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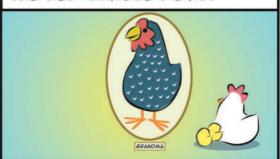
AWESOME CHICKENS!

CHICKENS ARE FASCINATING ANIMALS! DID YOU KNOW ...

CHICKENS WERE DOMESTICATED ABOUT 8,000 YEARS AGO. THE CHICKEN WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A SACRED ANIMAL SYMBOLIZING THE SUN.



ALL DOMESTIC CHICKENS ARE RELATED TO GALLUS GALLUS, THE RED JUNGLE FOWL.



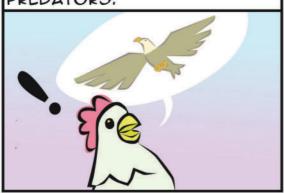
IN 1888, THE AVERAGE HEN LAID ABOUT 100 EGGS PER YEAR. TODAY'S OVERWORKED, STRESSED CHICKENS AVERAGE ABOUT 25G EGGS PER YEAR.



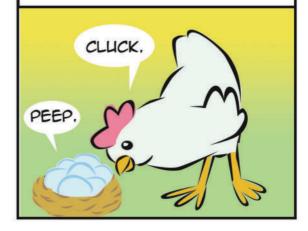
CHICKENS ON BIG FARMS ARE OFTEN FED THEIR OWN WASTE AND FEATHERS — AS WELL AS GROUND-UP CATTLE, PIGS, AND EVEN OTHER CHICKENS.



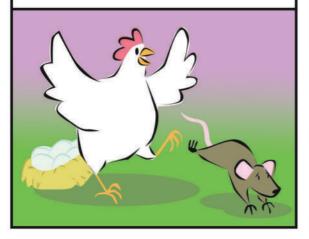
CHICKENS MAKE SOUNDS WITH SPECIFIC MEANINGS. THEY GIVE DIFFERENT ALARM CALLS WHEN THREATENED BY DIFFERENT PREDATORS.



HENS AND CHICKS TALK WITH EACH OTHER ... EVEN WHILE THE CHICK IS STILL INSIDE THE EGG!



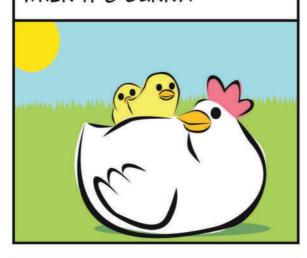
A MOTHER HEN WILL PROTECT HER BABIES FROM DANGER.



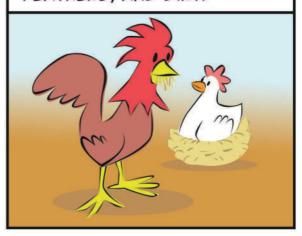
HENS WILL LET THEIR BABIES HIDE UNDER THEIR WINGS WHEN IT RAINS ...



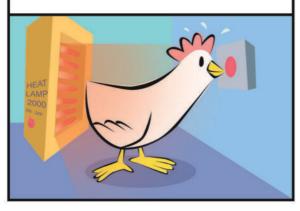
... AND SIT ON THEIR BACKS WHEN IT'S SUNNY!



ROOSTERS HELP HENS BUILD NESTS OUT OF TWIGS, HAY, FEATHERS, AND DIRT.



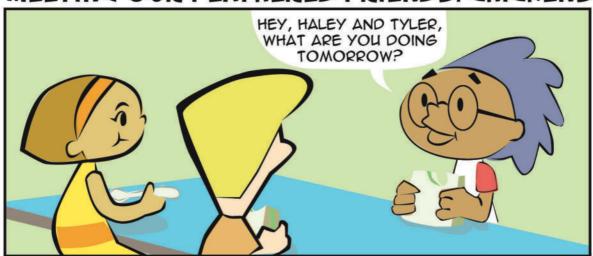
CHICKENS ARE SMART! THEY HAVE LEARNED TO OPEN DOORS AND TURN OFF THE HEAT WHEN THEY WANT TO COOL OFF.



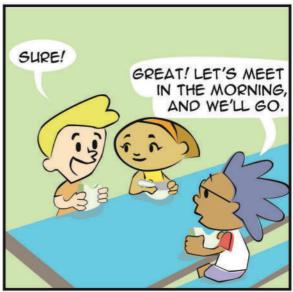
CHICKENS WHO ARE TREATED KINDLY ARE FRIENDLY — SOME LIKE TO SIT ON PEOPLE'S LAPS.



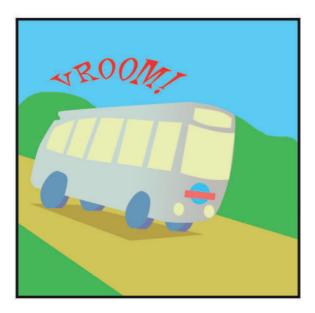
MEETING OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS: CHICKENS







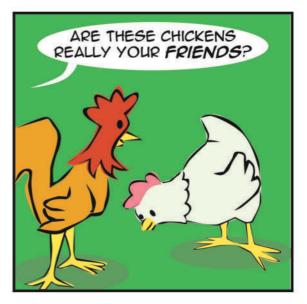




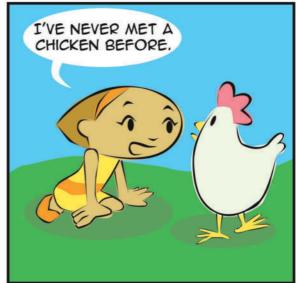


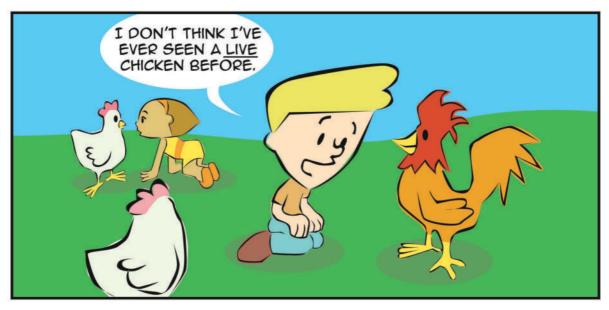


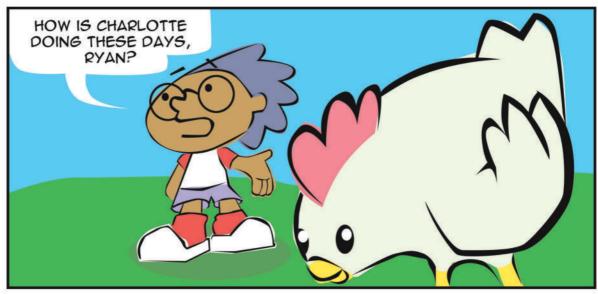






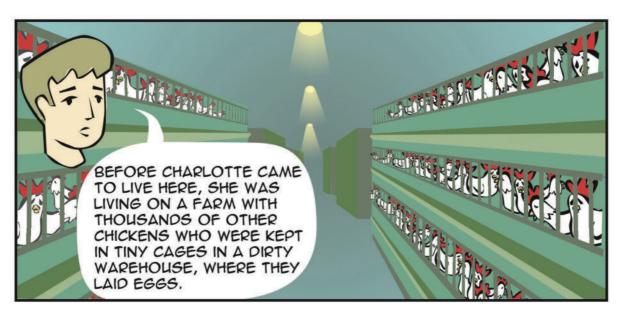






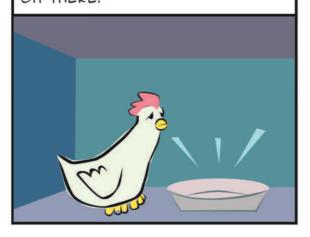




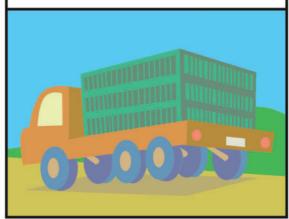




SHE WAS SO BORED, LONELY, AND SCARED. ALL SHE COULD DO WAS SIT THERE.



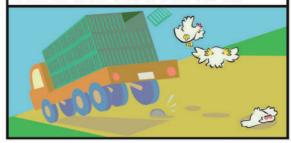
ONE DAY, ALL THE CHICKENS WERE LOADED ONTO A TRUCK AND SENT TO A SLAUGHTERHOUSE.



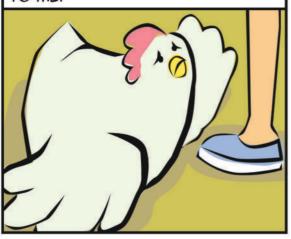
CHARLOTTE AND 900 OTHER CHICKENS WERE JAMMED ONTO THE TRUCK FOR THEIR LONG JOURNEY IN THE BURNING SUN.



BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, CHARLOTTE AND SOME OTHERS FELL OFF. SHE WAS TIRED, BRUISED, AND WEAK, SO SHE SAT AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, NOT MOVING. ABOUT 10 OF HER FRIENDS WERE ON THE ROAD, TOO ... THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT.



A COUPLE OF MY FRIENDS FOUND THEM ... AND BROUGHT CHARLOTTE TO ME.

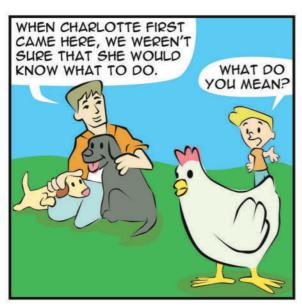




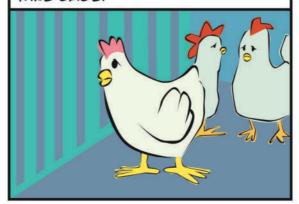
WE TOOK HER TO THE VET, WHO GAVE HER SOME MEDICINE, AND BROUGHT HER BACK HERE.



