

Pet rescue 营救动物

Vocabulary: rescue 词汇: 营救、救援

Cookie is a **hero**! This pet parrot's **courage** was celebrated in a news article after he **saved** his teenage owner when a fire **broke out** in their home in Wales.

The bird **flapped** its wings and **squawked** to **alert** Ben Rees to the **blaze**. He **fled**, Cookie died.

Kayla, a dog in the US, was luckier. It jumped around its sleeping owner to **warn** her about a **gas leak**. Both have **survived** to tell the tale.



Do you think an iguana could have rights?

There are many stories of animals keeping humans **out of harm's way**. But the relationship between species hasn't always sounded so friendly and selfless.

From 1911 to 1986, canaries were traditionally taken down British coal mines to **alert** workers to the presence of **toxic gases**. If the animals got sick, humans knew to leave the area. Today **sniffer dogs** are used by the police and the military to locate drugs, landmines and even dead bodies.

The gratitude to animals, which bring us companionship and even rescue us, contributed to making the modern concept of animal rights popular. The idea can be **traced back** to 19th century England. The Royal Society for the Prevention of **Cruelty** to Animals (RSPCA) was created in 1824 and is still going strong today.

Local groups in different countries have focused on issues on their own area. Spanish animal rights activists, for example, have engaged in a campaign to ban bullfighting.

And the animals don't have to be majestic bulls or **cute** birds, cats and dogs to be **spared** suffering. What about pythons and iguanas? They have rights too, according to the group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

Singer Beyonce was criticised recently by the organisation for wearing a costume made of the skins of such animals on a recent Super Bowl appearance.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Why did Cookie flap his wings and squawk?
2. What happened in Kayla's house that could have killed the dog and her owner?
3. According to the article, which animals do humans use to help them?
4. Is this statement true or false? *Activists believe that only animals that can be domesticated have rights.*
5. Which word in the article means sweet or endearing?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. As the tsunami approached, Joan gathered her children and ran for the hills. She did everything she could to keep her family out of _____ way.

peril's	threat's	harm's	fear's
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2. I don't know how to swim. If I fall from the boat I won't be able to _____ in the sea.

survive	spare	live	rescue
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3. The park was closed while officers and a _____ dog searched for drugs in a police operation to crack down on drug dealing in the area.

smelly	sniffer	nosy	cute
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4. The fire _____ out in the early hours of the morning and destroyed the factory in a matter of hours.

toasted	made	broke	put
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5. My aversion to broccoli can be traced _____ to childhood, when my mother made sure I ate a plateful every day.

out	away	forward	back
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Why did Cookie flap his wings and squawk? **To alert his owner to a fire.**
2. What happened in Kayla's house that could have killed the dog and her owner? **A gas leak.**
3. According to the article, which animals do humans use to help them? **The article mentions canaries and dogs.**
4. Is this statement true or false? *Activists believe that only animals that can be domesticated have rights.* **False. According to the article, even pythons and iguanas are defended by the animal rights group PETA.**
5. Which word in the article means sweet or endearing? **Cute.**

Exercise 练习

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2. I don't know how to swim. If I fall from the boat I won't be able to survive in the sea.
3. The park was closed while officers and a sniffer dog searched for drugs in a police operation to crack down on drug dealing in the area.
4. The fire broke out in the early hours of the morning and destroyed the factory in a matter of hours.
5. My aversion to broccoli can be traced back to childhood, when my mother made sure I ate a plateful every day.

Glossary 词汇表

a hero	英雄
courage	勇气, 胆量
to save	解救
to break out	突然发生, 爆发
to flap	拍打、抖动(翅膀)
to squawk	(鸟)发出响亮而粗厉的叫声
to alert	提醒, 报警
the blaze	大火
to flee	逃离, 逃走
to warn	提醒, 发出警告
a gas leak	煤气泄漏
to survive	幸免于难, 活下来
out of harm's way	免受、脱离伤害
a toxic gas	有毒气体
a sniffer dog	嗅探犬
to trace back	追溯到
cruelty	虐待, 残酷行为
cute	可爱的
to spare	免受伤害, 幸免