

Video and Discussion Activity

Man Saves Squirrel With Head Stuck in Container

Video Source: [PETA.org/SquirrelRescueVideo](https://peta.org/SquirrelRescueVideo)

Have students watch the video, which is 14 seconds long. Read them the information below about the rescue then project the award ([PETA.org/SquirrelRescueAward](https://peta.org/SquirrelRescueAward)) given to the rescuer onto the board. Finally, use the questions to initiate a class discussion.

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A man in Nebraska received an award from PETA in early 2017 for helping to free a squirrel whose head had gotten stuck in a container.

Afraid that the squirrel would be hit by a car, the man ran into the street and managed to remove the container, allowing the animal to run off to a nearby tree unharmed.

“This man’s kindness saved this squirrel from the panic and terror of slowly starving to death or being run over by a car,” says PETA Vice President Colleen O’Brien. “PETA reminds everyone to crush cans and cups before throwing them in the trash, in order to prevent wildlife from getting trapped inside.”

PETA sent the rescuer an award certificate as well as a box of delicious vegan cookies!

Visit Living in Harmony With Wildlife ([PETA.org/HarmonyWithWildlife](https://peta.org/HarmonyWithWildlife)), and discuss ways to prevent this type of situation from happening in the future.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the man helped the squirrel?
2. How do you think the squirrel felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?
3. How do you think the rescuer and other people nearby felt after the container was removed and the squirrel ran away unharmed? What makes you think so?
4. What can you do in your own life to prevent animals from getting hurt by items that humans throw away?
5. Have you ever seen an animal who needed help? Explain what you did or would tell others to do in the future.

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