

The Animal Celebration

Teacher Worksheet Series — Based on dreamwriteriarose.com

WORKSHEET 4: Mystery, Survival, and the Unexpected

Covering: Dragon, Panther, Pig, Rabbit, Rat, Snake, Skunk

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

SECTION A: Fill in the Blank

1. The Florida Panther has fewer than _____ individuals remaining. Panthers are sometimes called the _____ of the Forest because they are so rarely seen.
2. Beatrix Potter originally wrote the story of Peter Rabbit as a _____ to cheer up a sick child. The book has since sold more than _____ million copies.
3. Pigs do not actually wallow in mud because they are dirty. They roll in mud to _____ themselves because they cannot _____.
4. The Black Plague killed approximately one _____ of Europe's population. The rat is the _____ sign in the Chinese Zodiac — a position Sir Chewy considers highly unjust.
5. Sir Chewy fought Sir Stunk A Lot _____ times, was hit in the face _____ times, and retreated only when it stung too much. He declares this winning the _____.

SECTION B: True or False

6. Every major culture on Earth independently invented stories about dragons even without contact with each other. _____
7. Most snakes are aggressive and actively hunt humans as prey. _____
8. The caduceus symbol with two snakes wrapped around a staff represents healing in medicine. _____
9. Babe the pig won a sheepdog trial in the film. _____
10. Skunks spray without warning when threatened. _____

SECTION C: Think About It

11. The page says squirrels forget where they bury their food caches — and those forgotten caches grow into forests. They have planted more forests than any other creature on Earth by accident. What does this tell us about unintended consequences? Can you think of something you did that had a bigger effect than you planned?

12. Skunks give significant warning before spraying — stomping, hissing, raising their tail — and Sir Chewy ignored all of it fifteen times. The page asks: what warnings do we ignore because we are determined to win?

Give a real life example of a warning that is easy to ignore.

13. Lady Ariarose writes: 'I don't see anyone's beliefs as fictional even when I disagree.' This appears in the Snake section about the caduceus and mythology. What is the difference between disagreeing with a belief and dismissing it entirely?

14. Charlotte saved Wilbur the pig by writing words about him that changed how people saw him. What words would you write about someone you wanted to protect or help others understand better?

15. The page's Teacher Project asks: Why did the Rat come first in the Chinese Zodiac? Research the story or use what you know. What does it teach about cleverness versus strength, and why might a culture choose to honor that?

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ANSWER KEY — Worksheet 4: Mystery, Survival, and the Unexpected

SECTION A: Fill in the Blank — Answers

1. Fewer than 200 Florida Panthers remaining; called the Ghosts of the Forest.
2. Originally written as a letter to cheer up a sick child; has sold more than 45 million copies.
3. To cool themselves; because they cannot sweat.
4. One third of Europe; Rat is the 1st sign in the Chinese Zodiac.
5. 15 times; hit twice; retreated on the third encounter; he calls this winning the war.

SECTION B: True or False — Answers

6. TRUE — Every major culture independently created dragon mythology even without contact, which the page finds deeply significant.
7. FALSE — The page says most snakes are harmless and prefer to avoid people entirely. Caution based on knowledge is different from fear based on ignorance.
8. TRUE — The caduceus with two snakes represents healing in medicine. The page notes that the same symbol can both hurt and heal.
9. TRUE — Babe won a sheepdog trial. Lady Ariarose uses this to illustrate that when someone does a job well it does not matter who or what they are.
10. FALSE — Skunks give significant warning: stomping, hissing, raising the tail. Sir Chewy ignored all of these warnings fifteen times.

SECTION C: Think About It — Suggested Answer Points

(Accept thoughtful responses demonstrating reading comprehension and personal reflection.)

11. Key concept: unintended consequences can be positive. Squirrels planting forests by accident is a reminder that small actions can have large effects we never intended. Accept any honest personal example.
12. Key concept: we often ignore warning signs because we are focused on our goal. Examples might include ignoring warning signs of burnout, conflict, or danger because we are committed to an outcome. Accept any honest example.
13. Key concept: disagreement acknowledges a belief as real and worth engaging with. Dismissal refuses to take it seriously. Lady Ariarose's position is that all sincere beliefs deserve respect even when she disagrees with them.
14. Open-ended creative response. Look for specificity and genuine feeling. The connection to the story is that words chosen with care and intention can protect and transform how others are seen.
15. The rat came first in the Chinese Zodiac by being clever — hitching a ride on the ox and jumping off first. The story honors intelligence over brute strength. Accept responses that engage with why a culture might choose to honor cleverness.

