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**? Where's Raja?**  
Find Raja, from *The  
Restricted Adventures of Raja* app, hidden  
in *Kind News*.



## Help for shy Kitties



Many cats live outside. Some will run to you and say hello. They may **bunt** your ankles — rubbing their heads on you. Others will run and hide. But they still need people.

What can you do? Do not follow a cat who is hiding. Have an adult call your local animal shelter or animal control office. These groups may catch the cat with a cage that closes when she steps inside for food. They may give her **vaccines** or shots to keep her healthy. They may give an operation to keep her from having babies. The cat may be returned outside, where kind people may feed her.



Do you want to learn more about cats and dogs through the adventures of Raja? Ask an adult if you can download *The Restricted Adventures of Raja* book and game apps!



**All three apps are now free!**

## MUTTS

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# SAFETY SCOUT!

Natalie Korzuch's cat, Roary, ate flowers that are not safe for cats. She first made sure Roary was okay, and then got to work. She learned what food, flowers, and other items animals cannot have. She taught younger children. She got the Girl Scout Gold award!



**Natalie's group, Prince William SPCA, sends Kind News magazines to over 13,000 children each year! Wow — talk about kindness!**



**Want to hear the articles read aloud?** View our digital issue at [KindNews.org/nov23](http://KindNews.org/nov23).

## Safe or Not Safe?



**These items are safe for dogs and cats:**

Pumpkin  
Cooked egg  
Chicken meat  
Blueberries  
Bananas  
Carrots  
Broccoli  
Cooked sweet potatoes



**These are not!**

Chocolate  
Raw eggs  
Chicken bones  
Lily flowers  
Onions  
Cherries  
Grapes  
Whole avocados



# ***THE MANY FUN WAYS TO GIVE!***

**Are you thankful  
for animals?**

**These kids found ways to  
show their love with acts  
of kindness.**



## **Jayden Perez (14) gives:**

school supplies and toys he collects to children in need. For his birthday, he gives cat and dog food to his local animal shelter in New Jersey.

**His favorite part about giving:** “You get this joy in your heart; it feels good, even giving one toy. I like seeing children and animals happy.”

**His tip:** “Do something to help where you live. Be kind. Smiling at someone is making a difference in this world.”



## **Paisley (11) and Beckett (9) Kemmer give:**



their time at special events for dogs and cats who need homes where they live in Colorado. They put out food and water. They help their grandmother walk the dogs.

### **Their favorite part about giving:**

Paisley: “Getting to know different dogs. Seeing people smile when they get a new pet.”

Beckett: “Walking the dogs makes me feel good.”

**Their tip:** “Call your animal shelter. It is so much fun.”



## **Cameron Daly (13) gives:**

his gift for drawing. He sold his art to raise money for the shelter for people where he lives in New Jersey. He also gave to the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance to help wildlife in trouble.

**His favorite part about giving:** “It made me feel really good that my drawings brought people together. And I enjoy sketching — anything from country flags to me playing sports.”

**His tip:** “Follow what you love. There are so many ways to do good.”

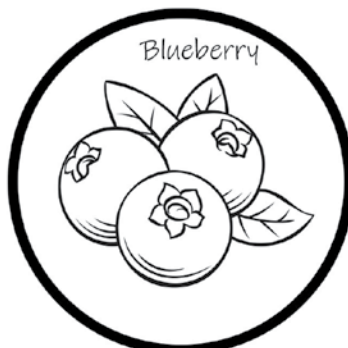
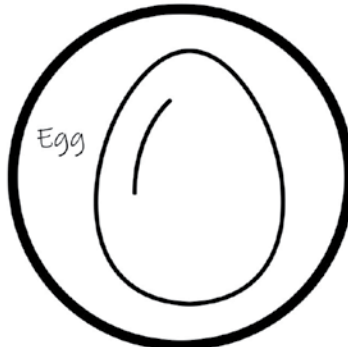
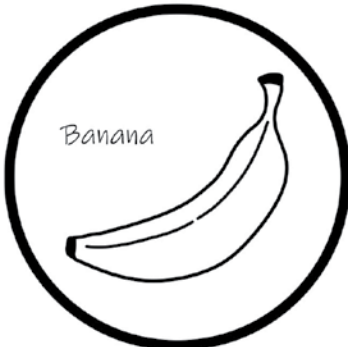
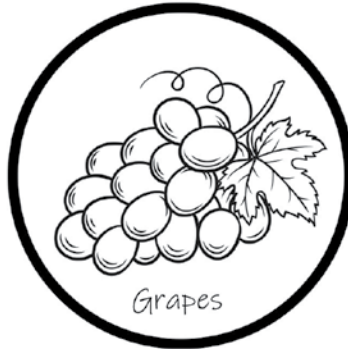
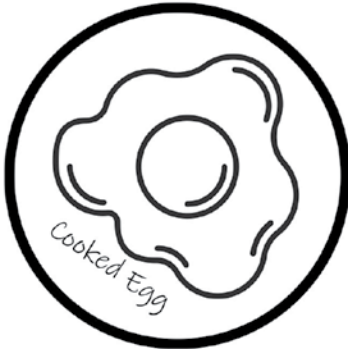
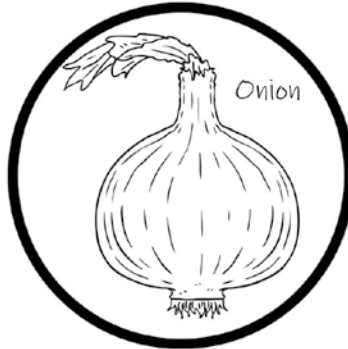




