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## My Cat

Max is my cat.

He is my good friend.

Max is little.

Max is black.

Max is very cute.

Max can nap on my cap.

Max can nap on my lap.

We have fun together.

Max can run.

Max can jump.

Max can bat a ball.

I hug Max.

Max will rub on my legs.

I love Max.

Max loves me.

### My Cat Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a playful cat named Max)
2. What color is Max?
(black)
3. What size is Max?
(little)
4. Where does Max like to nap?
(on Ann’s cap or lap)
5. How do we know that Max is young?
(He is playful. He runs and jumps and bats balls.)
6. How do cats show their love?
(They rub on your legs. They purr a lot.)
7. How does Ann show her love for Max?
(She takes care of him. She hugs Max.)
8. What does cute mean?
(adorable, pretty, darling, sweet or lovable)

## Rex

Rex lives on my block.

Rex is not my dog.

He is a tan puppy.

He is little.

Rex is a mutt.

Rex will always run after me.

I do NOT like that!

Rex will always jump on me.

I do NOT like that either!

Rex will kiss me a lot.

I hate that.

Rex is too frisky.

Run home Rex.

### Rex Questions

1. What is this story about?
(A frisky puppy named Rex. A puppy who does a lot of things Ann doesn’t like.)
2. Where does Rex live?
(on Ann’s block)
3. What size and color is Rex?
(little and tan)
4. What are some things Rex does that Ann doesn’t like?
(runs after her, jumps on her and licks her too much)
5. What is a mutt?
(a mixed breed dog)
6. Where does Ann want Rex to go?
(home)
7. How does Ann feel about Rex?
(She thinks he’s a rascal, but she still likes him. She doesn’t like him much because she complains about him. He is a friend because he is in the Ann and Friends book.)

## Zola

Zola is my good friend.

Zola is a very big bunny.

Zola is quite funny.

We play together every afternoon.

Zola sips cola.

I sip cola.

I eat cake.

Zola eats cake.

I like cake a lot.

Zola likes cola a lot.

But today Zola will not play.

I am sad.

Zola is sad, too.

Zola looks sick.

Zola has a sick tummy.

Zola’s vet will see Zola today.

He gave Zola a pill.

He said, “No more cola for Zola.”

Tomorrow we can play again.

I am happy.

Zola is quite happy.

Zola is a funny bunny.

I love Zola.

Zola loves me.

### Zola Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a bunny who likes to sip cola and eat cake)
2. What unusual things does Zola do?
(She sips cola and eats cake.)
3. What does Zola like to drink?
(cola)
4. What size is Zola?
(big)
5. When do Zola and Ann play?
(every afternoon)
6. Why won’t Zola play with Ann?
(She has a sick tummy.)
7. Where is Ann going to take Zola?
(to the vet)
8. What did the vet give Zola for her sick tummy?
(a pill)
9. What did the vet tell Ann?
(She shouldn’t feed Zola any more cola or cake)
10. What is a vet?
(an animal doctor)
11. What is a copycat?
(Someone who does what you do.)
12. What does Ann like best?
(cake)

## Zip, My Zigzag Ant

Zip is my pet ant.

He is very very little.

Zip is black.

I just got Zip today.

He is a very happy ant.

He can zip, zip, zip every place.

Zip will zigzag up my leg.

He will zigzag up my back.

He will go up, up, up on my nose.

Zip will sit on my hand.

He will crawl on my cookies.

Zip can sleep on that mat.

Zip is a good friend already.

I like him a lot.

I hope he will like me, too.

### Zip Questions

1. What is this story about?
(an ant who likes to crawl all over Ann)
2. How long has Ann had Zip?
(one day)
3. What size and color is Zip?
(little and black)
4. What can you tell me about Zip?
(Zip is happy and friendly. He likes to move around a lot.)
5. Why would crawling on cookies be dangerous for Zip?
(Ann might eat him by mistake.)
6. Where does Zip like to crawl?
(cookies, back, nose, and leg)
7. What does zip mean?
(move quickly)
8. What is Ann’s hope?
(She hopes Zip will like her too.)

## Zeek

Buzz, buzz, buzz.

Buzz, buzz, buzz.

"Oh no," my friend said.

"A big bee is back."

"Is that bee back again?"

My friend and I hate bees.

We do not like bees at all.

"Look!" my friend said, "It's Zeek!"

"Great!" I said.

Zeek is a friendly bee so we like him a lot.

He likes apple trees and plum trees.

Zeek also likes roses and tulips.

He likes tall wet grass.

Zeek likes us a lot, too.

He would not hurt us.

He will sit on a tulip and buzz, buzz, buzz.

He will sit on a twig and buzz, buzz, buzz.

He will land on a lily as my friend and I play together.

Zeek will go away after he helps all plants.

We will miss him.

### Zeek Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a friendly bee named Zeek)
2. Why are most people afraid of bees?
(They could sting you.)
3. Why are bees our friends?
(They help all plants grow.)
4. What kind of grass does Zeek like?
(tall wet grass)
5. What flowers does Zeek like best?
(roses and tulips)
6. What does Zeek do when he’s sitting on a twig or tulip?
(buzz)
7. When will Zeek go away?
(in a few days)
8. What fruits does Zeek like?
(apple and plum trees)
9. What does pollinate mean?
(to fertilize)

## Roni

Roni is my pony.

He is gray.

He likes alfalfa hay, but he loves oats more.

Roni snacks on apples.

He also likes bologna.

We ride together every afternoon at two o'clock.

We ride on a horse trail.

Roni gallops across two fields.

I like that a lot.

Roni trots across a bridge.

He walks up a big hill.

