| Key Vocabulary | |
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| **rescuers** | people who save someone from a bad situation |
| **animal companions** | animals who are adopted and cared for by humans |
| **natural habitat** | place where plants and animals are meant to live and grow |

# Herman the Duckling



Herman was a fluffy baby duck living all alone in a dirty cage. He needed more space, some water to swim in, and other ducks to play with. Luckily, **rescuers** saved him and took him to a safe place with a pond and lots of other ducks. Now, Herman is all grown up and gets to swim every day with his duck friends.

Wild ducks are sweet, but they aren't toys and shouldn't be **animal companions**. Like all wild animals, wild ducks are happiest and healthiest in their **natural habitat**.

# Comprehension Questions: Herman the Duckling

**1. Why did Herman need help?**

a. He was sick.

b. He was living all alone in a dirty cage.

c. He had a broken wing.

d. He was lost.

**2. What does Herman do every day now?**

a. Take naps in the sun

b. Eat his favorite food

c. Swim with other ducks

d. Play chase with his friends

**3. Where are wild ducks happiest and healthiest?**

a. In their natural habitat

b. In a cage

c. In a house

d. In a pool

**4. How do you think Herman felt before he was rescued, and how did he feel afterward? What makes you think so?**

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# Answer Sheet: Herman the Duckling

## 1. Why did Herman need help?

**Answer:** b. He was living all alone in a dirty cage. (Literal)

## 2. What does Herman do every day now?

**Answer:** c. Swim with other ducks (Literal)

## 3. Where are wild ducks happiest and healthiest?

**Answer:** a. In their natural habitat (Literal)

## 4. How do you think Herman felt before he was rescued, and how did he feel afterward? What makes you think so?

**Possible Answer:** Herman was probably scared, confused, and uncomfortable before being rescued, because he lived all alone in a dirty cage. After being rescued, he probably felt safe and happy, because he had everything he needed and he was surrounded by other ducks. (Evaluative)