaimed author, explorer and naturalist John Muir. His very name is synonymous with wilderness—but he was not known for his fondness for pets. To him, domestic animals lacked the wit and spirit of the wild. So it is with contempt that he greets his friend’s canine companion, Stickeen, who joins the crew on an Alaskan expedition. Young readers will see how the determined dog changes Muir’s mind about man’s best friend in this dramatic, true account of their struggle on the icy cliffs of Glacier Bay.



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ANSWER KEY



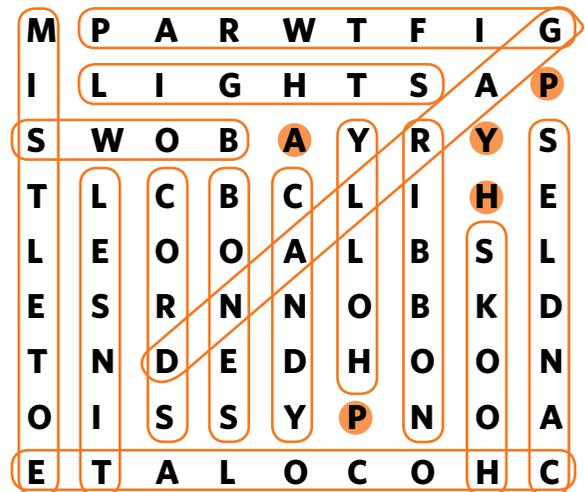
Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Our mystery critter is an octopus. Octopuses have three hearts: one that pumps blood to their entire body along with two that supply blood to their gills. They also have eight arms that they use to catch prey and deliver it to their beaklike mouth. 🐙 Octopuses are found in oceans where they often set up a den in the cracks in rocks or holes they dig on the ocean floor. 🐙 Octopuses have a number of ways to escape predators, including swimming backward and blowing a smoky cloud of ink at the predator. The ink blocks the predator's view, giving the octopus time to escape. 🐙 Octopuses have a complex brain and are considered the most intelligent animals without a backbone.

Kind Quiz FROM PAGE 8

- 1 She was likely trying to reach food that washed into the storm drain. Accidents like this can be avoided by disposing of uneaten food and trash responsibly.
- 2 Cats often climb into the engine compartment for warmth. Banging on the hood helps to avoid harming the cat when the engine is started.
- 3 False. It's best to ignore the dog for a few minutes and then calmly pet him. He will learn that it's no big deal when you come and go.
- 4 Childrens' answers will vary.
- 5 Childrens' announcements will vary.

Play Keep Away FROM PAGE 7



Keep holidays safe and **happy** for all!

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