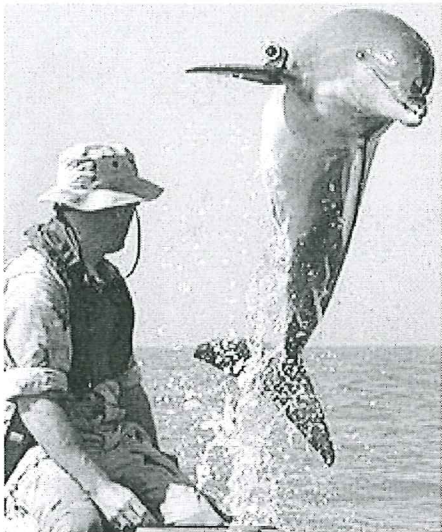


Amazing Animal Helpers



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K-Dog, a bottlenose dolphin, has a camera attached to its flipper to record underwater objects. 2003.

This dolphin is helping soldiers. How? It looks for hidden objects on the ocean floor. Other animals help people too. Jump inside to learn all about them!

Animals Have Special Jobs!

Many different types of animals help people. See how these animals lend a hand—or a flipper, hoof, or paw!

Diving Dolphins

A special team of bottlenose dolphins helps the U.S. Navy in the ocean waters near Iraq. The dolphins use **sonar** to find unsafe objects in the water. Sonar is the use of sound to find things. After the dolphins finish their job, they are rewarded with a favorite snack—fish! The dolphins' work helps keep our troops safe from harm.

Reading Dogs

Some dogs help children become better readers. The dogs sit and listen to the children read. That helps kids feel confident while they read. The dogs do not rush the kids or correct them.

Helpful Horses

Meet Cuddles, a guide horse. She is full-grown at 2 feet tall. That is about the size of a large dog. Cuddles helps guide her owner, who is blind. Cuddles wears special sneakers to protect her hooves.

Marvelous Monkeys

Some monkeys help people who cannot move their arms or legs. The monkeys are trained to do tasks such as getting water from the refrigerator or putting a CD in a music player.



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This dog helps find people buried in collapsed buildings.

Hot Dogs!

Take a look at some ways these furry friends help people.

- Some dogs look for people who could be buried in snow.
- A dog can search for people in the water.
- Other dogs work to cheer up sick children in hospitals.
- A colorful poodle might visit a child in a hospital.

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1. What job does Cuddles the horse do for her owner?
 - A She finds unsafe objects in the water.
 - B She wears special sneakers to protect her hooves.
 - C She guides her owner who is blind.
 - D She gets her owner water from the refrigerator.

2. The passage compares different animals. What do all the animals described in the passage have in common?
 - A All of them have been trained to help humans.
 - B All of them use sonar to find objects in the ocean.
 - C All of them are small animals.
 - D All of them enjoy the jobs that they do.

3. How do the animals described in the passage affect the lives of humans?
 - A The animals affect the lives of humans in ways that can't be noticed.
 - B The animals affect the lives of humans in both positive and negative ways.
 - C The animals affect the lives of humans in a negative way.
 - D The animals affect the lives of humans in a positive way.

4. "The monkeys are trained to do tasks such as getting water from the refrigerator or putting a CD in a music player." In the passage, the word **tasks** most nearly means
 - A important plans
 - B helpful jobs
 - C sharp objects
 - D easy activities

5. The main idea of this passage is that
 - A people who are blind can have a trained horse help them go places
 - B it is very important for humans to have animals to help them
 - C dogs are the best kind of animal helpers
 - D there are different kinds of animals that help humans

6. How do bottlenose dolphins help the U.S. Navy in the ocean waters near Iraq?
