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## Parents Guide

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

### KIND TIME

**MORE THAN HALF** of all dog-bite victims are children, with the highest rate of dog-bite-related injuries occurring in children aged five to nine. Teaching young people to stay safe around dogs is extremely important. Equally essential is our responsibility as adults to reduce the chance that our own dogs will bite. Statistics show that most dog bites are caused by the family dog or a neighbor or relative's pet.

**May 15-21** is Dog Bite Prevention Week—the perfect time to review pet safety and training with your family. You'll find basic tips in this issue's Pet Corner, with additional information available at [nodogbites.org](http://nodogbites.org).

**CARTER AND OLIVIA RIES** are currently undertaking two letter writing campaigns—one to save orangutans and the other to save sea turtles—and they're inviting *Kind News* readers to help them save these species. Letters to save sea turtles will be delivered to the White House by Carter and Olivia on World Sea Turtle Day (June 16). Letters to save orangutans will be delivered to the president of Indonesia when the Ries kids attend the UN meeting in Jakarta in November 2016. Kids interested in participating will find complete details as well as letter templates at [onemoregeneration.org](http://onemoregeneration.org).

**FAMILIES INTERESTED IN** "adopting" a rescued animal can do so at [fundforanimals.org](http://fundforanimals.org). By adopting an animal at one of the organization's wildlife care centers, you can help provide safe haven for animals rescued from horrible cruelties.

### BOOK NOOK



Celebrate Earth Day by sharing with your children *Sydney & Simon Go Green!* by Paul A. Reynolds, illustrated by

Peter H. Reynolds. When mice twins Sydney and Simon learn that the trash we make often ends up in our oceans and harms marine animals, they embark on a mission to get their community to reduce, reuse and recycle. In a message at the back of the book, the Reynolds brothers (real-life twins) tell readers that they used their "twinergy" to create the book "as a way to inspire others to tackle the problems of ocean pollution and too much trash"—and challenge children to do the same.



...And more at [humanesociety.org/kindnews](http://humanesociety.org/kindnews)

- ▶ Watch the video and explore the "I'm a Little Rhino" book
- ▶ Learn more about the amazing work One More Generation is doing for animals and the environment
- ▶ Download an activity page for your children

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# ANSWER KEY



## Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

**Our mystery critter is a hummingbird.** Hummers are the smallest birds on Earth—with some of the most amazing abilities and appetites. They feed almost constantly on nectar, preferring deep-throated red and orange flowers, but will also dine on tree sap, insects and pollen. ✨ Many plants depend on hummingbirds for pollination, because they carry pollen from one plant they visit to another. ✨ There are more than 300 species of hummingbirds, with about 12 species spending summers in North America then traveling to their winter homes in Central and South America. ✨ Hummingbirds are threatened by habitat change. ✨ You can help hummingbirds by planting flowers that they prefer as well as by hanging special feeders filled with sugar water.

## Kind Quiz

FROM PAGE 8

- 1 Childrens' answers will vary but should include the fact that a dog confined behind a fence may feel it necessary to protect her home/yard and may bite.
- 2 Childrens' answers will vary.
- 3 Childrens' answers will vary.
- 4 Fingernails
- 5 Poachers are people who kill animals for profit, even though it is against the law.
- 6 Childrens' letters will vary.

## Putting Rhinos on the Map

FROM PAGE 7

- 1 20,160; white rhinos
  - 2 4,880; black rhinos
  - 3 2,575; Indian rhinos
  - 4 275; Sumatran rhinos
  - 5 40; Javan rhinos
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## Online Activity Sheet

VERB REVIEW

- |            |            |            |             |
|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. future  | 4. present | 7. future  | 10. present |
| 2. past    | 5. past    | 8. present |             |
| 3. present | 6. past    | 9. past    |             |

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