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Key Vocabulary

neglected	not given proper attention or care
recovery	becoming healthy again after an illness or injury
slaughter	kill, typically for food
accredited sanctuary	place where animals are safe and cared for
vegan	someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from animals

Jake's Recovery

Meet Jake the turkey from Oak Ridge, North Carolina! He was rescued by Red Dog Farm from a roadside zoo. Jake was very sick when he arrived at the farm—he didn't move or eat for almost two weeks. He had been severely **neglected** and nearly died. But with the rescue group's help, he made a full **recovery**. He is a wonderful animal with a gentle soul. Today he is being properly cared for and has a loving home.



The holiday season should be joyful for everyone, but it's not a happy time for animals who end up on the dinner table. More than 45 million turkeys are killed each year at Thanksgiving and more than 22 million are **slaughtered** at Christmas for holiday meals.

Turkeys are gentle, smart birds, but most of them spend their lives suffering in filthy conditions on factory farms before they're slaughtered. Only a lucky few, like Jake, are ever rescued and get to live out their lives at **accredited sanctuaries**.

You may not be able to rescue a turkey, but you can still help give animals a reason to be thankful by going **vegan**.

Comprehension Questions: Jake's Recovery

1. How did Jake become sick?

2. How do you think the rescue group helped Jake recover?

3. What can people do to make the holidays happy for turkeys?

4. The article says that Jake made a full recovery after he was **rescued** from a roadside zoo. What's the difference between a roadside zoo and a rescue group or an **accredited sanctuary**?

Answer Sheet: Jake's Recovery

1. How did Jake become sick?

Possible answer: Jake's basic needs weren't met at the roadside zoo. (Literal)

2. How do you think the rescue group helped Jake recover?

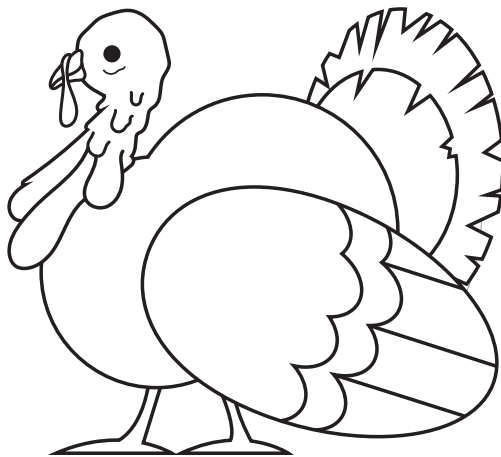
Possible answer: The rescue group met Jake's basic needs. They probably also gave him love and attention. Like all animals, he needed proper food, clean water, plenty of space to move around, veterinary care, and love. (Inferential)

3. What can people do to make the holidays happy for turkeys?

Possible answer: People can help turkeys by going vegan. There are many vegan foods, including faux-turkey products, that don't involve hurting or killing animals. People can also help turkeys by refusing to support roadside zoos. (Literal)