Next we wade across a little brook.

We always walk home so Roni won't get too hot.

I always curry Roni after a good ride.

Roni likes that a lot.

A good ride always makes me feel happy.

Roni is happy after a good ride too.

### Roni Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a pony who likes to eat bologna)
2. What color is Roni?
(gray)
3. What does Roni like to snack on?
(apples)
4. What unusual food does Roni like?
(bologna)
5. When do Ann and Roni go riding?
(two o’clock every afternoon)
6. What does gallop mean?
(run fast)
7. What does curry mean?
(to brush)
8. Tell me about Ann’s ride with Roni.
(They gallop across a field. They trot over a bridge. They walk up a big hill. They wade across a brook. They walk home.)
9. What is a brook?
(a small stream or creek)

## Zac

Let me tell you about my pal, Zac.

Zac is quite big for a duck.

He will eat bugs, worms, oats and mosquitoes.

Zac gets up at dawn.

He will quack, quack, quack at dawn.

"Quack, quack, quack," tells me that he is very hungry.

He is quite bossy about food.

Zac wants oats.

I sleep late until Zac pecks my toes so I'll get up immediately so he can eat.

After he eats, Zac takes a nap.

Zac also likes my pool.

We swim together every afternoon after my piano lesson.

Zac will swim a mile every afternoon.

I can't swim a mile yet.

My friends like Zac too.

I am lucky Zac is my friend.

### Zac Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a pet duck or a duck who gets Ann up by pecking her toes)
2. What does Zac eat?
(bugs, oats, worms and mosquitoes)
3. When does Zac get up?
(at dawn)
4. What time of day is dawn?
(sunrise)
5. How does Zac tell Ann he is hungry?
(He quacks.)
6. What is Zac’s favorite food?
(oats)
7. How far can Zac swim?
(a mile)
8. What does Zac do after he eats?
(takes a nap)
9. What do Ann and Zac do after her piano lesson
(swim)

## Ruby

I just met Ruby today.

Ruby is my niece's new puppy.

Ruby is 24 weeks old.

Ruby is very lively.

Ruby is quite friendly.

Ruby has a silky coat.

Ruby has big paws.

Ruby loves people.

Ruby likes dogs.

Ruby runs, and runs, and runs.

Ruby jumps on me.

Ruby jumps on my niece.

Ruby jumps on my guide dog.

We do not like that!

Desiree and Ruby play together.

Ruby kisses my niece.

Ruby kisses me.

Ruby kisses my guide dog.

My niece hates that.

Ruby eats at six o'clock.

We will walk Ruby tonight after it gets cool.

I like Ruby a lot.

Ruby is a great puppy!

I bet Ruby would like you too.

### Ruby Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a lively puppy named Ruby who is owned by Ann’s niece)
2. How old is Ruby?
(24 weeks)
3. What does Ruby do that Ann’s niece doesn’t like?
(She kisses and jumps on her.)
4. Describe Ruby.
(She is friendly. She has big paws and a silky coat. She is lively and likes to play.)
5. What does silky mean?
(soft)
6. What time is Ruby fed?
(six o’clock)
7. Why can’t Ann’s niece walk Ruby during the day?
(It is too hot to go out in Texas during the day during the summer.)
8. Who plays with Ruby?
(Desiree)
9. What does Ruby do that Ann doesn’t like?
(jumps on her)
10. What would be one thing puppies do that you wouldn’t like?

## Randy Pets the Zoo Animals

Randy loves to make friends with animals at the Land Ford Pet Zoo.

He goes to the loft at the zoo every afternoon to pet the babies.

“You don’t have to force babies to come to you,” he said.

“They like the feel of your hands.”

Amanda manages the zoo and loves for Randy to come and visit.

The zoo has a llama and alpaca, a goat and a pig, plus a small pony, Lofty, to play with every boy and girl.

Randy is totally blind and can not see, he knows the animals by smell and pets them.

He likes to give them snacks and talk to them, too.

He also likes to talk to the people at the zoo, plus Randy’s good friend, Sandy, that helps with sales of candy for kids and snacks for animals.

Every visit to the Land Ford Pet Zoo is special to Randy.

I bet you would like to visit the Land Ford Pet Zoo, too!

### Randy Questions

1. Who is Randy?
(a blind boy, a visitor to the zoo)
2. What farm animal would you add to the Zoo and why?
3. How does Randy know the animals at the zoo?
(He knows them by their feel and smell)
4. Describe two or three personality traits Randy has.
(He is outgoing, talkative, caring, adventuresome, friendly, reliable, helpful)
5. What type of zoo does Randy visit?
(petting zoo)
6. How often does Randy visit the Land Ford Zoo?
(every afternoon)
7. Why does Randy visit the loft every day?
(He pets the babies there.)
8. Why are petting zoos important?
(Kids can learn about animals they have never touched before.)
9. What can visitors buy at the zoo?
(They can buy candy for kids and snacks for animals.)
10. What is a manager?
(A manager is a person who runs the zoo and makes sure everything is running smoothly or done correctly.)

## Lucky

Lucky lives with Moe.

Moe has 9 horses.

Lucky is one of Moe's favorite horses.

Lucky is not very tall for a horse.

He is about 14 hands tall.

He is not young.

Lucky is quite handsome.

He has big black eyes and a nose that feels like velvet.

Lucky's gray coat is very soft.

Lucky's tail sweeps the grass.

Moe's friends say Lucky is very cute.

Moe rides Lucky almost every day.

They practice a lot so they can work well together.

Lucky and Moe have won a lot of prizes.

Moe and Lucky lose sometimes.

A friend will trade another horse for Lucky.

