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## Key Vocabulary

<b>factory farm</b>	place where many animals are raised for food and typically confined to small areas
<b>slaughterhouse</b>	place where animals are killed, usually for food
<b>hoarder</b>	person who collects an unhealthy amount of animals or things
<b>compassion</b>	sympathy and concern for the suffering and problems of others
<b>vegan</b>	someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from an animal

## Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

Lucky's life didn't start out very lucky. Born on a **factory farm**, she was raised to become one of the 9 billion chickens killed for food every year in the U.S. In fact, she had already been crammed onto a **slaughterhouse** truck with many other chickens and was being hauled down a highway in Washington on what would have been the last day of her life—when things suddenly took a turn for the better.



As the truck sped along, it hit a bump and Lucky tumbled out while it was still moving. On factory farms, chickens like her are fattened up and bred to grow so large so quickly that their legs often can't support their weight and they break, causing them to fall to the ground, which is what happened to Lucky.

Warren Padgette was driving along, not far behind, and saw the white chicken lying on her side in the middle of the road. He assumed that she was dead but stopped to check on her just to be sure. And then Lucky blinked at him! As cars raced by, the man gently picked her up, checked her for injuries, and carried her back to his truck.

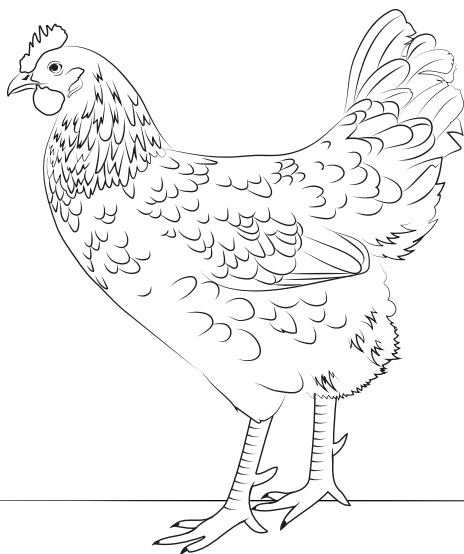
Warren drove to his house, passing the slaughterhouse truck that was still barreling down the highway. He gave the little bird a bath, carefully blow-dried her feathers, and named her Lucky.

Now, Lucky hardly ever leaves Warren's side. Her favorite place to be is either nestled against his legs or perched on his shoulder. She is now at a healthy weight and enjoys watching over the chicks Warren recently adopted, who live in a custom-built henhouse. She has also become friends with the newest addition to the family, Billy, a goat rescued from a **hoarder**. And as the family grows, so does its circle of **compassion**: After bonding with Lucky, just as they might have done with a dog or a cat, the human members stopped eating chickens and all other animals.

Warren says that every time he drives past another slaughterhouse-bound truck, he longs to save every single chicken on board. But at least he was able to rescue Lucky, and he hopes her story will encourage others to try to save animals as well.

By going **vegan**, just one person can save nearly 200 animals like Lucky every year. And people can help animals by looking out for those in need. If you see a lost or injured animal, tell an adult immediately so they can call for help.

Watch the inspiring video about Lucky at **[PETA.org/LuckyRescueVideo](https://peta.org/LuckyRescueVideo)**.



# Comprehension Questions: Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

1. How do you think Lucky felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

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2. Why did Warren choose the name Lucky?

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3. What do you think led the Padgett family to stop eating animals?

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4. What can you do to help stop chickens from being raised and killed for food?

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5. Have you ever seen an animal who needed help? Explain what you did or would tell others to do in that situation.

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# Answer Sheet: Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

## 1. How do you think Lucky felt before being rescued and then afterward?

**What makes you think so?**

**Possible answer:** Lucky was probably terrified before being rescued. She had been born on a factory farm, where animals suffer, and then crammed into a truck with many other chickens that was going very fast down a bumpy highway. After she was rescued, Lucky probably felt relieved that Warren had saved her. (Inferential)

## 2. Why did Warren choose the name Lucky?

**Possible answer:** Unlike most chickens raised for food, Lucky was rescued. She could have died on the highway, and she would definitely have been killed if she hadn't fallen off the truck. Now she's safe and has a happy life with her new family. (Inferential)

## 3. What do you think led the Padgette family to stop eating animals?

**Possible answer:** The family bonded with Lucky, just as they might have bonded with a dog or a cat. Since they couldn't imagine eating a dog or a cat, they began to see Lucky—and all animals—as living beings with feelings, instead of as food. (Inferential)