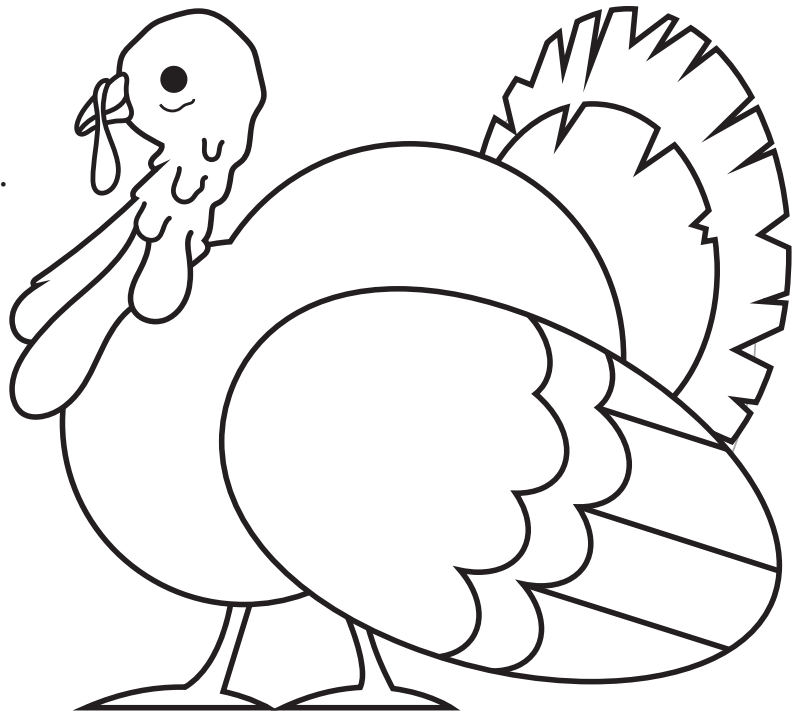
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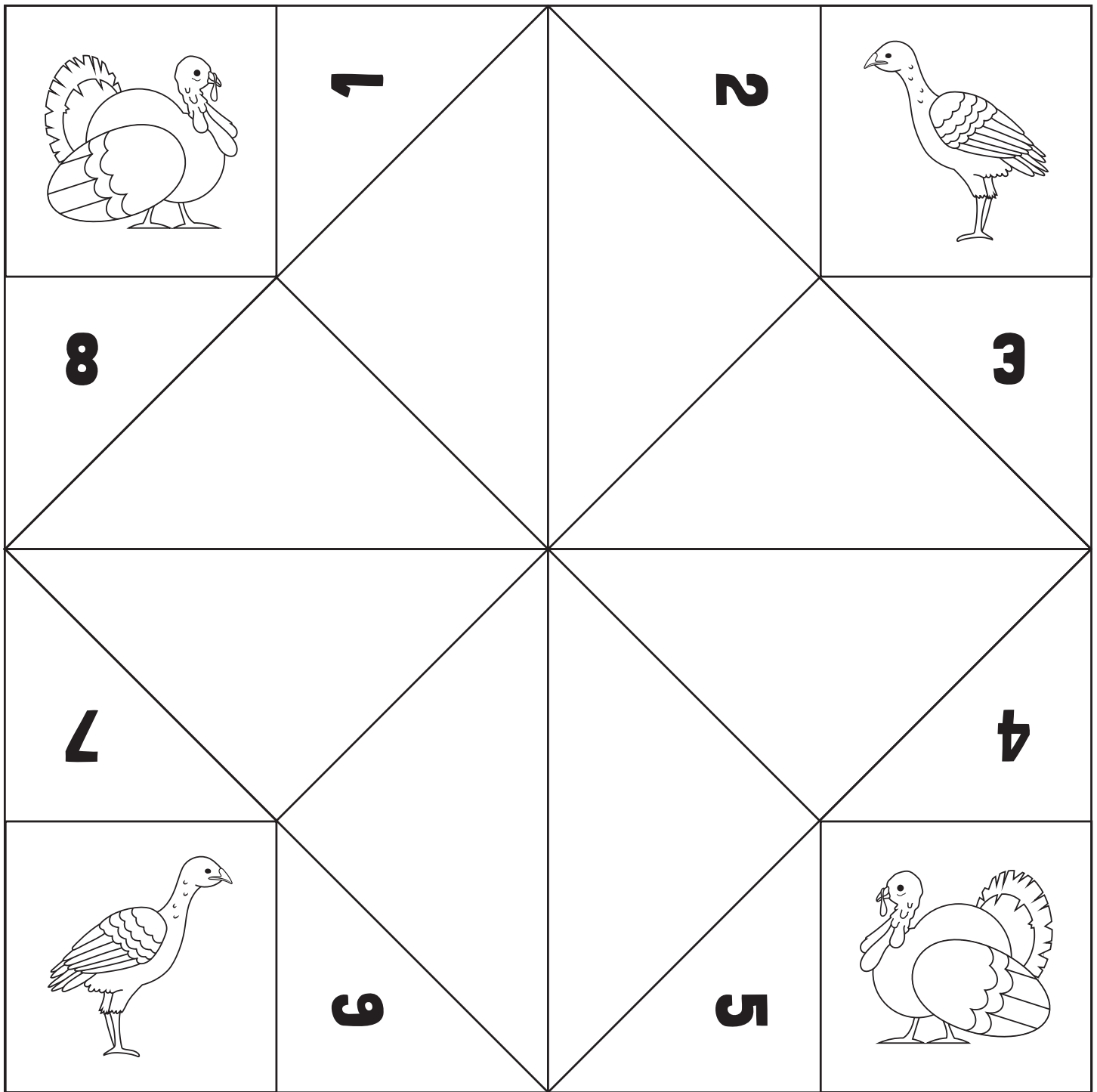
Possible answer: Roadside zoos use animals to make money and usually don't take proper care of them. Rescue groups and accredited sanctuaries help animals by giving them the proper care that they deserve. (Evaluative)