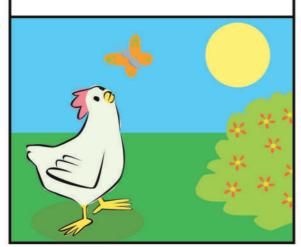




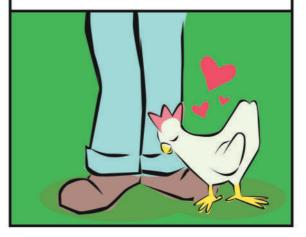
WELL, SHE'D NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND WITH HER FEET UNTIL SHE FELL OFF THAT TRUCK. BEFORE THAT, SHE HAD ONLY KNOWN A WIRE CAGE.

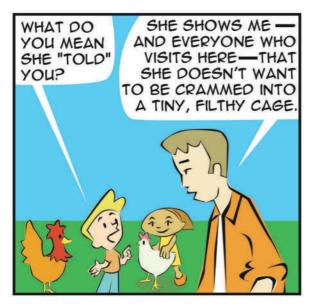


SHE'D NEVER EVEN FELT THE SUN ON HER BACK BEFORE.

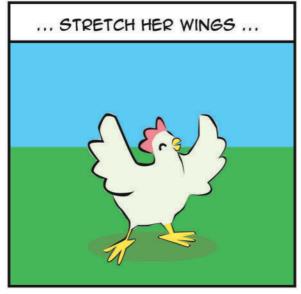


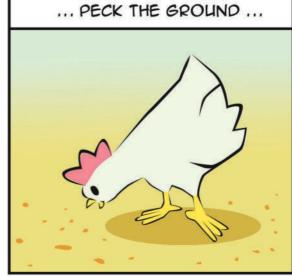
BUT JUST AS WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT, SO DO CHICKENS. CHARLOTTE HAS TOLD ME THAT SHE'S HAPPY NOW.







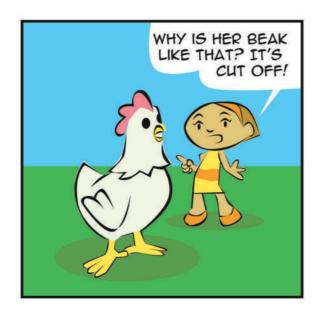






... MAKE COZY NESTS, KEEP HER

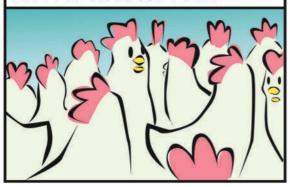


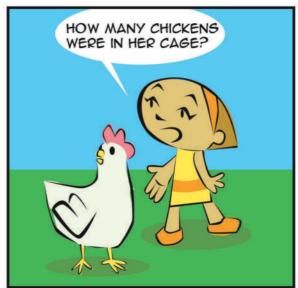


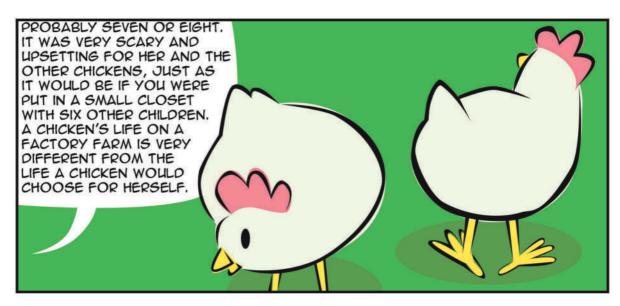
WHEN SHE WAS A BABY, THE FARMER CUT PART OF HER BEAK OFF SO THAT SHE WOULDN'T PECK OTHER CHICKENS IN HER CRAMPED CAGE.



CHICKENS GET ALONG BY CHOOSING PLACES FOR MEMBERS OF THEIR FLOCK, FROM THE "TOP BIRD" ALL THE WAY DOWN. IT'S CALLED A "PECKING ORDER." BUT WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY BIRDS, THEY MUST FIGHT FOR SPACE AND FOOD.

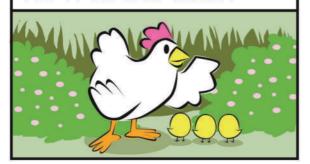




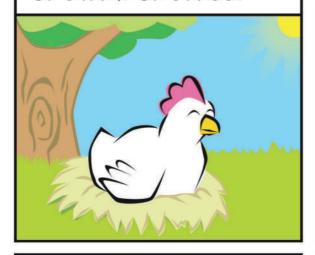


NATURE'S WAY

CHICKS HATCH FROM EGGS
THAT THEIR MOMS SIT ON,
THEN AS THEY GROW UP, THEY
LEARN FROM EXPERIENCES
AND FROM THEIR MOMS.



CHICKENS PICK OUT SPOTS TO MAKE COZY NESTS OUT OF STRAW OR GRASS.



CHICKENS LIKE TO WALK THROUGH GRASS AND UNDER BUSHES, LOOKING FOR YUMMY THINGS TO EAT.



THE FACTORY FARM WAY

EGGS ARE TAKEN FROM HENS AND SOLD IN STORES FOR FOOD.



CHICKENS ARE KEPT IN WIRE CAGES AND AREN'T GIVEN ANY MATERIALS TO MAKE NESTS.



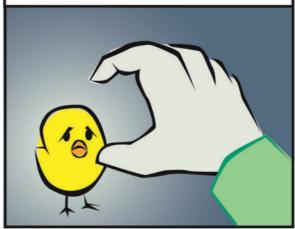
FARMERS GIVE CHICKENS PLAIN, BORING PELLETS TO EAT THAT HAVE BLOOD AND CHICKEN FEATHERS IN THEM.



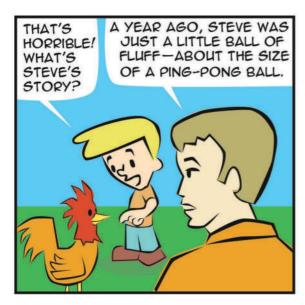
WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE NATURALLY, CHICKENS CAN LIVE AS LONG AS 20 YEARS!

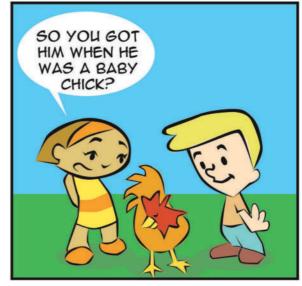


BUT ON FARMS, HENS RAISED TO LAY EGGS LIVE LESS THAN TWO YEARS ...





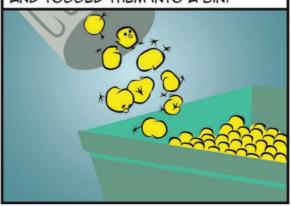




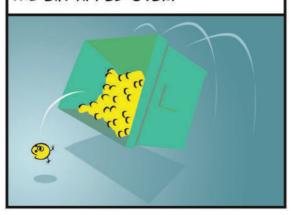
YEP. STEVE HATCHED WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER CHICKS UNDER A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A HUGE SHED. HE NEVER KNEW HIS MOTHER OR FATHER.



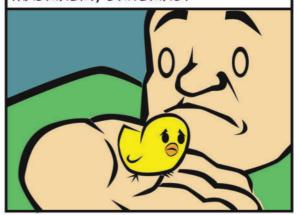
THE FARMER WANTED TO KEEP ONLY THE HENS (SO HE COULD SELL THEIR EGGS), SO HE SEPARATED THE MALE CHICKS FROM THE FEMALES ... AND TOSSED THEM INTO A BIN.



STEVE WAS ONE OF THEM. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GROUND UP FOR FERTILIZER, BUT HE FELL OUT WHEN THE BIN TIPPED OVER.

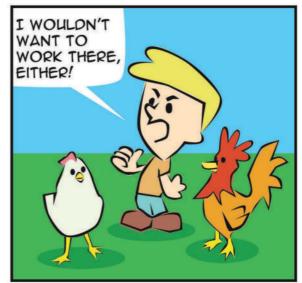


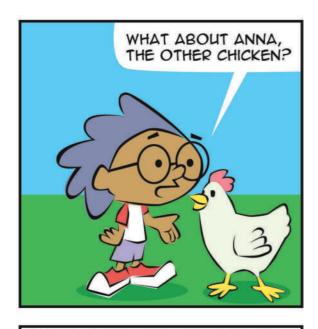
A KIND MAN WHO HAD STARTED WORK AT THE HATCHERY THAT DAY FOUND HIM UNDER A PIECE OF MACHINERY, SHIVERING.



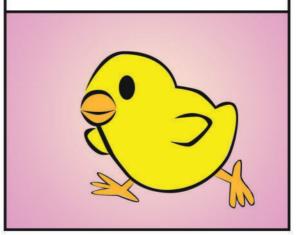
HE PICKED HIM UP, PUT HIM INSIDE HIS SHIRT TO KEEP HIM WARM, AND BROUGHT HIM TO ME. THE KIND MAN DECIDED NEVER TO GO BACK TO WORK THERE.







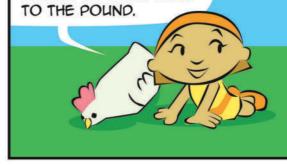
I VOLUNTEER AT OUR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER. ANNA WAS BROUGHT IN WHEN SHE WAS A COUPLE OF WEEKS OLD.