## 4. What can you do to help stop chickens from being raised and killed for food?

**Answer:** You can save nearly 200 animals like Lucky every year by going vegan. (Literal)

## 5. Have you ever seen an animal who needed help? Explain what you did or would tell others to do in that situation.

**Answer:** Answers will vary depending upon students' life experiences. If any students tell you that they've seen a lost or injured animal, [PETA.org/AnimalEmergency](https://peta.org/AnimalEmergency) can help with more information. (Evaluative)

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## Key Vocabulary

<b>nonprofit organization</b>	group that uses the money it receives to further a social cause
<b>bullock</b>	type of male cow
<b>deprived</b>	stopped from having something that's needed
<b>dehydrated</b>	having lost a lot of water or bodily fluids
<b>ailing</b>	in poor health
<b>relinquish</b>	choose not to keep; give something up
<b>platonic</b>	loving and caring but not in a sexual way
<b>fixed</b>	sterilized; spayed or neutered so that no babies will be born

## Rescued Camels Meet Their Soulmates—Each Other

For camels Waheed and Tracy, what could have been the end of the road became the beginning of a love story. Being forced to provide humans with cheap thrills nearly killed them. But luckily, their rescue by Animal Rahat (a **nonprofit organization** that was created to help working **bullocks**, donkeys, ponies, horses, and other animals in India) gave them both a new life—and love.



Animal Rahat found 14-year-old Waheed tied up under a bridge. His owner hadn't bothered to give him food, water, or badly needed veterinary care and was forcing him to give people rides. Camels, like all animals, need

to drink water every day and can drink more than 20 gallons at a time. When they're **deprived** of water for too long, their eyes fill with tears and they begin to moan. As they become **dehydrated**, their hump gets smaller. When the hump is completely gone, they die. Waheed was rescued just in time—he had almost no hump left.

Rescuers moved the **ailing** camel to Animal Rahat's Home for Retired Bullocks right away and gave him food, plenty of water, rest, and the veterinary care that he desperately needed. Despite his poor condition, Waheed was cooperative and sweet. Before long, he had gained weight and started growing a new coat, and his hump had begun to return. But his life was about to get even better.

Animal Rahat initiated an inspection of Grand Circus, where animals were found to be living in miserable conditions. The circus's management agreed to become animal-free and **relinquish** all of its 18 animals. One was a female camel named Tracy, who was also moved to Animal Rahat's sanctuary. The staff gave her food, water, the chance to rest, and treatment for severe mange (a parasitic skin disease that causes severe itching and resulted in the loss of most of her hair).

Then, Tracy and Waheed met. Right away, the two camels began mirroring each other's movements, a sign that they wanted to become friends. These soulmates—whose relationship is purely platonic, since Waheed has been "**fixed**"—instantly became inseparable. Now, they spend their time together being groomed by Animal Rahat staff, sunbathing, relaxing, and lounging at the sanctuary along with the other rescued animals.

Tracy loves to lie in the shade next to Waheed, and he enjoys gathering leaves for her to eat. Instead of being forced to entertain humans, they'll spend the rest of their lives happily entertaining each other. Watch their rescue story at [PETAKids.com/Videos/Rescued-Camels](https://www.petakids.com/videos/rescued-camels). You can help them live happily ever after by making a donation to Animal Rahat. To help other animals like them, you can make the kind choice to avoid supporting companies that profit from using animals in entertainment, including animal circuses and rides.

## Comprehension Questions: Rescued Camels Meet Their Soulmates—Each Other

1. Why do you think Animal Rahat works to help bullocks, donkeys, ponies, and horses specifically?

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2. What happens to camels as they become dehydrated?

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3. What was one of the first signs that Waheed and Tracy liked each other?

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4. Why do you think the bond between these camels is so strong?

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5. In addition to making a donation to Animal Rahat, what can people do to help animals like Waheed and Tracy?

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# Answer Sheet: Rescued Camels Meet Their Soulmates—Each Other

**1. Why do you think Animal Rahat works to help bullocks, donkeys, ponies, and horses specifically?**

**Possible answer:** Animal Rahat wants to help animals who are forced to work for humans. Bullocks, donkeys, ponies, and horses are exploited and forced to pull carts, carry heavy loads, and perform other labor-intensive tasks. They incur injuries, don't receive proper care, and suffer from exhaustion. They are denied their freedom and the opportunity to live in peace. (Inferential)

**2. What happens to camels as they become dehydrated?**

**Answer:** When camels are deprived of water for too long, their eyes fill with tears and they begin to moan—then, their hump starts to get smaller. When the hump is completely gone, they die. (Literal)