Kim says Lucky is just the right horse for kids.

Kim has 4 girls.

They love Lucky.

They already ride Lucky for prizes.

The girls have fun with Lucky.

Moe would rather sell Lucky.

Moe does not want another horse.

Horses poop about 15 times a day.

Then Moe would pick up less poop.

Maybe Moe will trade Lucky for another horse.

Maybe Moe will keep Lucky.

Maybe Moe will sell Lucky.

Would you keep Lucky?

I just received some bad news from Moe.

Some coyotes ate Lucky.

### Lucky Questions

1. Who is Lucky?
(Moe’s favorite horse)
2. What happened to Lucky?
(He was eaten by coyotes.)
3. Describe Lucky.
(handsome, soft gray coat, long tail, old, nose that feels like velvet, big black eyes, cute)
4. Why do Moe and Lucky ride every day?
(So they can work well together and win prizes at horse shows.)
5. Who is Kim?
(a friend of Moe’s whose daughters ride Lucky for prizes)
6. What does compete mean?
(to go against someone to win first place or a prize)
7. Why does Moe want to sell her favorite horse?
(She doesn’t want to see Lucky die. She would pick up less poop.)
8. Who else rides Lucky for prizes?
(Kim’s daughters)
9. Why might Kim want Lucky
(He is a good and safe horse for kids.)

## Bossy

Bossy is a baby calf.

Bossy is five days old.

Bossy has no mother.

Bossy's mother is not alive.

Dad got Bossy at a cattle sale.

Bossy lives with us.

We hope Bossy will not die.

Paul gives Bossy special milk six times a day.

Bossy slurps milk from a pail with a big nipple.

Bossy is always hungry.

Bossy gets Paul up at five o'clock every day.

Bossy will moo, and moo, and moo until Paul gets up.

Bossy is too noisy.

People do not like that!

They hope Bossy will move someplace else.

Bossy goes every place Paul goes.

Bossy will eat grass someday.

Paul is happy about that.

Then Bossy will not wake him up for milk.

### Bossy Questions

1. Who is Bossy?
(a calf)
2. What is a calf?
(a baby cow)
3. Why does Paul need to feed Bossy?
(Bossy has no mother and needs milk.)
4. How many times a day does Paul feed Bossy?
(six times)
5. Where does Bossy live?
(Ann’s backyard)
6. Where did Ann’s family get Bossy?
(at a cattle sale)
7. How does Bossy get her food in the morning?
(She moos and moos until Paul gets up to feed her at 5 o’clock.)
8. What is our hope?
(We hope Bossy will not die because she has no mother.)
9. Why will the neighbors be happy when Bossy can eat grass?
(She can move to a farm and then they won’t have to hear all the noise she makes.)
10. Why will Paul be happy when Bossy is older?
(He won’t have to get up to feed her every day.)
11. How old is Bossy?
(five days old)
12. How does Bossy drink?
(She drinks from a pail with a big nipple.)

## Diamond

 Diamond is a goat dog. Diamond works with goats every day. Diamond keeps goats safe from foxes, wolves, coyotes, and other wild animals. Diamond would kill a wild animal if it would hurt the goats. Diamond is big and brave. Diamond is almost 8.

 Patricia has 8 goat dogs like Diamond. Some dogs work at dawn and sleep at dusk. Some dogs work at dusk and sleep at dawn. They work well together.

 "Here's Diamond," says Patricia. "Let Diamond sniff you, Ann."

 Patricia tells Diamond, "Ann's okay."

 "Patricia, can I see Diamond's newborn babies?" I ask.

 "I have never met newborn puppies," I say.

 Patricia and Diamond say, "Yes."

 Diamond has 7 puppies. Diamond has 2 male puppies and 5 female puppies. Diamond lets me pet the puppies. They look like big rats. They smell funny. My hands smell funny after I pet them. The puppy smell will go away after a few weeks.

 They're very hungry all the time. They all want Diamond's milk at the same time. They do not see yet, so they nudge one another for a good spot. They suck milk from Diamond's nipples.

 Diamond is calm. Diamond loves the puppies. Diamond will keep the puppies safe. Diamond is a great mother.

 After a few weeks, Patricia will put the babies and Diamond with the goats. The young puppies will know the goats and the goats will know the puppies. Soon, the young puppies will love the goats. They will keep the goats safe just like Diamond and the other goat dogs.

 "If I could name the puppies, I would give them names like Ruby, Opal, or Sapphire," I say.

 "That's a great idea," Patricia says.

### Diamond Questions

1. What is this story about?
(It is about a working mother dog and her puppies. This story is about goat dogs that protect goats.)
2. What does a goat dog do?
(A goat dog keeps the goats safe from wild animals. They will kill any animal who tries to hurt the goats.)
3. How many goat dogs does Patricia own?
(8 goat dogs)
4. Who gave Ann permission to see Diamond’s puppies?
(Patricia and Diamond)
5. What do Diamond’s puppies look like according to Ann?
(big rats)
6. Why do the puppies nudge each other for a good spot?
(They are hungry. They can’t see so they push each other to get to a nipple.)
7. Why does Patricia put the puppies with the goats when they are little?
(So the puppies will grow to love the goats. So the puppies get to know the goats and the goats get to know the puppies.)
8. When do the goat dogs work?
(Some goat dogs work all day and some goat dogs work all night.)
9. How many puppies does Diamond have?
(7 puppies)
10. What does nudge mean
(a light touch or push out of the way)
11. What does protect mean?
(to keep safe from danger)

## Honey

My guide dog's name is Honey.

Honey is quite pretty and very bright.

