

Teaching kindness to animals and respect for natural habitats while helping to instill good reading habits in children

KIND TIME

OUR STORY ABOUT THE MANATEES may open an important dialogue with your children about not exploiting wild animals for entertainment. Whether it's limiting boat speeds to protect manatees in their natural habitat or boycotting venues that showcase captive wild animals, it's important to respect the animals who share our world. Increasing numbers of consumers are speaking out against the use and abuse of animals in entertainment—with their voices as well as their pocketbooks.

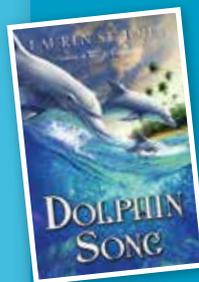
LOOKING FOR A RAINY DAY ACTIVITY for your kids? Have them recycle small odds and ends into musical wind chimes. You will need a small, sturdy branch, thread and miscellaneous items that can be suspended from the branch to make a variety of sounds. These can include bottle caps, old spoons, washers, keys, sea glass and wooden spoons. Secure each item to the branch with a length of thread and hang the chimes in a spot where it will catch a breeze. Can your children think of ways that wind helps animals and the environment? (Wind helps disperse thistle, seeds, pollen and mushroom spores. When constructing webs, spiders take advantage of slight breezes to "balloon" on a single thread to a new spot. Air currents also carry odors that help animals hunt—or avoid being hunted.)



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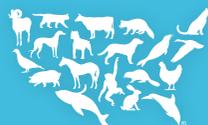
BOOK NOOK



In *Dolphin Song* by Lauren St. John, eleven-year-old Martine is reluctant to leave the South African wildlife sanctuary where

she lives with her grandmother, even if it's only for a school trip at sea. Her worst fears come true when she and several classmates are tossed overboard during a vicious storm. Finding themselves on a seemingly deserted island, the students fend for themselves as they wait to be rescued. When dolphins begin to beach themselves on the island, it's the students' first clue that not all is as it appears. Will the kids be able to save the dolphins—and themselves—from the dangers that lurk around the island? Young readers will enjoy finding out!

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ANSWER KEY

Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Our mystery critter is a seahorse. Although they lack a tail fin and scales, seahorses are true fish that live in shallow seas and breathe through their gills. 🐉 Seahorse pairs often mate for life, greeting each other with a dance each day. It is the father who carries the mother's eggs in his pouch. Some species of sea horses give birth to hundreds of "fry" (babies) at once. 🐉 Seahorses eat small fish and live crustaceans, sucking them up with their snouts. The main threats to their survival are pollution and overcollection. Every year, millions of seahorses are caught, dried and sold as souvenirs and "herbal remedies." Ask gift shop managers not to sell seahorses, starfish and other animals as decorations or toys.



myHumane

Encourage your kids to put down the video games and help change the world for animals this summer! With the **myHumane** program it's easy to set up their own fundraising campaign,

tell friends about the cause and ask for their support to help animals.

Lots of kids celebrate a big day such as a birthday or bar mitzvah by asking for donations to The Humane Society of the United States instead of gifts. Some set up a lemonade stand, others round up sponsors when running a marathon or raise money to honor a pet or loved one. Whatever they choose, they'll be helping animals. You can even track the progress toward their fundraising goal on a personal webpage.

For details on how to start a fundraising campaign, visit myHumane.org. Together, we can create a better world for animals.

These Dads are Wild

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