WAG Working and Giving for Animal Welfare.

Student and teacher resource
Dear Student,

Thank-you for volunteering your time to help the animals at the RSPCA. Your support is very valuable to us. Without generous people like you, our Victorian shelters would not be able to help around 30,000 animals each year.

RSPCA is a non-government, community based organisation working to prevent animal cruelty by actively promoting their care and protection. Only around 3% of our costs are funded by the state government. In order to continue our important work for animals, we rely on our community for a great deal of support.

Currently, there are more than 2,200 RSPCA volunteers in Victoria, helping across nine animal shelters and at public events.

Your contribution to the RSPCA can make a real difference to animals in need.

Please visit our website for more information.

www.rspcavic.org
**WAG ACTIONS**

An Education Officer will put a stamp next to the tasks you complete today.

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<th>Sign in and attend RSPCA Induction</th>
<th>Animal Grooming</th>
<th>Help to sort donations</th>
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<td>Make an enrichment item for dogs</td>
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<td>Participate in dog behaviour session</td>
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<td>Make enrichment item for farm animals</td>
<td>Barn animal socialisation</td>
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WAG QUIZ

Thanks once again for your time and effort in helping the RSPCA. Let’s check how much you have learned about our important work for animals.

1. Approximately how many animals does the RSPCA care for each year in Victoria?
   A) 6,000  C) 30,000
   B) 500     D) 1,525

2. What percentage of RSPCA funding comes Victorian government?
   A) Nearly 100%  C) 22%
   B) About 50%    D) Approximately 3%

3. The RSPCA rescues and finds homes for animals which are:
   A) Lost or homeless  D) Victims of cruelty
   B) Abandoned or surrendered  E) All of the above
   C) Sick or injured

4. Which of the following is incorrect?
   The community can help the RSPCA by:
   A) Raising money  C) Buying a pet from a pet shop
   B) Collecting blankets, towels, pet food, newspapers and toys  D) Volunteering

5. Which animal welfare issue/s did you hear about while you were at the RSPCA?
   A) Puppy factories  D) Animal cruelty and neglect
   B) Battery hens/humane foods  E) Other ................................
   C) Cat welfare /desexing
Please give details about this issue:
6. How many complaints of animal cruelty do RSPCA Inspectors investigate each year in Victoria?

A) About 300  
B) More than 1 million  
C) Approximately 14,000  
D) Less than 100

7. RSPCA shelters care for which animal types?

a) P____S  
b) W____D____E  
c) ____M__A__S

8. The RSPCA started in ______________ (which year?) for the ____________________________ (which animal?)
9. Visit the RSPCA knowledgebase to discover our Five Freedoms for animals — kb.rspca.org.au

Freedom from

Freedom to

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Freedom from
Write about your visit to the RSPCA. Have a look at the suggestions on the right to help you.

My favourite animal was...

We helped the animals by...

The best thing about the RSPCA is....

I learned that...

I was amazed that...

I’m going to help the RSPCA in future by...
RSPCA Word Search

Can you find all of the words from the list?

R E E T N U L O V K A E D E
M O O R G D H U T C H Z E S
P G N I S I A R D N U F S I
E I E R E T A W D H E O E C
U N N S R S P C A E I O X R
E N Y T H D M T D I U D I E
I O E G N I N I A R T J N X
T P R E D N E R R U S Q G E
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T T R L U E G N D O G E R T
Food
Vet
Fundraising
Groom
RSPCA
Hutch
Water
Exercise
Dog
Identification
Farm
Shelter
Volunteer
Cat
Surrender
Training
Friend
Desexing
Pet
Toys
Stray
RSPCA CROSSWORD

Down
1. An animal doctor.
3. A rabbit’s bedroom.
4. Teaching a new skill.
6. An animal which is wandering the streets.
8. To give up an animal to the care of an animal shelter.
10. Items which give details such as name, address and phone number.
11. An operation to stop an animal from making babies.
12. Something to eat.
16. A companion.
17. Feline.
22. To save from danger.