Honey is sly sometimes.

Honey is young and lively.

Honey works every day.

Honey guides me every place I go.

Honey keeps me away from trucks, buses, and autos as we cross a road.

I can travel like other people do.

I almost never hit people or poles or tree limbs.

Honey makes me feel safe.

Life with Honey is never dull.

One afternoon Honey ate five pieces of cake at a party.

My friend gave Honey the cake.

That made me mad!

One day a skunk hit Honey and me with its spray.

The smell of the spray made me feel sick.

Honey did not like the spray either.

That made Honey hate skunks.

Another time a big truck hit us.

The man did not see us.

That made me afraid of huge trucks.

Luckily the truck did not hurt us too bad.

Sometimes I let Honey run free.

Honey loves that!

Sometimes I give Honey a big juicy bone.

Honey loves that!

I give Honey belly rubs every day.

Honey loves that too!

I am happy Honey is my guide dog.

We look after one another.

### Honey Questions

1. Who is Honey?
(Ann’s guide dog)
2. Name two of Honey’s qualities.
(smart, pretty, sly, lively)
3. Name two jobs Honey does as a guide dog.
(guides Ann every place, takes Ann across the street, takes Ann around obstacles, keeps Ann away from danger, makes Ann feel safe)
4. Why does Ann want a guide dog?
(She can travel like sighted people. She can travel easier with a guide dog than a cane. Honey can keep Ann safe. Honey will take Ann around people and obstacles.)
5. What did Ann’s friend do that made her very mad?
(The friend fed Honey cake.)
6. What bad experience happened to Ann and Honey?
(A skunk sprayed them. A truck hit Ann.)
7. Why is Ann afraid of big trucks?
(She was hit by a big truck.)
8. Who got sick when the skunk sprayed them?
(Ann)
9. Who hated skunks because of being sprayed?
(Honey)
10. How does Ann show her love for Honey?
(She takes good care of Honey. She lets her play. She gives her bones and rubs her tummy.)
11. What does sly mean?
(Sneaky)

## Zodiac

 My nephew, Kyle is from Blackfoot, Idaho. He has a lab named Zodiac. He got Zodiac from a family friend. Zodiac is so big that he could eat from your plate if you let him.

 Zodiac is not young anymore. Kyle has had Zodiac for a decade already. Zodiac goes many places Kyle goes. Zodiac would hunt for ducks and birds with Kyle on many Saturdays and Sundays. But, Zodiac cannot help Kyle hunt for ducks and birds anymore. He is too old. Zodiac is quite sad about that. Kyle misses Zodiac a lot.

 On hot days, Zodiac sleeps under an oak tree. On cold days, Zodiac curls up with 3 friendly cats. On mild days, Zodiac explores old junk with Nate and Nick. He will sniff and sniff and sniff at the old junk.

 I saw Zodiac on Friday. Poor Zodiac had a sore paw. He held the sore paw up so no one could hurt it. So then he lay on a soft, little rug by the fireplace all afternoon. No one could budge him from the fire. He slept there all afternoon snug and happy. Maybe he saw himself as a young dog again. Maybe he saw himself with Kyle once more. Kyle and Zodiac have had many happy days together.

### Zodiac Questions

1. Where do Kyle and Zodiac live?
(Idaho, on a farm)
2. How did Zodiac come to live with Kyle?
(A family friend gave him to Kyle.)
3. What do Kyle and Zodiac do together?
(hunting and fishing)
4. 4. Why does Zodiac stay home most of the time now?
(He is too old to hunt with Kyle.)
5. 5. What could Zodiac do at meals if you let him?
(He is so big that he could eat off your plate if you let him.)
6. 6. What does Zodiac do on hot days?
(sleeps under a tree)
7. Why does Zodiac curl up with three cats on cold days?
(to stay warm)
8. What do Nick, Nate and Zodiac do on warm days?
(They explore the old junk on the farm.)
9. What is wrong with Zodiac’s paw?
(It’s sore)
10. Where did Zodiac spend Friday afternoon?
(laying or sleeping by the fire)
11. Who are Nick and Nate?
(Kyle’s brothers)

## Surprise Visitor

 The world is full of animals. The world is full of wild animals. The world is full of tame animals. Many people love their wild or tame pets. Many people cannot keep pets at their homes.

 Many people have cats. Many people have dogs. Many people have birds, or bunnies, or mice, or snakes as pets. But, I bet, no one has ever had a pet skunk.

 It is fall. The sun will set soon. My father and mother see a young skunk. The skunk is afraid of them, but it is very hungry. Mom and Dad cannot move from their places on the sofa. The skunk could spray them. The skunk tries their dog's food. The skunk tries their cat's food. The skunk likes the cat's food more. The skunk eats until it is full. Then, the skunk goes back home. Maybe, they will see the skunk again tomorrow. Maybe they will never see the skunk again.

 The skunk returns for cat food day after day about sunset. My father names the skunk Rosie. He says Rosie has a happy spirit. Animals like my father. My father will tame Rosie with the cat food. Maybe Rosie will take food from Dad’s hand if he is calm. He places the cat food 20 feet away from him on Monday. He puts the cat food 15 feet away from him on Friday. He places the food 12 feet away from him on Sunday. Rosie is bold. Rosie is not too afraid of Dad. Rosie will look at Dad sometimes. Rosie makes my dad smile. Mom likes Rosie, too.

 Mom and Dad did not see Rosie for a few days. They hope Rosie is all right. But Rosie is not all right. Mom and Dad see a black body on their walk one afternoon. It is Rosie. Rosie is not alive. They could see a bullet hole. Mom is upset. Dad is angry. They will bury Rosie tonight.