TEACHER BONUS DISCUSSION PROMPT:

The page asks: Every culture on Earth independently dreamed dragons. Why do you think that is? This is a genuine open question. Some historians suggest shared ancestral memory of large predators. Some suggest it is pattern recognition in nature. Some suggest something else entirely. Ask students to form their own hypothesis and defend it.

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WORKSHEET 5: Legacy, Loss, and the Top Dogs

Covering: Squirrel, Tiger, Whale, Zebra, Dogs — Top Dogs

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

SECTION A: Fill in the Blank

1. Machli the tigress defeated a _____ foot crocodile to protect her cubs and lived to _____ years old — nearly twice the average wild tiger lifespan. She was given a _____ attended by hundreds.
2. There were approximately _____ wild tigers one hundred years ago. Fewer than _____ remain today — a _____ percent collapse in one human lifetime.
3. The Quagga went extinct in _____. The last one has a photograph but no _____. The Quagga Project is attempting to bring back its appearance through selective _____.
4. Keiko the orca was freed because millions of _____ cared. After his release, SeaWorld ended its orca _____ program. Keiko's story changed the conversation even though the ending was not what the movie _____.
5. Smoky the Yorkshire Terrier weighed only _____ pounds and earned _____ battle stars during World War II. Sir Chewy weighs _____ pounds and is on a diet he deeply resents.

SECTION B: Multiple Choice

6. Why cannot zebras be domesticated the way horses can?
A) They are too fast B) They are too large C) They are too aware of danger to submit to being controlled D) They are nocturnal
7. Twiggy the water skiing squirrel became famous for something unexpected. What was the original thing that gave her her name?
A) She had a thin tail B) She destroyed houseplants C) She collected twigs D) She was very small
8. According to the page how many films feature dogs making them the top animal in film?
A) 644 B) 970 C) 1,304 D) 2,000
9. Khumba the zebra was born with half his stripes and blamed for a drought. What did his difference turn out to be?
A) A weakness that caused problems B) Something that was actually needed C) A mark of shame he overcame D) Unimportant to the story

10. Whales have been observed carrying their deceased calves for days. The page says this is evidence of what?
A) Biological instinct only B) Confusion C) Grief — evidence that love existed D) Navigation behavior

SECTION C: Big Questions

11. The page asks: There were 100,000 wild tigers a century ago. Fewer than 4,000 remain. That happened in one human lifetime. Sir Chewy says he cannot fix this by himself but he can tell us and hope we remember. What can one small voice actually do? Do you think telling people matters? Why or why not?

12. The page asks about the Quagga: Is a recreation the same as the original? Does it matter? Write your opinion and explain your reasoning. There is no single right answer — the page is genuinely asking.

13. Lady Ariarose says: 'Sometimes doing what you think is right is the wrong decision but that doesn't mean we were wrong to try.' This is about Keiko the whale. Do you agree? Can you think of a time when trying the right thing had an imperfect outcome?

14. Sir Chewy asks what title you would give yourself and what you would have to earn it. What would your title be and what would the earning look like?

15. The Teacher Challenge at the end of the Top Dogs section asks: If you add up all the animals Sir Chewy claimed as mislabeled dogs, what is the total film credit count? Go back through all five worksheets and list every animal Sir Chewy declared a dog or a dog cousin. Then calculate the total. Show your work.

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ANSWER KEY — Worksheet 5: Legacy, Loss, and the Top Dogs

SECTION A: Fill in the Blank — Answers

1. 14-foot crocodile; lived to 19 years old; given a state funeral.
2. 100,000 wild tigers a century ago; fewer than 4,000 remain; a 96 percent collapse in one human lifetime.
3. Quagga extinct in 1883; last one has a photograph but no name; Quagga Project uses selective breeding.
4. Millions of children; SeaWorld ended its orca breeding program; the ending was not what the movie promised.
5. Smoky weighed 4 pounds, earned 8 battle stars; Sir Chewy weighs 14 pounds, on a diet he resents.

SECTION B: Multiple Choice — Answers

6. C) Zebras are too aware of danger to submit to being controlled. The page notes this is different from horses even though they look similar.
7. B) Twiggy got her name from destroying houseplants. The unexpected thing she became known for was water skiing and water safety advocacy.
8. C) 1,304 films feature dogs, making them the top animal in film. Horses are second with 970, cats third with 644.
9. B) What made Khumba different — being born with half his stripes — was actually what was needed. The page uses this to explore how difference can be a gift rather than a flaw.
10. C) Grief — evidence that love existed. The page says grief means something mattered.