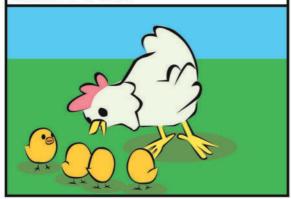
SHE WAS THE ONLY CHICK WHO HATCHED IN A DUMB SCHOOL EXPERIMENT. THE SCHOOL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HER, SO THE TEACHER TOOK HER TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

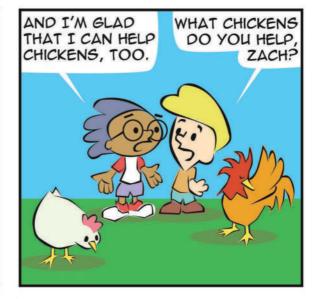


HEY! WE HATCHED CHICKS IN MY SCHOOL BACK IN SECOND GRADE. AFTER THE CHICKS HATCHED, OUR TEACHER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, EITHER. HE TOOK THEM



PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF CHICKS THE WAY A MOTHER HEN CAN! I'M GLAD THAT I CAN HELP THESE CHICKENS AS MUCH AS I CAN.











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SAVE THE CHICKENS!

CHICKENS ARE AMAZING ANIMALS.
DUH! THAT'S A NO-BRAINER! THEY'RE
SHY, SENSITIVE BIRDS WHO MAKE GREAT
FRIENDS, DON'T YOU THINK? SO HELP
CHICKENS TODAY BY NOT EATING THEM!

ALL THE WORDS LISTED BELOW APPEAR SOMEWHERE IN THE PUZZLE SIDEWAYS, FORWARD, BACKWARD, DIAGONALLY, OR UP AND DOWN. CIRCLE EACH WORD (AS SHOWN IN THE EXAMPLE).



BARN

BEAK

CAGES

CHICK

CLUCK

CRUEL

DIRT

EGGS

FARMS

FEATHERS

FERTILIZER

FRIENDS

GALLUS

GRASS

HATCH

HATCHERY

HENS

MEAT

NESTS

PECK

ENIHSNUSOSFRSYS

F E R T I L I Z E R E U T R G

TDSTSCGSIRAFSNG

CRRGHAUEORTFEAE

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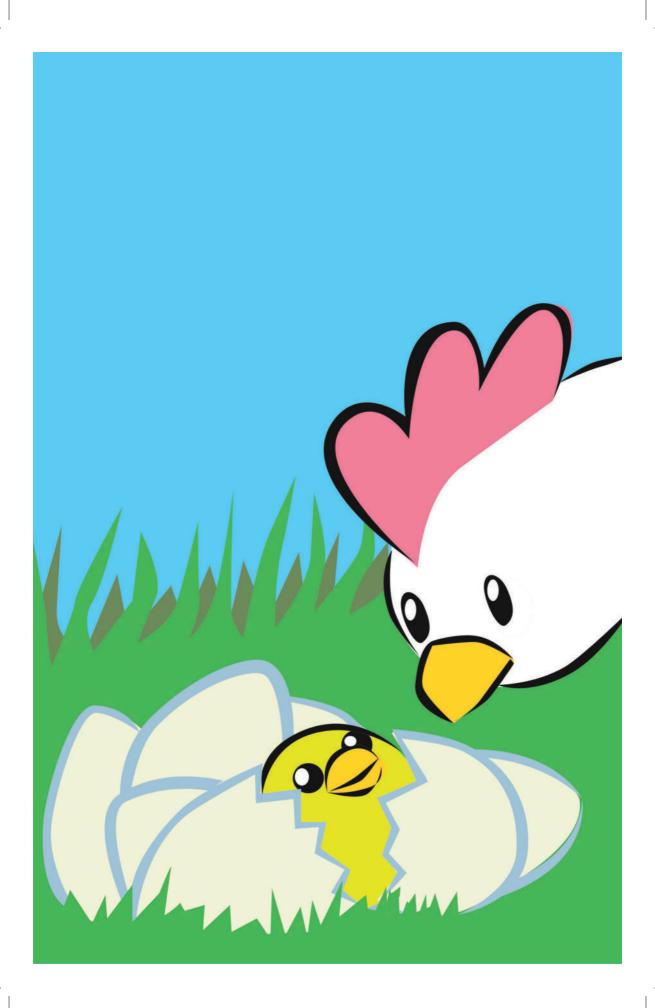
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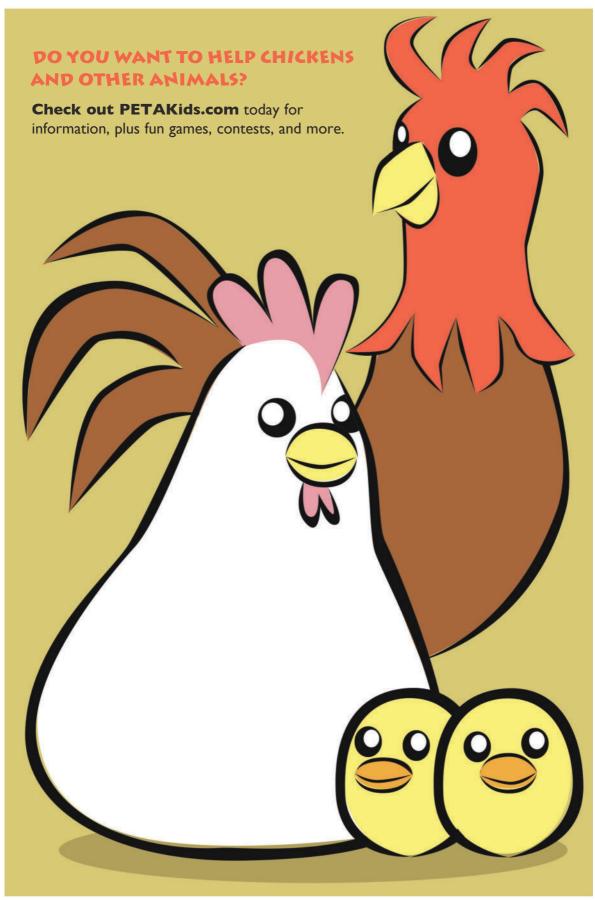
ROOSTERS VEGAN

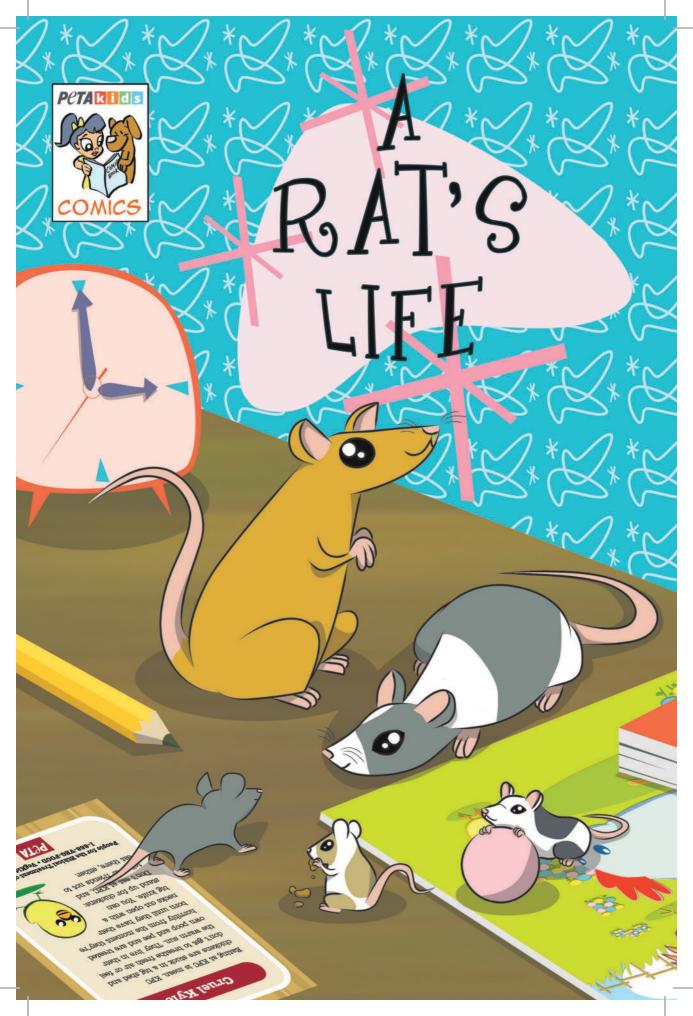
RUFFLE WAREHOUSES

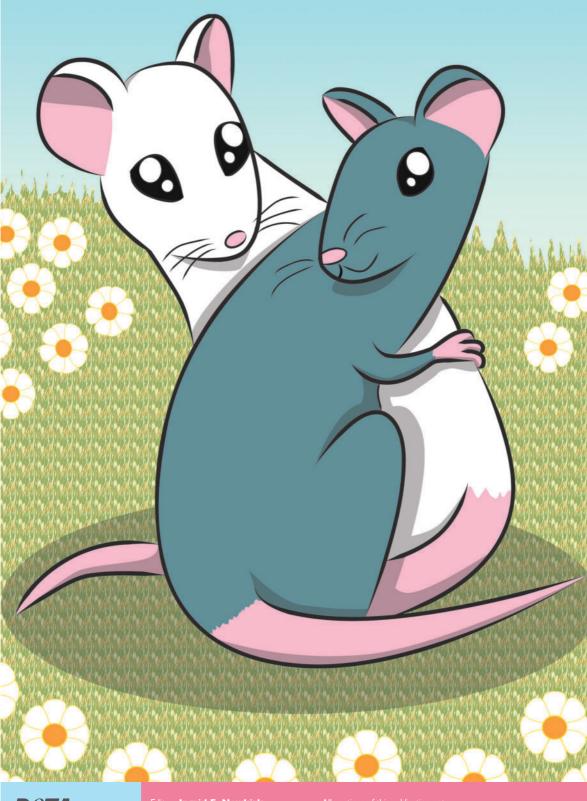
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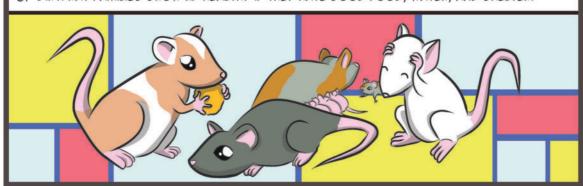
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AWESOME RATS! RATS ARE FASCINATING ANIMALS! DID YOU KNOW ...