### Surprise Visitor Questions

1. Who is Rosie
(a skunk)
2. What does Rosie eat at Mom and Dad’s house?
(She tries their cat and dog food.)
3. Why won’t Mom or Dad move from the couch when Rosie is visiting?
(She could spray them)
4. Which food does Rosie like the best?
(The cat’s food)
5. Who wants to tame Rosie?
(Dad)
6. Why would a skink spray someone or something?
(To protect itself from danger)
7. How did Dad tempt Rosie to come closer?
(He put the cat food closer to him every few days)
8. Why did Rosie visit Mom and Dad so often?
(She was hungry)
9. What happened to Rosie?
(She was killed)
10. What did Mom and Dad do with Rosie’s body?
(They buried her)
11. What does ‘tame’ mean?
(A tame animal is comfortable with being handled by people)

## Lance the Pound Hound

Lance is an old hound dog that lives at the Littlemount Dog Pound. Littlemount is a home for dogs with no people family. Lance is too old to race like he did as a young hound. So it doesn’t surprise him to live there. Lots of dogs live at Littlemount all their lives. Nevertheless, Lance wakes up every day with the hope that people will come to the pound, feel love for him, and take him home with them. He hopes for someone he can count on to give him hugs, play with him, and give him food every day.

One day, a young boy named Mike Boundless came to Littlemount on a mission—to look for a pet to prance about and make everyone happy. Some dogs made too many sounds; some dogs did not dance or act happy. Lance got to bound from the cage, so he pranced and danced at the pound for Mike. Mike gave him a big hug and Lance felt love and lots of passion for Mike. “Great! I found a sweet and happy dog to love me. My mission is complete,” Mike said.

Mr and Mrs Boundless, Mike’s father and mother, love Lance too. Lance’s boundless joy lifts the spirits of everyone every day. Lance feels lucky. He hopes the other dogs at the pound will get found just as he did. Would you adopt a pound hound?

### Lance the Pound Hound Questions

1. Who is Lance?
(An old dog looking for a home, a dog that lives at the pound.)
2. What is a pound?
(a home or shelter for animals who don’t have a people family)
3. What did Lance do when he was young
(race)
4. Why didn’t Lance’s owners keep him?
(They didn’t want an old dog who couldn’t race anymore. They didn’t want the expense of caring for an older dog who couldn’t race anymore.)
5. What is Lance’s hope?
(He hopes someone will adopt him and love him.)
6. What was Mike’s mission?
(He wanted to find a dog to love and make his new dog friend happy.)
7. Why didn’t Mike pick some of the other dogs?
(Some dogs barked too much. Some dogs didn’t seem happy to see him. Some dogs acted too sad.)
8. What is Lance’s hope for his pals at the Littlemount Dog Pound?
(He hopes they will find happy homes like he has.)
9. Why might people want a pet dog?
(Dogs bring love and joy to people.)
10. Describe the dog you might like to adopt from the Littlemount Dog Pound.

## Yoda

 I go on a country visit every July. My country visit is more like a spiritual holiday. I eat good food. I sleep a lot. Desiree and I walk. I swim. I pray. I meet with a spiritual guide. I met Yoda on my country visit.

 Mike lives at a mobile home close by. He helps Diane with the goats. One day he found a homeless cat. Or maybe, the homeless cat found him. Mike asks Diane, the landlord, “May I keep the homeless cat?”

 Diane says, “Okay. But we do not want any babies.” Mike agrees.

 One day, after several weeks, Mike found the homeless cat and five babies under the mobile home. “Oh no!” Mike says. I know Diane, the landlord, will not like my news.

 But Diane surprises Mike. Diane loves the helpless little babies. Diane will adopt the little black one after six weeks. Diane will name him Yoda. Diane’s mother will adopt one of the babies, too. Mike is happy.

 Diane has had Yoda for many weeks. He is little and cute. Yoda makes everyone smile. He is a scamp sometimes. Every object is a toy for Yoda. He plays with bottle caps. He plays with Desiree’s tail. He jumps on the furniture. He jumps on the television. He dances across the floor. Sometimes he sips from my glass. Sometimes he licks my fork. “No, Yoda, don’t do that!” I say.

 Yoda plays, and plays, and plays. He sleeps a little here and there. Yoda and Hocan sleep together. Hocan is a huge, furry dog. Hocan could eat Yoda for a snack. But Yoda is not afraid of Hocan. Hocan looks after Yoda. But Yoda does not look after Hocan.

### Yoda Questions

1. What is this story about?
(a playful kitten named Yoda)
2. Where did Ann meet Yoda?
(spiritual or country vacation)
3. What are two things Ann does on her country vacation?
(She eats, sleeps, swims, walks, talks and prays.)
4. Who found a homeless cat?
(Mike)
5. How did the homeless cat surprise Mike?
(She had kittens.)
6. Why did Mike ask his landlord if he could keep the homeless cat?
(Animals can cause damage to property. Some landlords do not allow pets. He wanted her to know about the cat.)
7. How did the landlord surprise Mike?
(She adopted one of the kittens. She let Mike keep the homeless cat.)
8. Why is Yoda a scamp?
(He jumps on furniture. He sips out of Ann’s glass. He licks Ann’s fork.)
9. Why might people smile when they meet Yoda?
(He’s cute and playful. He’s entertaining. He does funny things. People like baby kittens.)
10. What is strange about Hocan and Yoda sleeping together?
(Dogs and cats are usually afraid of each other. Hocan is so big and Yoda is so little. Cats and dogs have nothing to do with each other usually.)

