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A Home for Kitty

By Kelly Hashway



Kaylan and Cody grabbed their kites and raced for the back door, but they stopped when they saw a gray and black tiger cat sitting on their deck.

"Whose kitten is that?" Cody asked.

"Aw, she's so cute," Kaylan said, bending down for a better look.

The kitten meowed and rubbed up against Kaylan's leg.

"Be careful," Cody warned. "We don't know if she's had her shots. She doesn't have a collar."

Kaylan stood up and looked around. "Let's bring her around the neighborhood and see if anyone lost her."

"I don't think we should pick her up. She might have rabies or something. You could get sick if she scratches or bites you."

Kaylan stepped away from the cat. "You think she bites?"

"I don't think she will, but you have to be careful with stray animals."

"We can't just leave her out here all alone. It's supposed to rain," Kaylan said with a pout.

Cody's eyes went to the shed. "Hey, remember that old doghouse we found when we moved in?"

Kaylan shrugged. "Yeah. What about it?"

"I think Dad put it in the shed in case we ever get a dog. Why don't we set it up in the backyard so this kitten has somewhere dry to sleep?" Cody started for the shed and Kaylan followed.

They found the doghouse and carried it to the edge of the woods in the backyard.

"Here?" Kaylan asked.

Cody nodded, and they placed it down.

"Here, kitty," Kaylan said.

The kitten walked over, nuzzled the side of the doghouse, and stepped inside. She curled up in a ball and fell asleep.

"I think that means she likes it," Cody said. "Now when Mom gets home, we can tell her we found the kitten and she can help us find its owner."

"And if she doesn't belong to anyone, maybe Mom will let us keep her. She already seems to like it here." Kaylan smiled at the kitten sleeping soundly in the doghouse.

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a. play basketball b. fly kites
c. go swimming d. go on a picnic

2. Since the cat was not wearing a collar, they didn't know if the cat had its _____.

a. shots b. claws
c. birthday d. dinner

3. Why didn't Cody think it was a good idea to pick up the cat?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. r _ _ _ i _ _ s

hint: a disease that mainly affects animals

1. _____

2. _ _ t r _ _ y

hint: having no home

2. _____

3. n _ _ z _ _ l e _ _

hint: shown affection by rubbing your face against something

3. _____

4. d o _ _ h _ _ u _ _ e

hint: a home for a dog

4. _____

5. _ _ o l _ _ a _ _

hint: a band worn around an animals neck

5. _____

6. m _ _ o _ _ _ d

hint: a noise a cat makes

6. _____

7. _ _ e i _ _ h _ _ o r _ _ o _ _ d

hint: a place where people live

7. _____

ANSWER KEY

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1. What were Kaylan and Cody going to do before they found a surprise visitor on their deck? **b**

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3. Why didn't Cody think it was a good idea to pick up the cat?

Cody didn't think it was a good idea to pick up the cat because it was a stray and it could have had rabies or some other disease that could be transmitted to humans if scratched or bit.

4. Kaylan didn't want to leave the cat out in the rain, but Cody knew they shouldn't pick it up, what solution did they come up with?

They remembered that their dad found an old doghouse in their yard when they moved into their home and had put it in the shed. So Kaylan and Cody took out the doghouse and put it in the back of the yard so the cat could have a warm, dry place to sleep until they found its owner.

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| 2. <u>s</u> t r <u>a</u> y
hint: having no home | 2. <u>stray</u> |
| 3. n <u>u</u> z <u>z</u> l e <u>d</u>
hint: shown affection by rubbing your face against something | 3. <u>nuzzled</u> |
| 4. d o <u>g</u> h <u>o</u> u <u>s</u> e
hint: a home for a dog | 4. <u>doghouse</u> |
| 5. <u>c</u> o l l <u>a</u> r
hint: a band worn around an animals neck | 5. <u>collar</u> |
| 6. m <u>e</u> o <u>w</u> e d
hint: a noise a cat makes | 6. <u>meowed</u> |
| 7. <u>n</u> e i <u>g</u> h <u>b</u> o r <u>h</u> o <u>o</u> d
hint: a place where people live | 7. <u>neighborhood</u> |