# ANIMAL SAFETY CHALLENGE

Stuck?  
See page 3!

**Directions:** Color the things safe for pets **GREEN**.  
Color the things unsafe for pets **RED**.



**BONUS!** Which one is both?

Activity courtesy of Natalie Korzuch of Girl Scout Troop 1917 and Prince William SPCA



# HONK!

## IF YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR!

Have you noticed new, big birds on a farm or park near you? Have you heard honking in the skies? Many Canada geese have flown south from their homes in Canada and Alaska. They have **migrated**, or traveled to a new place. In the south, it is warmer. That means more food and water that is not frozen.

How do Canada geese know the way? They watch rivers, mountains, and shores. They watch the sun and stars. In the spring, many Canada geese will fly back north. Some will stay for the food and safety of their new homes.



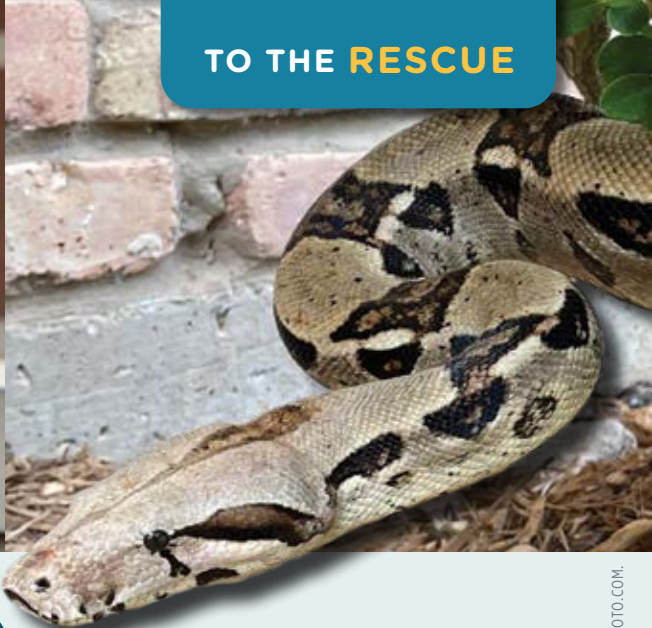
**IDEA box:** Make a log and write down animals you see around your home each day. Which animals are there year-round? Which animals are not? Find out where those animals go.

## CRITTER CLUES

- 1 I am not a pet, but I share people's homes!
- 2 I love to snack on anything: seeds, fruits, veggies, and pet food.
- 3 I am very **social**; I love to be in groups.
- 4 If I am bothering you, keep anything I might eat cleaned up or covered! Crumbs too!

## WHO AM I?





# Meet Scar

Scar the snake tried to stay warm in his small cage. In the wild, **Boa constrictor** (bow-uh cuhn-strict-er) snakes live in warm places. His owner had a heat lamp on him. But when Scar got too close, his nose got hurt!

Steve's Snaketuary (snake-chew-ary) in Louisiana gave Scar a new home with more space. It is a **sanctuary** — a place

animals can live freely and safely — just for snakes! Scar gets breaks from his cage to slither around the grass. He climbs bushes and trees. He goes to schools and camps to help teach children about snakes. “Scar is really friendly around kids,” says Steven Kennedy who runs the sanctuary. “And he loves watching TV. He will fall asleep in our laps!”

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**Now that you have read *Kind News*, challenge yourself with these questions:**

## KIND QUESTIONS

1. After reading “The Many Fun Ways to Give!”, who was your favorite giving person or people to read about? Why? What are some things you already do to give back and help others? What more could you do to help animals or people?
2. After reading “To the Rescue – Meet Scar,” how could you tell what Scar is like? Would you want to get to know a snake like Scar? Why or why not? Describe another animal you know in one to two sentences. Or, describe a real or imaginary animal you would like to meet.



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