Across
2. Protection from the weather.
5. Give these to your pet so that they play.
7. Australia’s leading animal welfare organisation.
9. Animals which are native to Australia.
12. Raising money for a charity.
13. Canine.
14. The RSPCA cares for pets, wildlife and _____________ animals.
15. Animals mush have fresh _____________ at all times.
18. To brush the coat of an animal.
19. To accept a new family member into you home.
20. Work for no pay.

HINT: The words from the Word Search may help you.
PAWFECT MATCH

For this activity, you are an RSPCA Adoptions Officer. It is your job to match the right pet to the right owner or family. There may be more than one good match. The animals below are available for adoption at the RSPCA. They have all been desexed, microchipped, vaccinated and behaviour tested.

**Name:** Depp  
**Species:** Dog  
**Breed:** Kelpie x  
**Age:** 1 year

I am an energetic young boy and really smart too! Make sure you give me lots of things to do to keep me busy. I will need much more space than a regular back yard. I am a bit too rough and bouncy for kids.

**Name:** Missy  
**Species:** Cat  
**Breed:** Domestic Short Hair  
**Age:** 7 years

I love to have lazy days on the couch. I’m very friendly with people and like gentle pats. I have light coloured nose and ears, so I am safest indoors, away of the sun. I can be frightened of other animals.

**Name:** Tammy  
**Species:** Rabbit  
**Breed:** Domestic Rabbit  
**Age:** 2 years

I am a little bit shy at first. Please give me time to warm up to you. I don’t like being picked up and would not be suitable for children under 10. I like gentle pats. I love to eat parsley, hay and lots of fresh grass. I need a big area to play in which is safe from the weather, insects and other animals.
Name: Rosie  
Species: Dog  
Breed: Greyhound  
Age: 4 months  

I am a playful pup. I love being silly and chewing things. I need someone who can teach me manners and where to go to the toilet. A daily walk would be great too. Being a puppy, you will need to feed me more than twice a day and spend plenty of time with me. I would like to be friends with everyone, including other animals!

Name: Spunk and Ashley  
Species: Guinea Pig  
Breed: Domestic Guinea Pigs  
Age: 3 years  

We are two desexed, male and female guinea pig friends. We would love to find a home with plenty of space to play and lots of fresh veggies to eat. We like gentle pats but can become scared by loud noises and other animals.

Name: Poppy and Milly  
Species: Dog  
Breed: King Charles Cavalier Spaniel & Terrier Mix  
Age: 5 & 6 years  

We are two female, small breed dogs. We need to find a home together as we have always lived as a pair. We like to play with a tennis ball and like gentle pats. We don’t need a large yard, but will need a short, daily walk.
### Pawfect Match

Now that you have read about the available pets, it is time to meet the people who are interested in adopting an animal.

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<td>Joannah has a 4 year old daughter. They live in a small house with a small yard. Joannah works two days per week and spends the other days at home. This family has one cat already.</td>
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<th>Name:</th>
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<td>The Wen Family has two adults and two children. They live in a house with a large back garden. They enjoy spending time at home and going for a daily walk to the park. Jeannie is a stay-at-home mum, Sam works full time and the children go to school.</td>
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<td>Amanda works full time as a nurse. She does not have many plans on weekends. Amanda lives in a small house with a medium-size yard. She lives alone and enjoys outdoor exercise.</td>
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Name: The Edwards family
Age: 45, 38, 13 & 10 years
The Edwards Family lives in a large house with a large yard. Mum and Dad both work full time and the children go to school. They are an active family and regularly go away on holidays.

Name: Lara and Steve
Age: 32 & 34 years
Lara and Steve live in an apartment with no yard, but have an enclosed balcony. Lara works full time and Steve works from home. They have spare time in evenings and weekends and would love a pet to sit on the couch with them.

Name: Dean
Age: 26 years
Dean lives and works on a farm. He has many sheep and some other farm animals. Dean spends much on his time on his property and would like a pet to keep him company. Dean has no children.
Match the animals with an appropriate owner. This table will help you to display your choices. Place a tick in the box which matches the owner to suitable animals.

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