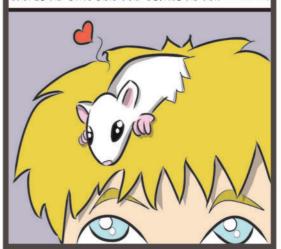
RATS WANT THEIR BODIES TO BE VERY CLEAN AND WILL WORK REALLY HARD TO RID THEMSELVES OF DIRT. RAT FAMILIES GROW UP HEALTHY IF THEY HAVE GOOD FOOD, WATER, AND SHELTER.



IF NO ONE FORCES THEM TO LIVE IN AN UNCLEAN CAGE, THEIR SKIN HAS A NICE PERFUME-LIKE SCENT.



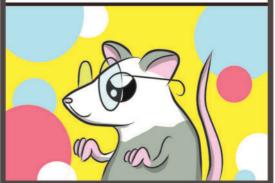
RATS ARE SMART, CURIOUS, AND FRIENDLY. THEY CAN BE AS OUTGOING AND GENTLE AS ANY HUMAN.



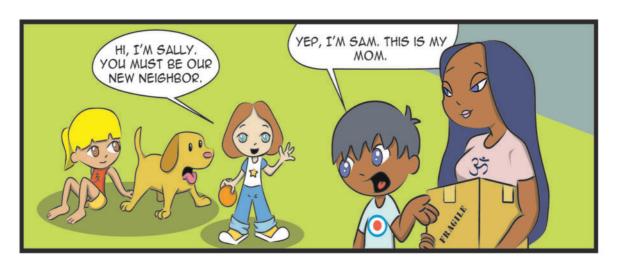
IF YOU ARE NICE TO THEM, RATS CAN BE HAPPY JUST LIKE US. OF COURSE, THEY ALSO FEEL PAIN, JUST AS DOGS, CATS, AND WE DO.



RATS HAVE POOR EYESIGHT BUT EXCELLENT SENSES OF SMELL, TASTE, TOUCH, AND HEARING.

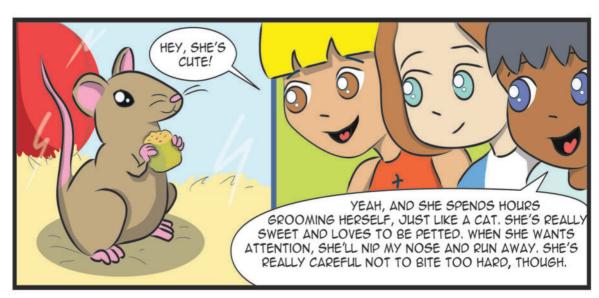














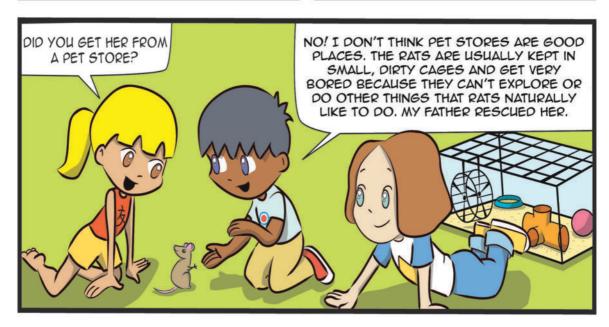


SHE LOVES TO PLAY AND GET INTO THINGS. YESTERDAY, SHE SPENT HOURS PULLING MY DIRTY CLOTHES FROM THE LAUNDRY BAG.



IF I LEAVE A GLASS OF ICE WATER ON THE FLOOR FOR HER, SHE'LL TAKE OUT EACH ICE CUBE AND CARRY IT AWAY FROM THE GLASS IN HER TEETH. SWEET POTATOES ARE HER FAVORITE TREAT. SHE LOVES THEM.





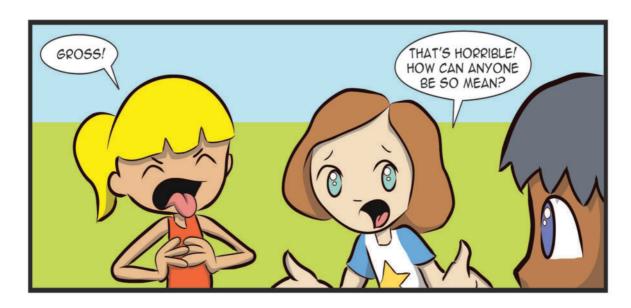




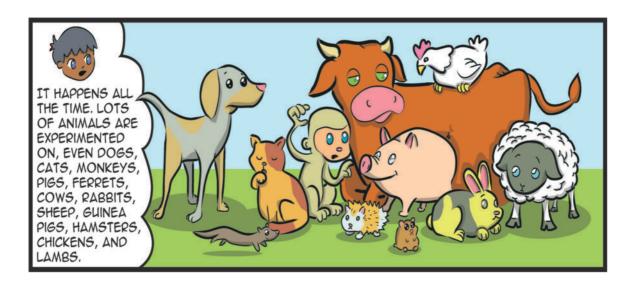


THE RESEARCHERS DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE ANIMALS. SOME WOULD THROW THEM INTO A COOLER, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE STILL ALIVE, OR CUT THE ANIMALS' HEADS OFF WITH SCISSORS. THEY LAUGHED WHILE THEY WERE DOING MEAN THINGS TO THE ANIMALS.

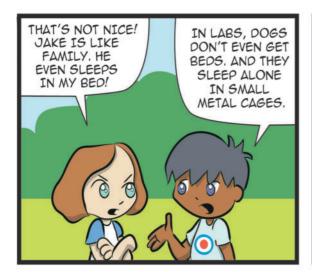


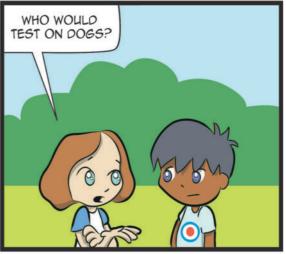














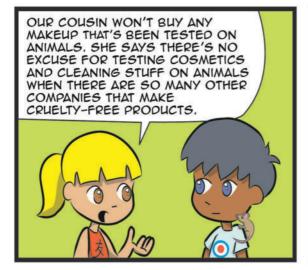


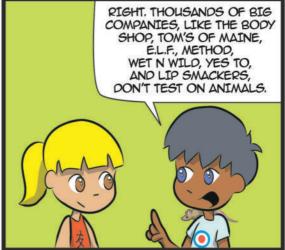
EVEN DOG- AND CAT-FOOD COMPANIES CONDUCT CRUEL TESTS TO MEASURE HOW EFFECTIVE THEIR FOOD IS. DURING THE LONG TESTS, DOGS AND CATS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO LIVE FOR YEARS IN COLD, EMPTY CAGES WITH NO TOYS.



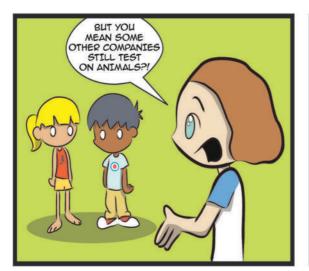
THAT'S
CRAZY.
THOSE
COMPANIES
ARE
SUPPOSED
TO CARE
ABOUT
ANIMALS.

YOU'D THINK SO, BUT
MANY EXPERIMENTERS
BECOME PRETTY COLD
AFTER YEARS OF TESTING
AND DON'T EVEN SEE THE
ANIMALS' SUFFERING.

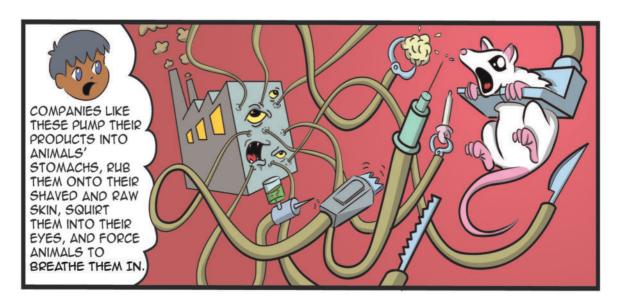












ISN'T IT ILLEGAL TO TEST ON ANIMALS? I SAW A MOVIE WHERE ANIMAL TESTING WAS BANNEO.

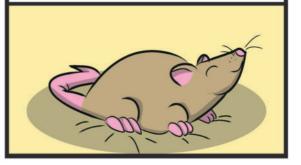


IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, IT'S ILLEGAL TO TEST ON ANIMALS FOR COSMETICS, AND OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., ARE NOW CONSTDERING LAWS THAT WOULD BAN THESE PAINFUL AND DEADLY TESTS.





THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT IS SUPPOSED TO HELP, BUT IT DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH. IT DOESN'T EVEN PROTECT MICE AND RATS, LIKE SUNSHINE, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE THE ANIMALS USED MOST OFTEN.

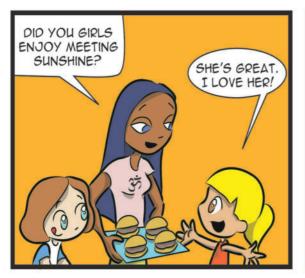








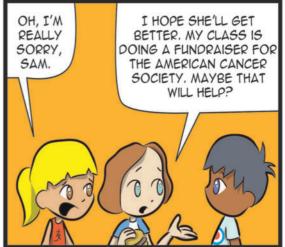


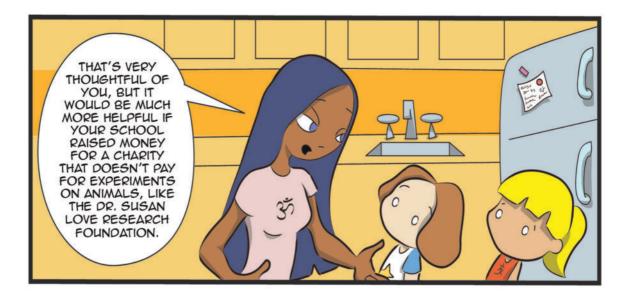
















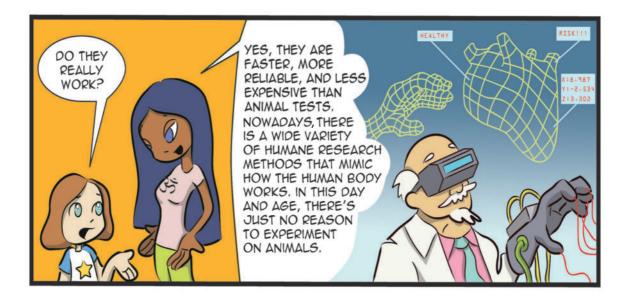


ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS REALLY WON'T HELP SAVE ANYONE'S LIFE. IN FACT, A LOT OF ANIMALS WILL SUFFER AND DIE FOR NOTHING. ANIMAL TESTING JUST USES MONEY THAT COULD BE SPENT HELPING PEOPLE, NOT HURTING ANIMALS.



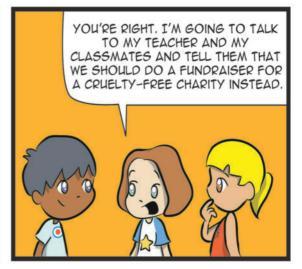
SMART CHARITIES FOCUS ON PREVENTION AND DIRECT CARE. AND THEY USE MODERN RESEARCH METHODS LIKE OBSERVING PEOPLE, USING COMPUTER MODELS, CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES, AND STUDYING HUMAN CELL AND TISSUE SAMPLES.





MY MOM'S RIGHT. BESIDES, IT'S WRONG TO INFECT ANIMALS WITH DISEASES THAT THEY WOULDN'T NORMALLY GET. HOW COULD WE LOOK SUNSHINE IN THE EYE IF WE HELPED CAUSE ANIMALS LIKE HER TO SUFFER?



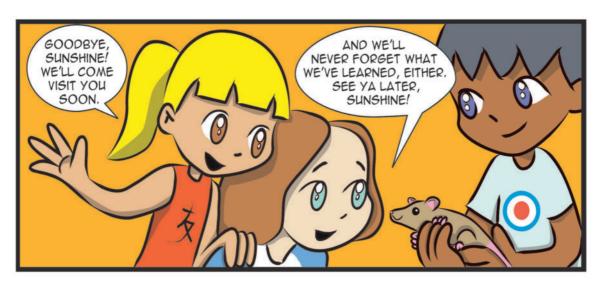










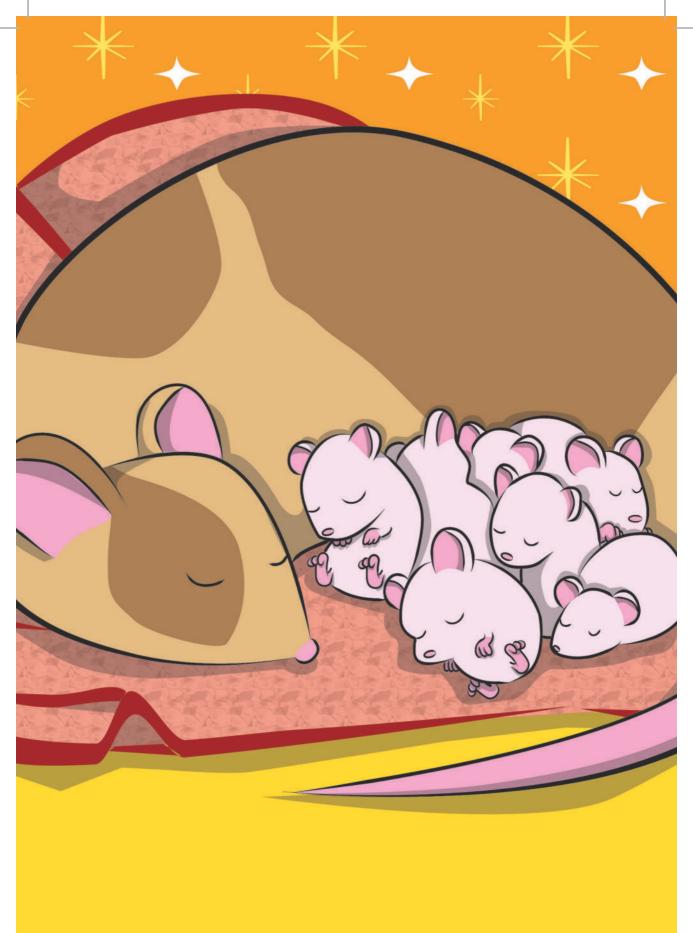




INSTRUCTIONS: RATS BELONG IN THE WILD, NOT IN A LAB.
SHOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT THEM BY COLORING IN THIS PICTURE
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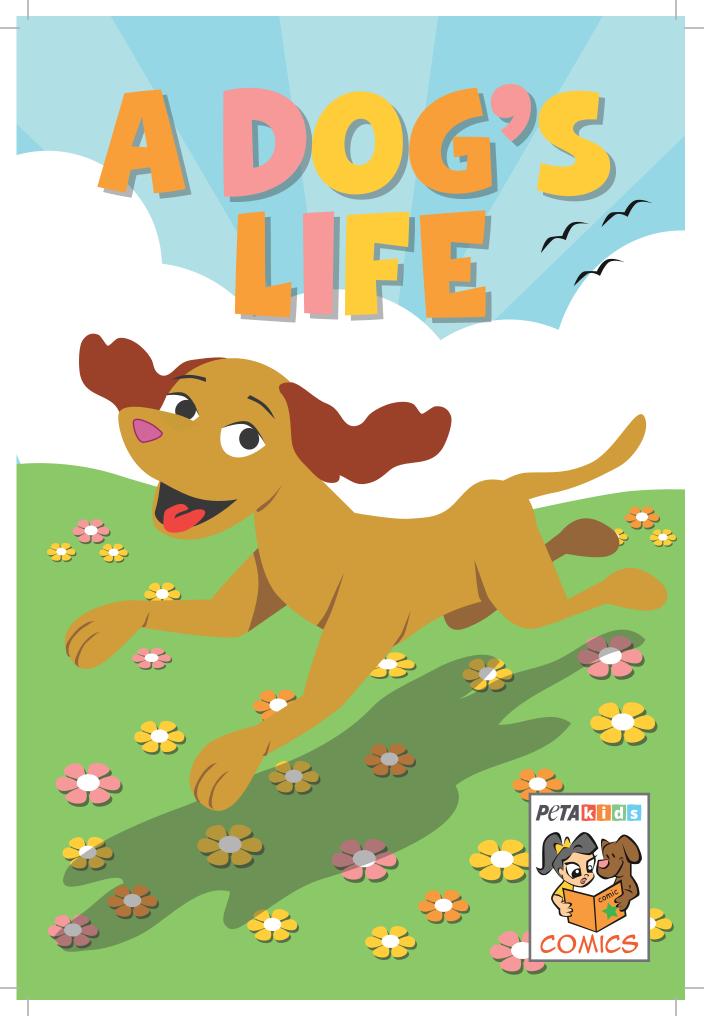
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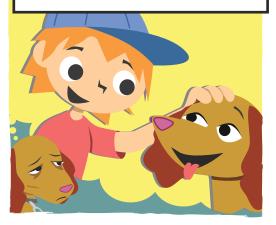




LEFT CHAINED, THERE WAS NOWHERE SHE COULD GO TO ESCAPE THE COLD.



MAYBE JUSTIN WOULD GIVE HER A PAT ON THE HEAD, SCRATCH HER EARS, AND TELL HER SHE WAS A GOOD GIRL.



LOOKING TOWARD THE HOUSE, SHE COULD SEE HER FAMILY INSIDE. SHE WISHED SHE COULD GO INDOORS AND BE WITH THEM, EVEN FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES.



MAYBE ASHLEY WOULD SLIP HER A SCRAP OF BREAD WHEN MOM AND DAD WEREN'T LOOKING.



BUT NO ONE NOTICED MOLLY LOOKING INSIDE LONGINGLY.



