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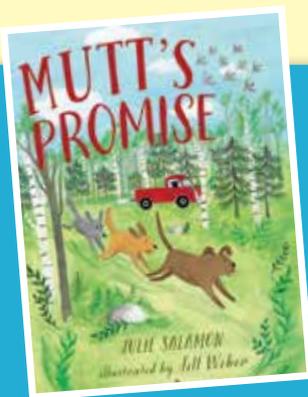
Turn the page for
Common Core
activities to use in
your classroom.

COMMON CORE-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES

SL.5.1.c Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others. In the course of your discussion of puppy mills, a student may express regret that his or her family purchased a pet from a pet store. Whether or not that turned out to be a positive experience for the student's family—and for the pet—point out that what's most important is that we give our pets the love and life-long care that they deserve. Ask: How would someone choosing a pet in the future avoid the problem?

W.5.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose and audience. Ask students to write a recipe for their favorite meat-free meal. They should include an ingredient list and provide step-by-step procedures to make the meal. Combine the recipes to create a Meatless Monday classroom cookbook.

W.5.10 Write routinely for a range of discipline specific tasks, purposes and audiences. Use the following story starter to give students' practice in creative writing: *They called themselves Animal Friends. The group of fifth-graders worked on projects to help animals. They had no idea that one day they would make headline news around the world.*



BOOK NOOK

Young readers who love animals, adventure and suspense will find all three in *Mutt's Promise* by Julie Salamon. The story follows two puppies, Luna and Chief, whose mother, Mutt, was a stray taken in by a farmer. Luna and Chief begin

life as carefree farm dogs, nurtured and trained by Gilbert, the young son of migrant workers on the farm. But when Gilbert's family must move on, the pups are unwittingly sold to a con man who imprisons them in a terrible puppy mill. Desperate to escape and return to their mother and Gilbert, the puppies find help from unlikely sources. The storyline takes many twists before its satisfying conclusion.

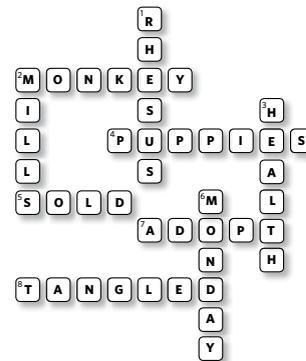


ANSWER KEY

Critter Clues FROM PAGE 7

Our mystery critter is a reindeer. Reindeer are well-suited for life in the cold arctic regions of Europe, Asia and North America. Their thick coats are made up of two layers. The one closest to the body consists of fine, soft, warm hair that's covered with a layer of hollow hairs that prevent heat from escaping and help reindeer stay afloat as they swim. 🦌 Both male and female reindeer have antlers. The antlers fall off and regrow each year. The new antlers are covered with soft fur called velvet. When the velvet dries up, reindeer rub it off against rocks or trees. 🦌 Reindeer have large, broad hooves that act like snowshoes to keep the animal from sinking when walking in snow. Reindeer's wide hooves also help propel the animals through water when they swim. 🦌 Thousands of reindeer may gather together for migration, traveling thousands of miles annually. Traveling in herds protects individuals from predators. Herbivores, reindeer eat grasses, leaves and lichens.

Kind crossword FROM PAGE 7



Online Activity Sheet POLLY THE PUPPY MILL PUP

- 1 Polly was a puppy ...
- 2 Before long, Polly got sick ...
- 3 Finally, a woman came and took Polly out of the cage ...
- 4 Alone in the crate, Polly felt sick and lonely ...
- 5 After a while, the truck stopped ...
- 6 A man came to the pet store and bought Polly ...
- 7 The man took Polly back to the pet store ...
- 8 Polly was sold a second time ...
- 9 It took a long time, but the medicine finally made Polly well ...

Kind Quiz RI.5.1 FROM PAGE 8

- 1 Many people are unaware that pet stores sell puppy mill dogs. Answers will vary.
- 2 Pet stores that refuse to sell puppy mill dogs help put puppy mills out of business. Adoption centers in pet stores allow shelters to find homes for more of their animals.
- 3 They're sold on the internet and in newspaper ads.
- 4 Call your local animal control agency, state wildlife office or a wildlife rehabilitator for help.
- 5 Answers will vary but may include cutting down on health problems for people, less harm to animals, a reduction in pollution and using fewer natural resources like water and energy.
- 6 grooming