

Rex to the rescue!



In Australia, Rex the dog was walking with his owner when he came across a mother kangaroo who had been killed by a car. With his excellent sense of smell, Rex could tell that there was a baby kangaroo (called a joey) in the dead mother's pouch. He carefully grabbed the joey by the neck, gently retrieved it and brought it to his owner. The joey was only four months old and would have died if Rex hadn't found it.

The young kangaroo was calm and even snuggled up with Rex. "The joey was snuggling up to him, jumping up to him and Rex was sniffing and licking him" said Rex's owner.

The joey was looked after until he was big enough to be sent back into the wild.



Did you know?



Kangaroos are a type of mammal called a 'marsupial'. Marsupials give birth to their young very early, and the babies spend the next few months being carried around in a special pouch that their mothers have, until they are old enough to survive outside it.

Hippo saves young lives



Between July and August, wildebeest and zebra move from Kenya to Tanzania to find more food. Large herds of the animals must cross rivers with strong currents.

In one instance, the current of the river swept away a zebra foal. A nearby hippo set off after the foal and helped it towards the opposite bank. The hippo gently pushed the calf with its snout and kept it above the water all the way across the river.

The foal was tired after almost drowning, and was resting on a rock island very close to the opposite bank, getting its breath back. The hippo got out of the water, came up behind the foal and started pushing it again. The



foal slowly stepped off of the island, crossed a channel to the opposite side and joined the rest of the family group.

Five minutes earlier, the same thing had happened with a wildebeest calf and the hippo saved it in the same way.



Cat saves dog!



In the USA, Lilly the dog was in her owners' garden when a coyote (wild dog) attacked her.

Inside the house, the cat saw what was happening. The cat jumped on the sliding glass door, making a noise until the owner heard the commotion and realised that something was wrong. If the cat hadn't warned the family, Lilly would have died.



Dog cares for orphaned monkey

In Thailand, a baby monkey's mother was killed by a hunter when he was three months old. The baby monkey was taken to a temple so that the people living there could look after him.

Tan is a dog who lives at the temple. He decided to help by carrying the young monkey around on his back and sharing his food with him.



Bear rescues drowning crow



In Hungary (eastern Europe), a crow fell into a pool in the bear enclosure at a zoo. The bird was drowning and was flapping its wings, trying to escape the water.

The bear, who was eating carrots at the time, watched the bird for a little while then he dipped his paw into the water and gently grabbed hold of the bird. The bear nipped the crow's wing with his teeth, pulled the bird out and placed him by the side of the water before returning back to his meal.



Rats care about their friends!



Scientists like to try and find out all sorts of things about animals and humans. This is why they keep rats and other animals in labs and do experiments on them.

In one experiment, they let the rats go hungry and only allowed them to receive food if they pulled a lever to give other rats an electric shock. These rats refused to pull the lever, even if they were hungry.



Rats in a laboratory. Source: Wikimedia Commons

Sammie the friendly nurse-dog



A dog called Sammie was badly injured by some people, and was taken to a shelter to get medical help.

Another dog at the shelter, Simon, was recovering from a disease there. As soon as he saw Sammie lying on a table, he went straight to him and put his paw next to him.

A person from the shelter said that the two dogs touched noses and seemed to become friends right away.

As Sammie was getting better, Simon often went to find him so that he could comfort him, play with him and sit with him.



Leo the guide dog

Ellie is a small dog who is almost completely blind; she can only see shadows.

Leo is a large dog and he protects her from other dogs and guides her around. Ellie follows him and snuggles up to him.



Dog adopts squirrel

Pongo the dog found an abandoned baby squirrel in the garden. Pongo barked and barked until his owner went to see what was happening. As soon as the owner picked up the baby squirrel, Pongo stopped barking.

The baby squirrel couldn't be left in the wild because it is slightly blind. Pongo's owner took him in and looked after him.

Pongo also helps look after the squirrel: he protects him from the house cat and lets the squirrel ride on his back.



The elephant and the sheep

In a park in South Africa, a baby elephant's mother was shot by poachers. His aunt could not feed him because she didn't have enough milk.

Some park rangers tried to save him by feeding him milk from a bottle but the elephant wouldn't drink it. It looked like he had given up on life.

The people decided to try and make him feel better by letting a sheep live with him. This worked well: the sheep and the elephant had fun together. Eventually the elephant got his appetite back and started eating.

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