HER DOGHOUSE WAS OLD AND FALLING APART. IT DIDN'T KEEP OUT THE RAIN OR THE FREEZING WIND! SHE WAS ALWAYS COLD.



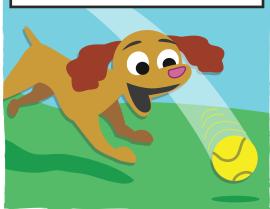
MOLLY HADN'T ALWAYS LIVED OUTSIDE. WHEN THE FAMILY BROUGHT HER HOME AS A PUPPY, SHE LIVED INDOORS WITH THEM.



JUSTIN LIKED TO PLAY



HE WOULD THROW A TENNIS BALL AND LAUGH AS IT BOUNCED ALL OVER AND MOLLY HAPPILY CHASED AND TRIED TO CATCH IT.



AT NIGHT, ASHLEY WOULD PICK HER UP, HUG AND KISS HER, AND PUT HER ON HER BED SO SHE COULD SNUGGLE WITH HER UNDER THE COVERS.



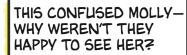
BUT SOMETIMES, JUSTIN AND ASHLEY WAITED TOO LONG BEFORE TAKING MOLLY OUTSIDE, AND WHEN SHE JUST COULDN'T HOLD IT ANYMORE, SHE WOULD HAVE AN "ACCIDENT" ON THE RUG.

SHE WOULD GET SO EXCITED WHEN HER FAMILY CAME HOME THAT SHE WOULD JUMP UP ON THEM AND TRY TO LICK THEIR FACES—THAT'S THE WAY DOGS GREET EACH OTHER IN THE WILD.

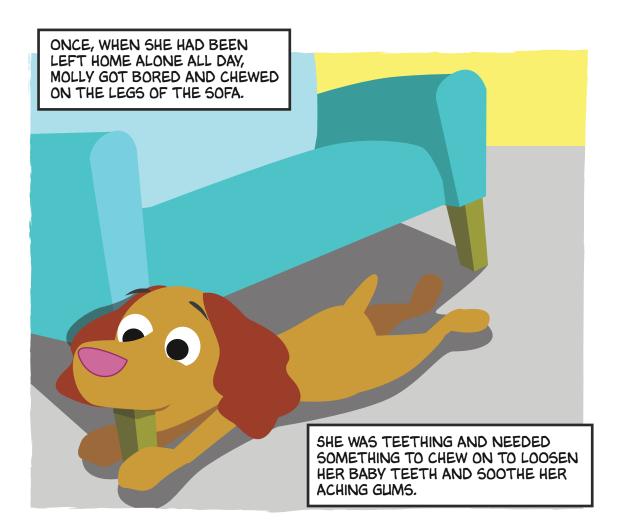












SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HER FAMILY CONSIDERED THE COUCH FOR HUMANS ONLY—THOSE LEGS LOOKED SO TEMPTING! JUST LIKE THE STICKS JUSTIN WOULD THROW FOR HER IN THE YARD.



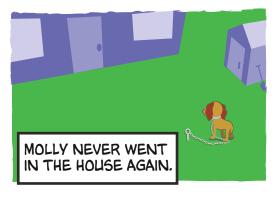


AT FIRST, MOLLY WAS EXCITED— SHE THOUGHT SHE AND JUSTIN WERE GOING OUTSIDE TO PLAY.



BUT JUSTIN WASN'T IN THE MOOD TO PLAY. HE HOOKED A CHAIN TO MOLLY'S COLLAR AND WENT INSIDE, WITHOUT EVEN A BACKWARD GLANCE.



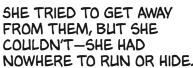


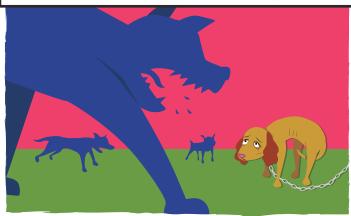
MOLLY HAD FORGOTTEN HOW LONG SHE HAD BEEN OUTSIDE. ALL SHE REMEMBERED WAS BEING SO HOT IN THE SUMMERTIME THAT HER HEAD FELT LIKE IT WAS ON FIRE.





SHE REMEMBERED THE TIME WHEN THE OTHER DOGS STARTED COMING AROUND. SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE BOTHERING HER, AND SHE WISHED THEY WOULD GO AWAY.







AFTER THAT, SHE REMEMBERED BEING HUNGRY ALL THE TIME. IT SEEMED LIKE NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE ATE, SHE WAS STILL HUNGRY. THE COLD WEATHER MADE IT WORSE—SHE NEEDED EXTRA FOOD TO KEEP HER BODY WARM WHEN IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE.





THEY WERE DAMP AND NEARLY HAIRLESS AND NO MATCH FOR THE BITTER WIND. SHE KNEW SHE MUST DO SOMETHING TO KEEP THEM WARM.



SHE TRIED TO LIE ON TOP OF THEM TO WARM THEM WITH HER BODY HEAT, BUT IT WASN'T ANY USE. THE PUPPIES GREW COLDER AND COLDER.



THE NEXT DAY, EMILY, RACHEL, AND SAM, THREE KIDS WHO SOMETIMES VISITED MOLLY AND BROUGHT HER TREATS AND PETTED HER, STOPPED BY ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.

FROM THE SIDEWALK, THEY COULD SEE THE TINY PUPPIES LYING ON THE FROZEN GROUND.

















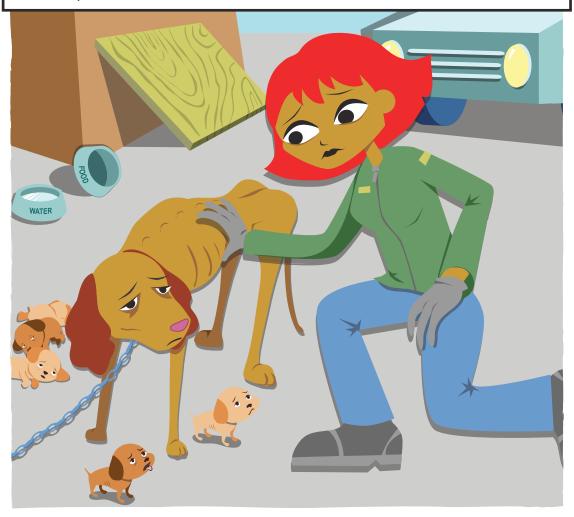


THE KIDS RAN TO RACHEL'S HOUSE AND TOLD HER MOTHER WHAT THEY HAD FOUND.





WHEN THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ARRIVED, SHE TOOK ONE LOOK AT THE PUPPIES AND AT MOLLY, WHOSE FOOD BOWL WAS EMPTY AND WHOSE WATER BOWL WAS FROZEN AND WHO HAD NOTHING BUT A PIECE OF PLYWOOD FOR SHELTER, AND KNEW IMMEDIATELY WHAT SHE HAD TO DO.











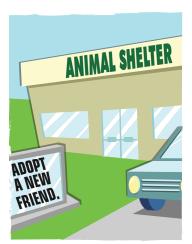


WE WILL GET HER SPAYED SO THAT SHE WON'T HAVE ANY MORE PUPPIES. THEN WE'LL TRY AND FIND HER AND HER PUPPIES NEW FAMILIES THAT WILL LOVE THEM AND ALLOW THEM TO LIVE INDOORS.

















THIS FICTIONAL STORY WAS INSPIRED BY THE TRUE STORY OF A DOG IN AFTON, NEW YORK, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO IO PUPPIES ON A COLD JANUARY NIGHT. THANKS TO THE GROUP OF CHILDREN WHO DISCOVERED THEM, THE DOG'S OWNER WAS CHARGED WITH IO COUNTS OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

DID YOU KNOW?

DOGS STUDY HUMAN FACES TO READ OUR EXPRESSIONS, WHICH HELPS THEM COMMUNICATE WITH US AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO.



A DOG NAMED RICO HAS LEARNED MORE THAN 200 WORDS AND CAN REMEMBER THE NAMES OF TOYS HE HASN'T SEEN IN MORE THAN A MONTH. SCIENTISTS SAY HIS LEARNING ABILITY IS EQUAL TO THAT OF A 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD.





A DOG NAMED RED AT THE BATTERSEA DOGS \$ CATS HOME IN ENGLAND LEARNED HOW TO OPEN HIS KENNEL AT NIGHT AND THEN WENT AROUND LETTING HIS FRIENDS OUT OF THEIR CAGES. VIDEO CAMERAS SHOWED THAT HE ALWAYS LET OUT HIS BEST FRIEND, LUCKY, FIRST. HE AND LUCKY WERE FOUND TOGETHER AS STRAYS.





A DOG'S LIFE WORD SEARCH

FIND THESE
TAIL-WAGGING DOG
WORDS IN THE WORD
SEARCH BELOW!
WORDS CAN GO UP,
DOWN, OR ACROSS
AND BE FORWARD
OR BACKWARD!



