Who is Happy?
When people are happy, we smile. We may sing, dance, or laugh. Cats show us when they are happy, too.

Quiz yourself!
Can you tell if a cat is happy? Read the sentences below. Circle T for “True.” Circle F for “False.”

1. The cat is lying down and purring. He is happy. (T / F)
2. The cat’s ears are flat against her head. She is happy. (T / F)
3. The cat is playing with toys. He is happy. (T / F)
4. The cat rubs his face on your leg. He is happy. (T / F)
5. The cat’s tail and fur are puffed out. She is happy. (T / F)
Krithi helps pets in the country of India. She walks, bathes, and plays with animals in a shelter. She even writes books about her adopted dog, Sushi!
Nancy Miorelli knows all about bees. She is an entomologist. An entomologist is a person who studies insects. Ms. Miorelli says that most people like honeybees. Honeybees help on farms. They carry pollen from one plant to another. This is called pollination. Pollination helps plants grow the fruit, nuts, and vegetables we eat.

What do you think or feel when you hear the word “bees?” What do you think or feel when you hear the word “honeybees?” “Bees do not want to sting you,” she says. When they do, they are protecting themselves. Moving slowly and carefully around bees can help you avoid a sting.

Most wild bees live in nests on the ground or in dead trees. They pollinate wild plants and some farm crops. Many people are worried about wild bees having enough food and places to live.

How can you help? “Do not pick wildflowers you find,” says Ms. Miorelli. “You can plant a wildflower garden.”
Most wild bees do not harm people. They are helpful in nature. Here are ways you can help them:

• Plant wildflowers in your yard or on your porch.

• Fill a birdbath or other shallow dish with fresh water. Add rocks for bees to land on.

• Make or buy a bee house for the side of your house or porch. They have tubes inside for bees to nest in.

• Leave areas with bare soil in your yard. Leave logs and long stems in your yard. Bees will find nesting places there.
WHY DO DOGS PANT?

When people get hot, we sweat. It is our body’s way of cooling us off. The extra heat goes away with the water when it dries off our skin. When dogs get hot, they cool off by panting, or breathing with short, quick breaths. The extra heat goes away with the water when it dries off a dog’s wide tongue.

Dogs cannot cool off as easily as people. That is why it is important to never leave a dog in a hot car. The sun’s heat gets trapped in cars. A car can become an unsafe place for a dog very quickly! If you see a dog in a hot car, you can help. Tell an adult.
Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered boxes to the boxes below with the same number.

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ANSWER: BECAUSE THEY USE HONEY COMBS!
Meet Lily and Violet

For Lily and Violet, life began in a pet store. A grandmother bought them for her granddaughters. Soon the guinea pigs became sick with ringworm, a kind of fungus that hurts the skin and spreads easily to others. Their new family could not care for them anymore.

The family called Our Companions Animal Rescue in Connecticut. There, they found Valerie Bodner, a volunteer who cares for animals who need help. Ms. Bodner agreed to give Lily and Violet medicine and care to get them healthy again.

“We are thrilled to report that Lily and Violet are leading happy and healthy lives with their new family,” says Caroline of Our Companions Animal Rescue.

Kind Questions?

Now that you have read Kind News, challenge yourself with these questions.

1. How did you feel about bees before reading “The Buzz About Bees”? Have your feelings about them changed? Why or why not?

2. Did it surprise you to learn that dogs cannot cool off as easily as we can? (Curiosity Corner, “Why Do Dogs Pant”) Why or why not?

Got a story to share about something kind you’ve done? Tell us about it at www.redrover.org/shareyourstory.