## Yuki

 I met Pat today before sunrise. We ate together. Pat told me all about Yuki. Pat is a friend of a friend. Pat has two cats, two love birds and two cockatoos. Yuki is Pat’s favorite bird. Yuki is a cockatoo. Yuki is 15. Cockatoos can live 5 decades. He is a foot and a half tall. Yuki is just one color, ivory.

 Pat gives Yuki food twice a day. He snacks all day on the food Pat gives him. Yuki loves fruit like bananas and apples. He also eats corn or lettuce. He is quite messy. Pat is Yuki’s maid. I bet Yuki wouldn’t eat bugs or worms like other birds.

 Yuki’s cage sits behind the sofa. Pat lets him go free at home every day between 4-9 o’clock. Yuki flies round all the rooms of Pat’s home. Sometimes Yuki sits beside Pat on the sofa. Sometimes Yuki sits on Pat’s right knee. Yuki looks at television with Pat. I bet Yuki has a favorite television program. Pat says he doesn’t like the news. Together they view the world beyond the panes of glass. Yuki looks at the wild birds above and below.

 Yuki makes dog sounds with the doorbell. He squawks a lot if new friends visit. He dives at people beneath him. It seems that he wants an ID before he will let you in. Pat’s friends like Yuki because he is the life of the party. He can talk. He can say “hello,” “good-bye,” and “want some.”

 Sometimes he plays tag with the other cockatoo. He plays hide-and-seek with Pat. Sometimes he will flirt with the two love birds. But they only have eyes for one another.

 The love birds like their cage so they never go free. Yuki usually poops before he exits the cage. Birds can poop 15 times a day. Fortunately for Pat, he uses the toilet if he is free. “Cool bird,” I say. I hope I can meet Yuki soon.

### Yuki Questions

1. Who is Yuki?
(a bird or cockatoo)
2. How long can cockatoos live?
(50 years)
3. What does Yuki like to do when he is not in his cage?
(He likes to look outside, play games, watch TV, visit friends, and fly free.)
4. What does Yuki do when the doorbell rings?
(Yuki makes barking sounds.)
5. What show on TV does Yuki hate?
(the news)
6. How does Pat care for Yuki?
(She feeds him, cleans his cage, gives him attention and loves him.)
7. Why might Pat have a pet bird like Yuki?
(Pat might like birds. She might think he is entertaining or fun to watch.)
8. What does Yuki want before he will let someone in?
(your ID)
9. Would you like to own a bird like Yuki? Why or why not?
10. What does Yuki do that most birds don’t?
(He gets to fly free in Pat’s house. He watches TV with Pat.)
11. What makes Yuki amazing?
(He uses the toilet.)
12. What does Yuki look like?
(He is ivory and a foot and a half tall.)
13. How often do birds poop?
(15 times a day)

## Noelani

Noelani is my new guide dog. We have been together since July 2007. Noelani is a great buddy already. Noelani loves to work. Noelani takes me places in a jiffy.

 Noelani loves to have fun. Noelani loves to give kisses and cuddle. Noelani makes me giggle. Noelani loves squeaky toys. Squeaky toys drive me crazy sometimes. Noelani has lots of dog and human friends. Noelani likes to romp and wriggle with Gilly, or Rusa, or Camilla on play dates. Noelani jumps in the pond at home. I pray Noelani won’t get too muddy.

 Noelani and I usually walk twice a day. We usually walk to Palm before work and Pine after work. One day we got up late. It was Columbus Day. Columbus Day was a holiday for everyone at CSB. I got up late because I didn’t have enough sleep. Besides, Noelani didn’t disturb me. Noelani usually wakes me up with a kiss.

 The sun was bright. The sky was blue. There was a gentle breeze. We were happy to have a holiday. It was a great day for a walk.

 There was more traffic because we were late. We were ten minutes from home. We began to cross Gallegos. Bump. I fell to the ground. I was hit by a Toyota. I couldn’t get up. Abby was upset.

 “I see you all the time. I admire you. I can’t believe I hit you. I didn’t see you,” Abby said.

 I couldn’t believe Noelani and I were in an accident. Fortunately, Noelani was not hurt by the Toyota. I had been in 3 traffic accidents before. Unfortunately, I would have to go to the hospital.

 I left Noelani home with a friend. Dee took me to the hospital. Dee knows about hospitals. Dee was a big comfort. A policeman came to take an accident report. He was mad because we left the scene of a traffic accident and did not report it. Then the doctor said, “I don’t believe your leg is broken, but we’ll take some x-rays to be sure.” I didn’t feel very calm or lucky. His news wasn’t very good. “Your leg is broken,” he said. “You’ll have to use a soft brace until you see the bone doctor.” He told me not to walk on it. I confess, I was not very happy!

 The bone doctor gave me another type of brace. I would have to use it for 8 weeks. My friend, Angela, took Noelani home to live until I could walk. Angela came by with Noelani for a visit almost every day so I could see Noey.

 Hurray! Noelani and I walk twice a day once more. I confess, I am afraid of traffic. I depend on Noey to keep us safe.

### Noelani Questions

1. Who is Noelani?
(Ann’s fourth guide dog.)
2. What happened to Ann?
(She was hit by a car and broke her leg.)
3. How would you describe Noelani?
(She loves to play and she is a good worker.)
4. What fun things does Noelani do?
(She jumps in the pond, she plays with dog friends and she enjoys life.)
5. What does Ann think about squeaky toys?
(They drive her crazy sometimes.)
6. When was Ann hit by the car?
(On Columbus Day)
7. How did Abby feel when she hit Ann?
(She was upset and horrified.)
8. Who was mad because they left the scene of a traffic accident?|
(the policeman)
9. What happened to Noelani when Ann had a broken leg?
(She lived with Angela.)
10. What did the accident do to Ann?
(It made her afraid of traffic.)