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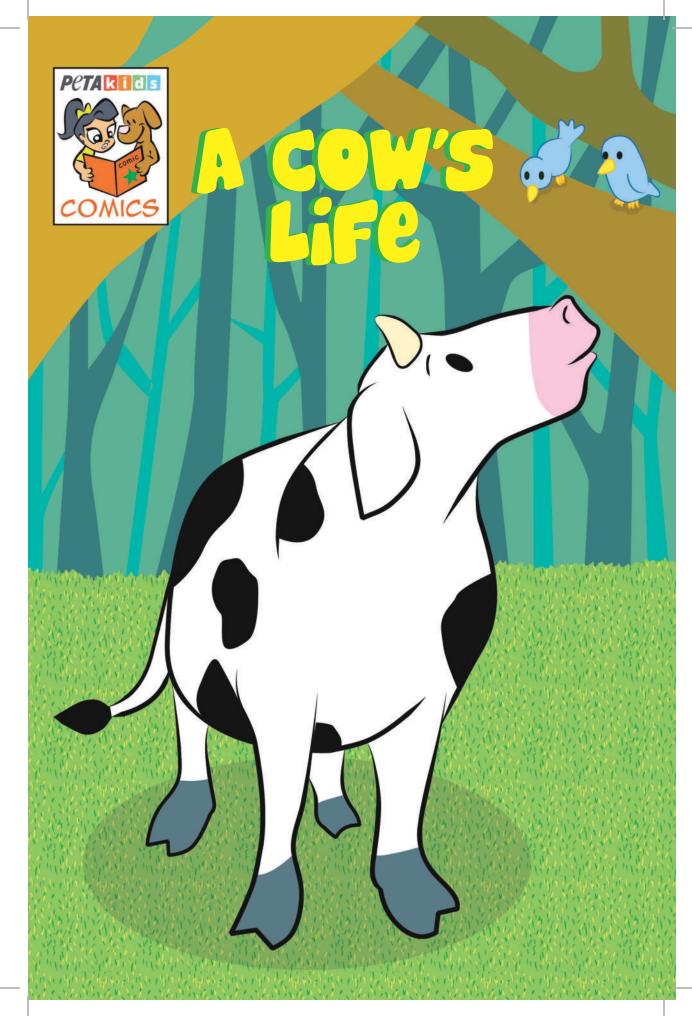
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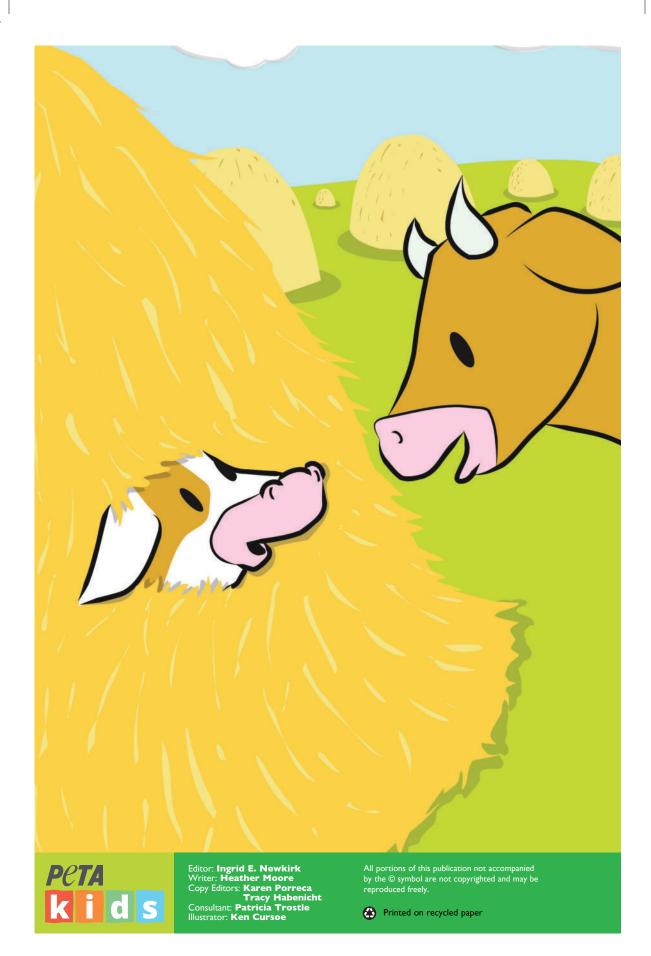
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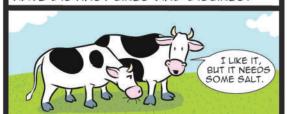
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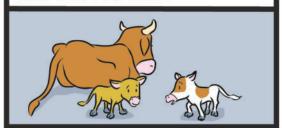


COWS ARE COOL! DID YOU KNOW ... ?

COWS HAVE UNIQUE PERSONALITIES AND A WIDE RANGE OF EMOTIONS. LIKE HUMANS, THEY CAN LOVE AND FEEL PAIN, THEY LIKE TO PLAY GAMES, THEY CAN HOLD GRUDGES, AND THEY HAVE DISTINCT LIKES AND DISLIKES.



COWS OFTEN FORM STRONG LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER, SOMETIMES CHOOSING THEIR BUDDIES THE SAME DAY THAT THEY ARE BORN!



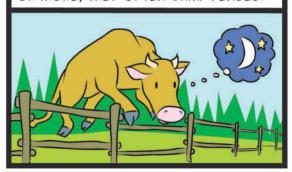
MOTHER COWS ARE VERY DEVOTED TO AND PROTECTIVE OF THEIR CHILDREN. THEY LICK AND GROOM THEIR BABIES AND EVEN TAKE TURNS BABYSITTING FOR EACH OTHER!



MOTHER COWS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO WALK FOR MILES LOOKING FOR A LOST BABY.



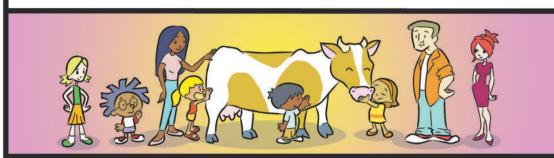
ALTHOUGH COWS WEIGH 1,000 POUNDS OR MORE, THEY OFTEN JUMP FENCES!



COWS ARE SMART! THEY CAN SEE COLOR AND TELL PEOPLE APART BY THEIR SHAPES AND THE COLORS THAT THEY WEAR.



IF YOU ARE NICE TO THEM, COWS ARE FRIENDLY — BUT IT TAKES ONLY ONE BAD EXPERIENCE WITH JUST ONE PERSON FOR THEM NOT TO TRUST ANYONE FOR A LONG TIME.





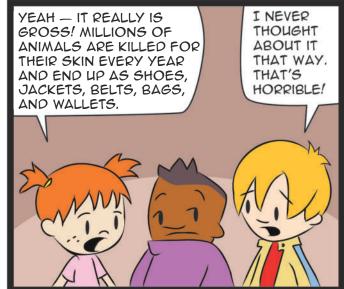




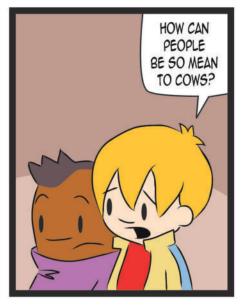










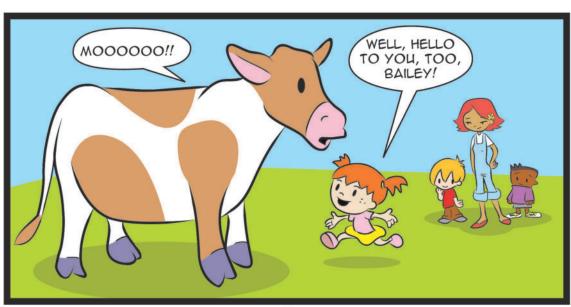










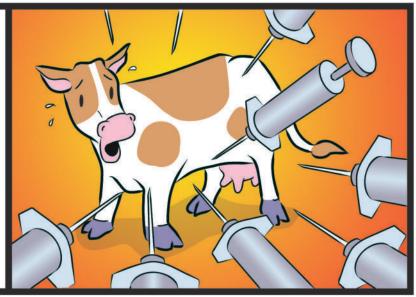








HIS MOM WAS A COW WHO WAS BEING TREATED LIKE A LIVING MILK MACHINE AND PUMPED FULL OF DRUGS, ONCE SHE STOPPED PRODUCING MILK FOR PEOPLE TO DRINK, SHE WAS GOING TO BE KILLED AND TURNED INTO LEATHER.



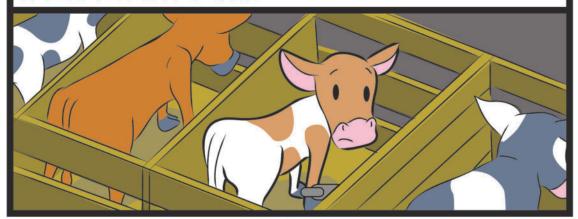
THE ONLY TIME SHE WAS EVER HAPPY WAS WHEN SHE HAD BAILEY, BUT THE DAY AFTER HE WAS BORN, HE WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HER —AND THEY NEVER SAW EACH OTHER AGAIN.



THE PEOPLE AT THE FACTORY FARM DIDN'T WANT BAILEY TO GROW UP BIG, STRONG, AND HEALTHY. ALL THEY CARED ABOUT WAS TURNING HIM INTO A TYPE OF MEAT CALLED "VEAL" AND USING HIS SKIN FOR LEATHER.



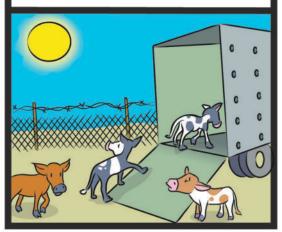
THEY WANTED HIS FLESH TO BE PALE AND HIS MUSCLES WEAK, SO THEY CHAINED HIM INSIDE A DARK CRATE THAT WAS BARELY ANY BIGGER THAN HIS BODY AND FED HIM LIQUIDS THAT DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH NUTRIENTS IN THEM.