Fun Turkey Facts

1. Wild turkeys can live to be up to 10 years old and can see in color when they're born.
2. Turkeys love greeting visitors and making friends, and they can remember the faces of humans they've met.
3. Turkeys are naturally curious and are always checking out new sights and smells.
4. Baby turkeys usually stay with their moms until they're 5 months old, and mother turkeys will bravely defend their babies against danger.
5. In the wild, turkeys can fly at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour and run at 25 miles per hour!
6. Turkeys love to be petted and listen to music.
7. Male turkeys' heads and necks can change colors depending on their mood.
8. Turkeys have their own language and particular calls that mean different things.
9. When they're born, turkeys already know which insects and snakes are dangerous without being taught.
10. Just like cats, turkeys can purr when they're cuddling or being petted.





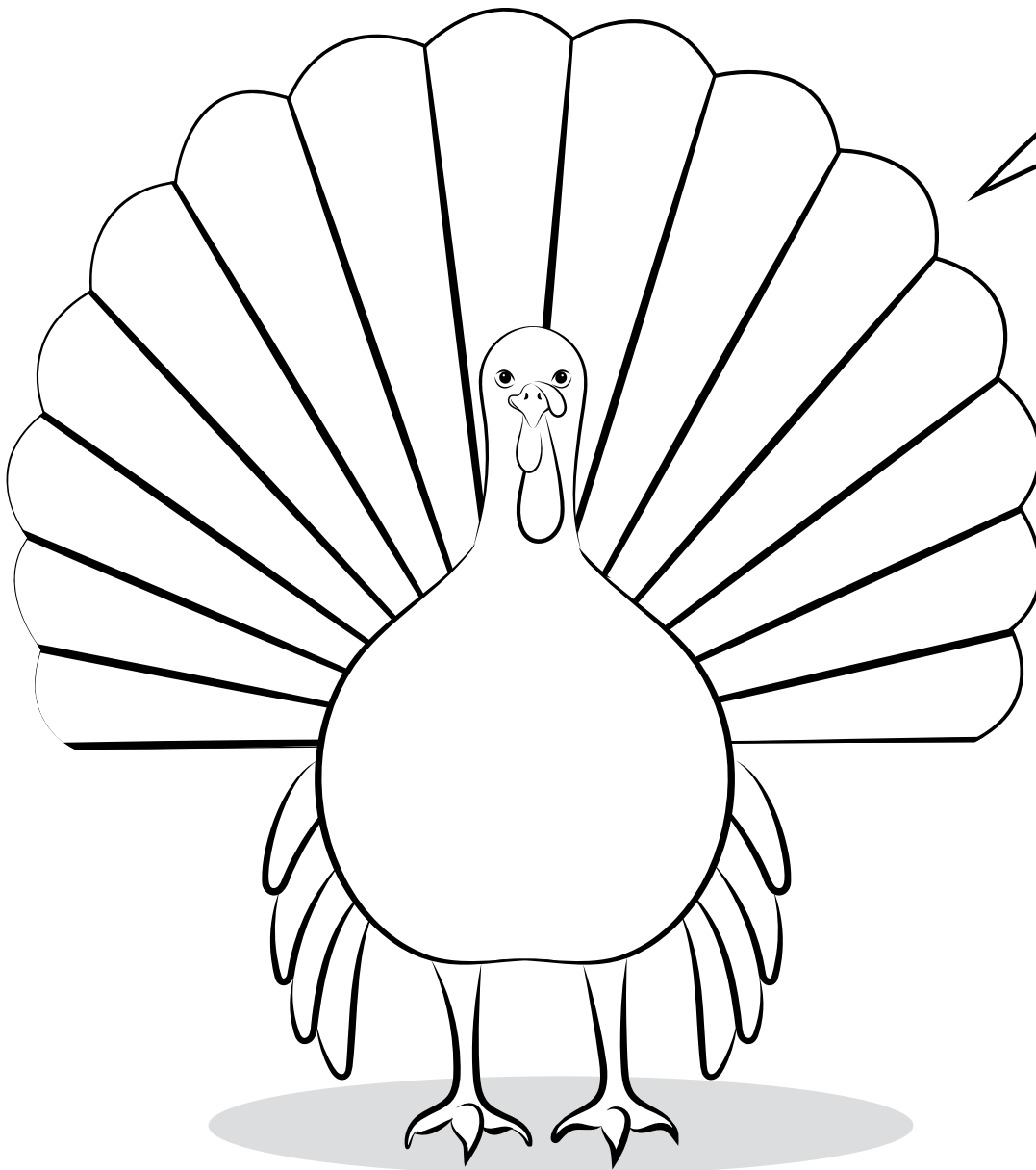
Directions

1. Cut around the outside of the fortune teller.
2. Fold the square in half twice.
3. Unfold the square, and turn it over so that the blank side is on top. Fold each corner into the middle.
4. Turn over, and repeat step three.
5. Turn over so that the pictures are on top.
6. Fold the square in half, and slide your thumb and forefinger behind two of the pictures.
7. Place the thumb and forefinger of your other hand behind the remaining two pictures.
8. Push your fingers together so that all four corners meet in the middle.