**3. What was one of the first signs that Waheed and Tracy liked each other?**

**Answer:** They began mirroring each other's movements. (Literal)

**4. Why do you think the bond between these camels is so strong?**

**Possible answer:** Both were lonely and had been abused and neglected by their previous owners before they were rescued by Animal Rahat. Once they were given proper nourishment and care, Waheed and Tracy no longer had to fear for their lives. They seem to take comfort from each other. (Evaluative)

**5. In addition to making a donation to Animal Rahat, what else can people do to help animals like Waheed and Tracy?**

**Answer:** People can choose not to support companies that profit from using animals in entertainment, including animal circuses and rides. (Literal)



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## Key Vocabulary

<b>fieldworkers</b>	people who work outdoors (rather than in a controlled setting like an office)
<b>spayed</b>	surgically removed a female animal's reproductive organs to keep her from having babies
<b>ailments</b>	illnesses or injuries
<b>vegan</b>	someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from animals
<b>stimulation</b>	excitement, interest, or arousal
<b>neglect</b>	lack of care
<b>tethering</b>	tying up animals with a rope or chain to restrict their movement
<b>languished</b>	suffered in an unpleasant situation, unable to get out of it

## Miss Willie's Bucket List

Everybody loved Miss Willie. The little corgi mix was hard to resist, with her wagging banner of a tail, her sweet little face, and her jaunty, self-assured walk. She still looked puppyish and up for any adventure even after she had grown very old and sick.



PETA **fieldworkers** came to know and love Miss Willie over the course of more than a decade, paying her regular visits in Halifax County, North Carolina, where she was kept chained outdoors on a depressing patch of dirt.

They took her a sturdy doghouse and filled it with straw to offer her some protection from the winter cold. They got her **spayed** so that she would not,

like so many other dogs, give birth to litter after litter of puppies and contribute to the homeless-animal epidemic. They also gave her food, toys, and treats and cleaned and refilled her water bowl. And they always lingered after they were finished to scratch her ears, kiss her nose, and tell her how special she was.

Despite repeated pleas, PETA's fieldworkers could not persuade Miss Willie's owner to let them give her a chance at a better life. One day, fieldworker Jes Cochran arrived to find the little dog coughing, wheezing, and so weak that she was barely able to stand. Jes took her to the vet, but the news was grim: She was suffering from end-stage heartworm disease, lung tumors, two tick-borne diseases, and other **ailments**. She had only weeks to live. Then and only then did her owner agree to turn her over to PETA.

That's when Jes decided to make Miss Willie's final days the happiest ones of her life by coming up with a "bucket list" of dog-centric activities. (Watch the video here: **PETA.org/MissWillie**.) They included a canoe ride, a day at the beach, pizza and "Taco Tuesday" parties, a spa day with a massage, a trip to the local fire station (where she "thanked" the firefighters for their service), and a birthday bash, complete with balloons, party favors, and—best of all—**vegan** cake! For the first time in her life, the little dog slept inside on soft bedding after days full of fun and finally had the chance to experience joy, mental **stimulation**, and love.

Sixteen fun-filled days after her rescue, she died peacefully, surrounded by people who loved her. "We're grateful that we were able to give Miss Willie some joy after all the **neglect** she experienced," says PETA Senior Vice President Daphna Nachminovitch. "This story shows exactly why PETA wants to see the **tethering** of dogs banned everywhere, including in Halifax County, where this dog **languished** for over a decade."

In Miss Willie's memory, PETA is working hard to get chaining banned in Halifax County (and elsewhere) so that no other dogs will have to suffer chained up, forgotten and lonely, for 12 long years as Miss Willie did. Dogs are social pack animals, and keeping them isolated is like sentencing them to life in prison without parole. You can help dogs like Miss Willie by supporting PETA's efforts, working to get chaining banned in your area, and informing an adult whenever you see a dog who is being neglected.

# Comprehension Questions: Miss Willie's Bucket List

1. How did PETA fieldworkers care for Miss Willie while she was chained outdoors?

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2. How did Miss Willie become so sick?

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3. Why do you think animals need mental stimulation?

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4. Why does PETA work hard to ban the tethering of dogs outside?

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5. How can people help chained dogs?