ALL BAILEY DID WAS LIE IN THE DARK ALL DAY AND NIGHT FEELING SCARED, LONELY, AND SICK. HE ACHED FOR FREEDOM AND EXERCISE, BUT HE NEVER EVEN GOT TO FEEL THE SUN ON HIS BACK.



THE FIRST TIME HE EVER SAW THE SUN WAS WHEN THEY CRAMMED HIM AND HIS FELLOW CALVES INTO A TRUCK WHEN HE WAS JUST 5 MONTHS OLD.



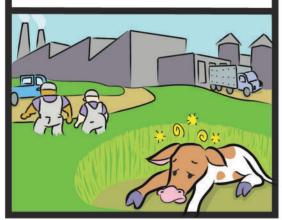
THE CALVES TRAVELED FOR A LONG TIME IN THE COLD, AND BY THE TIME THE TRUCK STOPPED, SOME CALVES HAD FALLEN OVER AND BEEN STEPPED ON BY MISTAKE BY THE OTHERS. BAILEY WAS SO TIRED, WEAK, AND HURT FROM BEING STEPPED ON THAT HE COULDN'T EVEN STAND UP.



ALL THE CALVES WERE SCARED AND DIDN'T WANT TO GET OFF THE TRUCK, SO WORKERS POKED THEM WITH ELECTRIC PRODS THAT MADE THEM CRY OUT IN PAIN.



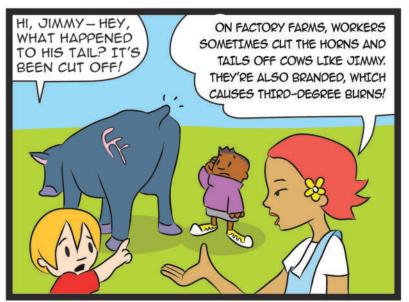
SINCE BAILEY COULDN'T WALK BY HIMSELF, THEY DRAGGED HIM OUT OF THE TRUCK AND LEFT HIM IN A NEARBY FIELD.



LUCKILY, SOME KIND PEOPLE FOUND HIM AND BROUGHT HIM HERE, WHERE WE NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH.

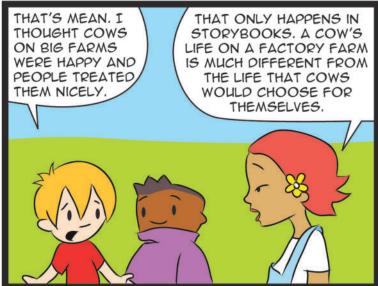








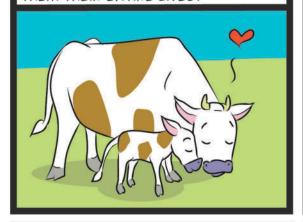




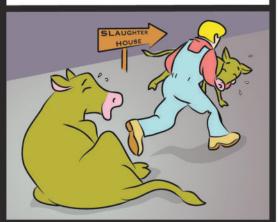
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THE FACTORY FARM WAY

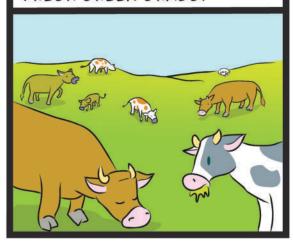
CALVES HAVE LOVING MOTHERS WHO NURSE THEM AND STAY CLOSE TO THEM THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.



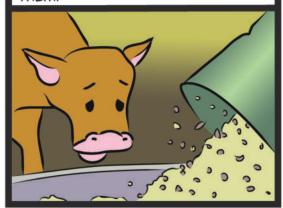
CALVES ARE TAKEN FROM THEIR MOTHERS — WHO NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN.



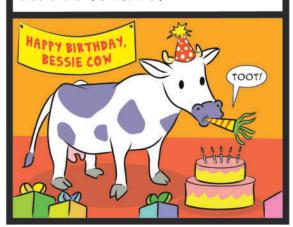
COWS LOVE TO EAT LOTS OF FRESH GREEN GRASS.



FARMERS FEED THEM GRAIN AND OTHER FILLERS—EVEN SAWDUST OR GROUND-UP ANIMALS—THAT HAVE DRUGS AND BUG KILLERS IN THEM.



WHEN THEY ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE NATURALLY, COWS CAN LIVE AS LONG AS 25 YEARS.



BUT ON FACTORY FARMS, COWS LIVE ONLY A FEW YEARS BEFORE THEY ARE KILLED AND TURNED INTO A PAIR OF SHOES OR A BELT.











THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK ANY FURTHER THAN YOUR LOCAL MALL TO FIND STORES THAT CARRY ALL KINDS OF SHOES, BAGS, BELTS, AND CLOTHES MADE FROM COTTON, LINEN, RAMIE, AND SYNTHETIC MATERIALS. MANY PRODUCTS LOOK LIKE LEATHER BUT AREN'T. JUST MAKE SURE THE LABEL SAYS, "ALL MANMADE MATERIALS" OR "SYNTHETIC."



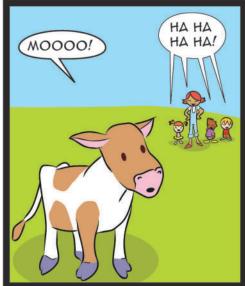
ISN'T LEATHER
BETTER FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT THAN
SYNTHETICS?



NOT AT ALL. LEATHER IS AWFUL FOR THE ENVIRONMENT! POISONOUS CHEMICALS USED TO TURN ANIMAL SKIN INTO LEATHER HURT THE EARTH AND MAKE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE CLOSE TO WHERE THE LEATHER IS MADE REALLY SICK — SOMETIMES EVEN CAUSING THEM TO GET CANCER.









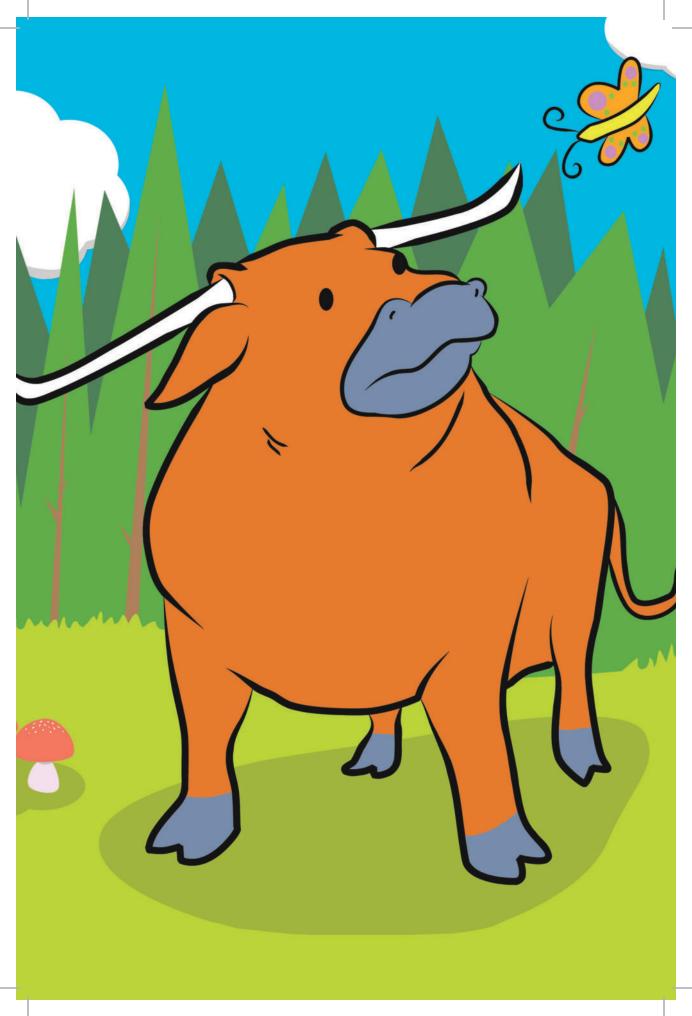


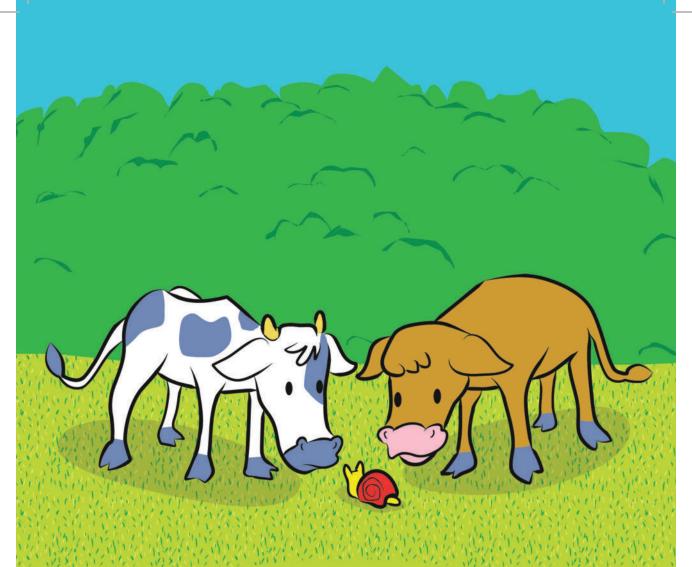
AN ZING

CAN YOU HELP MAMA COW FIND HER LITTLE LOST CALF? SHE NEEDS YOUR HELP TO AVOID DANGEROUS PLACES, SUCH AS THE LEATHER COMPANY, THE FACTORY FARM, AND THE BURGER JOINT. GOOD LUCK!









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