SECTION C: Big Questions — Suggested Answer Points

(All questions in this section are open-ended by design. Accept thoughtful responses.)

11. Key point: Sir Chewy's philosophy is that telling people and hoping they remember is the thing one small voice can do. Accept responses that engage genuinely with whether awareness matters and what it can and cannot accomplish.
12. Genuinely open. Accept any reasoned position. Key discussion point: does the appearance of a thing make it the thing, or does origin matter? Encourage students to distinguish between an opinion and a reasoned argument.
13. Key point: Lady Ariarose's position is that the intention and the effort matter even when the outcome is imperfect. Keiko's story changed policy even though his personal ending was hard. Accept any honest personal example.
14. Fully open and personal. Look for genuine reflection on what quality or contribution they would want to be recognized for and what work or growth that would require.
15. Teacher reference — Sir Chewy's declared dogs/dog cousins across the page: Cheetah (dog), Horse (very tall dog), Lion (dog), Dolphin (dog cousin/naval division), Aardvark (investigation ongoing/possible strange dog), Monkey (dog uncle by adoption), Gorilla (dog nephew by adoption), Bear (partial — Winnie mislabeled), Kangaroo (partial — enjoyed the pouch). Film totals per page: Dogs 1,304 + Horses 970 + Cats 644 (cats not claimed as dogs but included for comparison). Accept any careful list with math shown.

TEACHER BONUS DISCUSSION PROMPT:

The page ends with Sir Chewy in negotiations to be promoted from Mister Chewy to Sir Chewy. Lady Ariarose is tough but he is tougher. Ask students: What title are you currently in negotiations for — with yourself, your family, your teachers, or your community? What would earning it actually look like?

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COMPLETE UNIT TEST — All Animals

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Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

PART ONE: Fill in the Blank (15 questions — 2 points each = 30 points)

1. The aardvark Afer lived to _____ years old at Colchester Zoo — far longer than the typical _____ years in the wild.
2. The real bear that inspired Winnie the Pooh was named Winnie, after Winnipeg, and was purchased for \$_____ during World War I.
3. Cher Ami flew _____ miles in _____ minutes to deliver the message that saved 194 soldiers during World War I.
4. The cat Tama saved a failing Japanese railway station and brought _____ billion yen to the local economy. She was given the title of _____ Eternal Stationmaster.
5. Cheetahs are the fastest land animals, reaching speeds of _____ to _____ miles per hour in short bursts.
6. Fewer than _____ cheetahs remain in the wild due partly to a genetic bottleneck approximately _____ years ago.
7. Elephants are the largest land animals and can weigh up to _____ pounds. Their memory is so powerful that being tied to a small post as a baby can create _____ that lasts into adulthood.
8. A baby kangaroo called a _____ is born about the size of a grape and develops inside its mother's _____.
9. The Billy Goat Curse lasted _____ years after William Sianis and his goat were turned away from the World Series in _____.
10. There were approximately _____ wild tigers one century ago. Fewer than _____ remain today — a 96 percent collapse.
11. Beatrix Potter's story of Peter Rabbit began as a _____ written to cheer up a sick child and has sold over _____ million copies.
12. Pigs roll in mud not because they are dirty but to _____ themselves because they cannot _____.
13. Sir Chewy fought Sir Stunk A Lot _____ times and considers retreating on the third hit to be winning the _____.
14. Machli the tigress lived to _____ years — nearly twice the average wild lifespan — and was given a _____ attended by hundreds.
15. Smoky the Yorkshire Terrier weighed only _____ pounds and earned _____ battle stars during World War II.

PART TWO: True or False (10 questions — 1 point each = 10 points)

Write TRUE or FALSE on the line provided.

16. Dolphins are fish who breathe through gills. _____
17. The United States Navy has trained dolphins for military service since 1960. _____
18. Seabiscuit won his first 17 races before meeting trainer Tom Smith. _____
19. Kangaroos can only move forward — they cannot walk backwards. _____
20. Christian the lion forgot his human owners after one year living wild in Africa. _____
21. Skunks spray without any warning when threatened. _____
22. Squirrels have planted more forests than any other creature by forgetting where they buried food.

23. The Quagga went extinct in 1883 and the last known individual has a photograph but no name. _____
24. Sir Chewy is in formal negotiations for the title of Sir Chewy. _____
25. Every major world culture independently created stories about dragons. _____

PART THREE: Short Answer (5 questions — 4 points each = 20 points)

Answer in complete sentences. Use what you learned from the Animal Celebration page.