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# Answer Sheet: Miss Willie's Bucket List

## 1. How did PETA fieldworkers care for Miss Willie while she was chained outdoors?

**Answer:** They took her a sturdy doghouse and filled it with straw to keep her warm in the winter. They gave her food, toys, and treats and cleaned and refilled her water bowl. They also got her spayed and gave her love and attention. (Literal)

## 2. How did Miss Willie become so sick?

**Possible answer:** She was forced to live outside, where her basic needs were not met. She grew old and developed ailments that could have been prevented with proper care. (Inferential)

## 3. Why do you think animals need mental stimulation?

**Possible answer:** Like humans, dogs, cats, and other animals get bored and even anxious when they don't get adequate mental stimulation. Playing, being active, and experiencing new and exciting things give their lives meaning. (Inferential)

## 4. Why does PETA work hard to ban the tethering of dogs outside?

**Possible answer:** It's cruel to keep dogs tethered outside, where they're exposed to extreme weather conditions and diseases caused by insects. Their basic needs for adequate food, fresh water, routine veterinary care, and love and stimulation are rarely met. (Inferential)

## 5. How can people help chained dogs?

**Answer:** They can support PETA's efforts and work to get chaining banned in their community. They can also inform an adult whenever they see a dog who is being neglected. (Literal)

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Key Vocabulary	
<b>auction</b>	public sale in which goods, property, or animals are sold to the highest bidder
<b>slaughter</b>	kill, typically for food
<b>advocacy</b>	support for a cause
<b>vegan</b>	someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from animals

## Mayflower the Turkey, a Thanksgiving Story

Mayflower the turkey was found as a baby at a Pennsylvania **auction**. He was about to be sent to **slaughter** for someone's Thanksgiving dinner, when his luck suddenly changed.

A PETA staffer and an animal-**advocacy** organization called Long Island Orchestrating for Nature rescued him and a dozen other sick baby turkeys and ducklings, saving them from a miserable death. Mayflower is now safe and happy in his permanent new home at Broome Animal Sanctuary in Middleburgh, New York.



Just like all turkeys, Mayflower has a unique personality. After being rescued, he befriended Lucy and Ethel, two chickens he now roosts with. He was smaller than them when he arrived, but today, healthy and thriving, he's four or five times their

size. That doesn't bother them, though—they still do everything together, including cuddling up for naps, foraging in the grass, and enjoying fresh fruits and veggies.

Every year, more than 44 million turkeys are killed for Thanksgiving alone. Sensitive birds just like Mayflower are raised on factory farms and denied even the simplest of pleasures—like breathing fresh air, running, building nests, having families, and raising their young. They're forced to live in cramped, usually filthy conditions. Portions of their toes and upper beaks are cut off with a hot blade—all without painkillers—so they won't injure each other in the tightly packed warehouses they're forced to live in. At the slaughterhouse, their throats are cut, sometimes while they're still conscious. Turkeys feel pain and fear, just as humans and all other animals do. They don't need to be killed for our dinner.

Fortunately, Mayflower was saved before he could end up as a Thanksgiving meal, but millions of other turkeys like him aren't so lucky. His heartwarming story is intended to inspire people to choose delicious **vegan** meals for the holidays—and all year round. Just as a compassionate person saved Mayflower, we, too, can be compassionate and help save turkeys and other animals. Thanksgiving is all about appreciation, so this year, why not show your appreciation for turkeys and hundreds of other animals by deciding to leave them off your plate?

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## Comprehension Questions: Mayflower the Turkey, a Thanksgiving Story

1. What would've happened to Mayflower if he hadn't been rescued?

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2. What are some things that Mayflower and his friends Lucy and Ethel like to do together?

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3. How do you think Mayflower felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

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**4. What were you surprised to learn from the article? How will that new information influence your actions going forward?**

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**5. How can people help save turkeys and other animals this Thanksgiving?**

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# Answer Sheet: Mayflower the Turkey, a Thanksgiving Story

## 1. What would've happened to Mayflower if he hadn't been rescued?

**Answer:** If Mayflower hadn't been rescued, he would've been sent for slaughter so humans could eat him on Thanksgiving. (Literal)

## 2. What are some things that Mayflower and his friends Lucy and Ethel like to do together?

**Answer:** Mayflower, Lucy, and Ethel like to cuddle up for naps, forage in the grass, and eat fresh fruits and veggies together. (Literal)

## 3. How do you think Mayflower felt before being rescued and then afterward?

**What makes you think so?**

**Possible answer:** Mayflower probably felt frightened before being rescued because he probably came from a factory farm, where many turkeys are packed into dark, dirty warehouses. After he was taken to a sanctuary, he probably felt safe and loved because he made friends and was cared for there. (Inferential)

## 4. What were you surprised to learn from the article? How will that new information influence your actions going forward?

**Possible answer:** Answers will vary. Students may be surprised to learn how turkeys are treated on factory farms or that they feel pain and fear. Encourage students to reflect on their feelings about Mayflower and help them understand that turkeys—and all other animals—are individuals with thoughts and feelings who deserve respect. (Evaluative)

## 5. How can people help save turkeys and other animals this Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** People can help save turkeys and other animals by not eating them and instead eating vegan foods. (Literal)