## Bon-Bon

 Mom has had Bon-Bon for several weeks. A friend begged Mom to take her. The friend’s children did not play with or care for Bon-Bon very much. So Mom’s friend gave her to us. The children were against Bon-Bon’s move to a new home. Mom didn’t want more animals. She thought we had too many pets already. But she couldn’t say no to her good friend. So Bon-Bon is our first pet rabbit.

 Bon-Bon is a French Lop. A Lop is a rabbit. A Lop’s ears flop down instead of standing straight up like the rabbits we know best. A Lop’s ears drag on the ground. Bon-Bon is very cute and cuddly. She has a satiny black coat with white spots. She has a tiny pink nose. She loves bananas. You better not get in her way when she sees a banana. She could knock you down to get to that banana first.

 Bon-Bon is such a smart bunny. She can go potty in a litter box like a cat. Her litter box is kept in the bathroom.

 One morning Dad stepped in Bon-Bon’s poop and urine after getting out of bed to use the bathroom himself. He was barefooted. Dad never wore slippers. I guess Bon-Bon didn’t make it to the litter box. Dad was quite mad. Mom laughed until her sides ached and she couldn’t catch her breath.

 Bon-Bon is a free spirit. Bon-Bon doesn’t live in a cage like most rabbits. Some people thought Bon-Bon must have a cage. We thought Bon-Bon should be free. She roams free all the time at home. Bon-Bon roams every place in our house and outside, too. Sometimes she hops up our alley. Sometimes Bon-Bon hops, hops, hops up or down Skyline Blvd. Everyone knows Bon-Bon. They think she is a remarkable rabbit.

 Neighbors call Mom. They say, “Bon-Bon is at my back door.”

 Mom says, “Don’t worry. Bon-Bon knows the way home. Bon-Bon will hop back home soon.” Everyone in our neighborhood loves Bon-Bon. People smile when they see Bon-Bon in our neighborhood. I bet she wants a tasty snack from all her friends.

 She also loves bathing in the sun in Mom’s petunias. Bon-Bon never gets enough sun and fresh air. I wonder what Bon-Bon will do next.

### Bon-Bon Questions

1. What is this story about?
(Ann’s family’s first pet rabbit who can go in a litter box and roams free)
2. What does Bon-Bon like to eat?
(bananas)
3. Describe Bon-Bon.
(She is black with white spots. She has a tiny pink nose and her ears flop down instead of up.)
4. Who stepped in Bon-Bon’s poop and urine one morning?
(Ann’s dad)
5. What did Ann’s mom do when she found out about the accident?
(She laughed until her sides ached. She couldn’t catch her breath from laughing so hard.)
6. Why is hopping up a street dangerous for Bon-Bon?
(People, bikes, and cars might not see her and hit her)
7. Describe Bon-Bon’s life.
(She doesn’t live in a cage. She goes free. She can go inside or outside. She visits the neighbors.)
8. Where does Bon-Bon go to sunbathe or nap?
(the petunias)
9. Why did the children’s mom want to give Ann’s mom Bon-Bon?
(The kids didn’t take care of Bon-Bon. She knew that Ann’s mom would take good care of Bon-Bon.)
10. What did Bon-Bon want when she visited the neighbors?
(A good snack)
11. What would you like about having Bon-Bon?

## Harry

 Maureen and I were driving to our brother, Paul’s place in the country for a family gathering. Suddenly Maureen slammed on her brakes. She saw a cat lying in the road. Perhaps the cat was hurt or dead. Maureen jumped out of the truck to rescue the homeless cat. She doesn’t like to see animals suffer. The cat looked bedraggled and hungry. Maureen thought he wouldn’t live if he remained in the wild. Perhaps this cat perceived that Maureen was going to help him. Although he was probably afraid, the cat let Maureen scoop him up and pop him into a cardboard box. I held the lid down as we drove the rest of the way to Paul’s house. We didn’t want him to get out.

 Since the cat was quite furry, she immediately named him Harry. First Maureen fed Harry a can of tuna fish. He was still hungry. Maureen gave him as much tuna fish as he wanted. He gobbled down everything Maureen gave him. He must have been starving for days.

 Maureen decided to keep Harry. She took him to the vet the next morning. The vet examined him and gave Harry some shots. He thought Harry would survive. Maureen had Harry neutered, too. A week later, Maureen and Harry drove back to Reno where she lived. Harry meowed, and meowed, and meowed. His meowing was driving Maureen crazy. Maureen finally said, “Harry, if you don’t stop meowing, I am going to dump you out of the truck and leave you here.” Harry must have believed her, because he didn’t make a sound the rest of the trip. It didn’t take much time for Harry to settle in at Maureen’s house.

 Harry has been with Maureen for five years now. Most people think Harry behaves like a dog. He follows her up to the barn when she feeds the horses. He supervises her when she shovels manure from the horses’ corrals. He likes sitting in the manure bucket. He enjoys playing with the “road apples” when they fall out of the bucket. He watches everything she does. He is such a character. Harry enjoys stalking birds, or mice, or baby bunnies, or lizards, or moles, or anything that moves. He is constantly bringing his prey into the house. Some of the animals are bigger than Harry. She wonders how he gets them through the cat door. Maureen tries to rescue them from the “serial killer cat”. You can take the cat out of the wild, but you can’t take the wild out of the cat. Maureen couldn’t conceive of life without Harry. He is her most favorite cat of all. She has loved cats better than dogs since we were children. It will be a sad day if anything happens to Harry.