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DISGUISE A TURKEY

Be Kind to Turkeys!

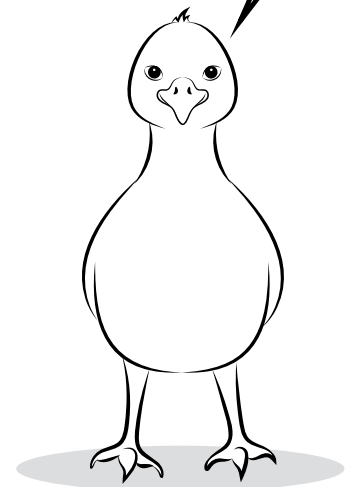


Hello!
My name is

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Hi! I'm

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I am disguising my turkey because ... _____

Teacher's Guide

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Turkeys are intelligent, sensitive individuals who want to be with their families, just as we want to be with ours. Help students see how wonderful these birds are by celebrating their individuality and feelings with this “disguise a turkey” activity. To begin, you could discuss the following facts with your students:



- Turkeys who feel safe love to be petted and listen to music, and, just like cats, they purr when they're cuddling or content.
- In nature, baby turkeys usually stay with their moms until they're 5 months old, and mother turkeys bravely defend their young against danger.
- Turkeys can live to be up to 10 years old and are born with full-color vision.
- These naturally curious birds are always checking out new sights and smells when they feel safe.
- When turkeys feel safe, they love greeting visitors and making friends, and they can remember the faces of people they've met.

Looking for more information on turkeys to share with your students? Check out TeachKind's [Truly Awesome Turkeys: A Thanksgiving Lesson](#) at TeachKind.org and this heartwarming video about [Toby the turkey](#) to encourage your class to spread kindness to *all* this holiday season.