### Harry Questions

1. Who is Harry?
(Harry is Maureen’s new cat.)
2. Where were Maureen and Ann going when the found Harry?
(Paul’s house)
3. How did Maureen help Harry?
(She fed him tuna fish.)
4. What did the vet do with Harry besides examining him?
(He neutered Harry.)
5. How might Maureen feel when the vet told her Harry would survive? Why?
(She was happy because she loves animals and had grown to like Harry)
6. When does Harry “behave like a dog”?
(He follows her around and watches her while she does her chores)
7. Why did Maureen threaten Harry on the trip home to Reno?
(He was meowing constantly and was driving Maureen crazy)
8. Name three animals that are Harry’s prey.
(birds, mice, baby bunnies, lizards, moles)
9. How does Harry supervise Maureen?
(He sits and watches her while she shovels manure from the horse stalls. He sits in the manure bucket.)
10. What does Maureen wonder?
(She wonders how Harry can manage to fit his prey through the cat door.)
11. Why did Maureen name the cat Harry?
(He was very furry.)
12. What is a prey?
(An animal that is hunted by other animals for food)

## Annie

 I met Annie today while on my spiritual vacation at Diane’s place. Patricia and I slid down a hill and climbed over a fence to meet her. Annie is a kid. A kid is a baby goat. Annie is a few days old. She is not very strong. Her legs are still weak and wobbly. Although getting around on wobbly legs is hard, Annie pushed her way through all the other kids and lambs to meet me first. She pressed her body against me. She sucked my fingers for milk. She is not very bashful like some of the other kids and lambs. Annie reminds me of Bossy. What a character!

 Annie is called a feeder goat. A feeder goat is motherless. Annie lives with other feeder kids and feeder lambs in a special pen. Patricia must bottle-feed Annie and the others several times a day if she wants them to survive. However, Patricia has so many kids and lambs that she is too busy to bottle-feed Annie much. So Patricia is trying to get one of the other mother goats to feed Annie. Most mother goats will only feed their own kid. Patricia is hopeful that she can pick the right foster mother for Annie. Patricia gave a mother goat grain to eat while Annie sucked from her teat. A teat is a nipple. I think to myself, “Mother Goat, you ought to share your milk with Annie.” Perhaps Annie will be allowed to drink from this mother goat for several weeks. Then she will grow up to be big and strong. I have a notion that Annie will survive. She is determined to make it just like me. She won’t give up.

 Taking care of a herd of feeder kids and lambs is such a big job for one person. Unfortunately, Patricia cannot afford to hire someone to help her with all her animals.

### Annie Questions

1. Who is Annie?
(a feeder goat)
2. What is a feeder animal?
(a motherless animal, an animal you have to feed with a bottle to keep alive)
3. What is a kid?
(a baby goat)
4. What is a lamb?
(a baby sheep)
5. Why are there feeder calves, lambs, or kids?
(They have no mother.)
6. Who cares for the kids and lambs?
(Patricia)
7. Who is Diane?
(Diane owns the place where Ann goes on her spiritual vacation)
8. Describe how Patricia gets a foster mother to feed a motherless goat.
(She feeds the mother goat grain or oats in hope that the mother goat will let the baby goat drink from her nipples. If the baby goat drinks several times then maybe the mother goat will adopt him or her.)
9. What does Ann think about all the animals Patricia owns?
(She thinks Patricia has a big job taking care of all her animals. She thinks Patricia should sell some of her animals or get help with volunteers.)

## Everybody Sleeps

 Every animal in the world sleeps to rest and heal from the day’s stresses. Some animals sleep in the night and are active during the day, which we call diurnal. Other animals sleep during the day and are active at night, which we call nocturnal. The type of animal that we are most familiar with and that has the most known sleep pattern is mammals. Mammals are animals that have hair, make milk, and don’t lay eggs.

 Giraffes sleep for the shortest time of any large mammal, sleeping only 1 to 2 hours a day. The small brown bat holds the title for the longest sleeping animal, sleeping up to 22 hours a day. Humans sleep about 8 hours a day, which is pretty long for the larger mammals. We have to sleep so much because of our more advanced brains which need extra time to process what happened when we were awake.

 Other types of animals like fishes, reptiles, birds and insects have different sleep patterns from us mammals. Sleep in fish is not very well studied. We think that fish that have to move to breathe don’t sleep at all. Some bigger fish sleep 8 hours like we do. Reptiles sleep for around the same time as mammals but they don’t have one stage of sleep that we do. Birds’ sleep is almost exactly like mammals with the only difference being for migratory birds. Wild migrating birds need only a few minutes of sleep a day during migration. Insects have the most odd sleep patterns as compared to us humans. Some ants sleep only a minute at a time but sleep around 250 times a day. Other insects sleep longer times, around 10 to 15 minutes, but only a few times a day. Sleep helps the world go round.

### Everybody Sleeps Questions

1. Why do animals sleep?
(to rest and heal from the day’s stresses)
2. What are night active animals called?
(nocturnal)
3. What are some things that let us know that an animal is a mammal?
(fur, does not lay eggs and gives milk)
4. What mammal sleeps the shortest amount of time?
(giraffe)
5. How long does the brown bat sleep?
(22 hours)
6. Why do humans have to sleep so long?
(to process activity from a large brain)
7. When do some wild birds sleep a few minutes each day?
(when migrating)
8. Who never sleeps because they have to move to breathe?
(some fish)
9. How do some ants sleep?
(one minute at a time up to 250 times a day)
10. Tell some facts that will explain how you sleep.