26. Sir Chewy has declared several animals to be mislabeled dogs. Name three animals he claims are dogs and give ONE piece of evidence he uses for each. Then give ONE factual reason he is wrong about one of them.

27. What is the Dickin Medal? Name two animals that received it and explain why.

28. The page describes 'learned helplessness' using the example of an elephant tied to a small post as a baby. Explain what learned helplessness means and give one example of how it might appear in a human's life.

29. Lady Ariarose says: 'Write for the one who needs it.' The page mentions Beatrix Potter, Charlotte's Web, and Black Beauty as books that each did something important. Choose one and explain what that book did that mattered beyond just telling a story.

30. The page ends with Sir Chewy asking: What title would you give yourself and what would you have to do to earn it? Answer this question for yourself in at least three complete sentences.

Total Points: _____ / 60

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ANSWER KEY — Complete Unit Test

PART ONE: Fill in the Blank — Answers

1. 32 years; 14 years in the wild.
2. \$20.
3. 25 miles in 25 minutes.
4. 1.1 billion yen; Honorary Eternal Stationmaster.
5. 70 to 75 miles per hour.
6. Fewer than 7,000; bottleneck approximately 10,000 years ago.
7. Up to 14,000 pounds; learned helplessness.
8. Joey; pouch.
9. 71 years; 1945.
10. 100,000; fewer than 4,000.
11. A letter; 45 million copies.
12. Cool themselves; cannot sweat.
13. 15 times; war.
14. 19 years; state funeral.
15. 4 pounds; 8 battle stars.

PART TWO: True or False — Answers

16. FALSE — Dolphins are mammals. They breathe air, nurse young with milk, and are warm-blooded.
17. TRUE — U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program since 1960.
18. FALSE — Seabiscuit LOST his first 17 races.
19. TRUE — This is why the kangaroo is on the Australian coat of arms.
20. FALSE — Christian recognized and ran to greet his former owners after a full year living wild.
21. FALSE — Skunks give significant warning: stomping, hissing, raising the tail.
22. TRUE — Squirrels forget buried food caches and those grow into trees and forests.
23. TRUE — The Quagga went extinct in 1883 and the last known individual was photographed but unnamed.
24. TRUE — Sir Chewy is in negotiations. Lady Ariarose is tough but he is tougher.
25. TRUE — Every major culture independently created dragon mythology.

PART THREE: Short Answer — Suggested Answer Points

(Accept any well-reasoned, text-supported responses.)

26. Sir Chewy's declared dogs include: Cheetah (semi-retractable claws, chirps instead of roars — factually a big cat); Horse (loyal, bonds with humans, chose a stray dog as best friend — factually its own domesticated species); Lion (lives in prides like packs, someone put their head in one's mouth — factually the largest African big cat); Dolphin (Naval Division arrangement, trained like police dogs, named KDog — factually a mammal that lives in water). Accept any three with supporting evidence and one factual correction.

27. The Dickin Medal is the highest honor given to animals in military service — the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross, established in 1943. Accept any two: Cher Ami (WWI pigeon, flew wounded to deliver message saving 194 soldiers); G.I. Joe (WWII pigeon, flew 20 miles in 20 minutes to stop a friendly bombing); 32 pigeons total received it.

28. Learned helplessness is when a creature learns early that it cannot do something and stops trying even after it grows capable of doing it. The elephant tied to a small post as a baby believes it cannot escape even as an adult that could uproot a tree. Human examples might include someone told they are bad at a subject who stops trying, or someone who was told they could not succeed and internalized that message.

29. Beatrix Potter: wrote for one sick child and created a book that has sold 45 million copies — showing that writing for one person who needs it can reach millions. *Charlotte's Web*: Charlotte's words saved Wilbur's life, demonstrating how language chosen carefully and offered with love can protect and transform how others are seen. *Black Beauty*: written from a horse's perspective, it changed how people actually treated horses — a book that altered real behavior and policy.

30. Fully personal. Look for genuine reflection on a quality worth earning, what work it would require, and why it matters to the student. Sir Chewy's example (*Doctor of Puppy Love*, earned by giving love freely) can be offered as a model of the spirit of the answer.

GRADING NOTE FOR TEACHERS:

Part Three questions are intentionally open-ended. The Animal Celebration page is designed to provoke genuine thinking rather than rote recall. Award full points for any answer that demonstrates careful reading, honest reflection, and coherent reasoning — not just factual accuracy. Sir Chewy and Lady Ariarose both model this approach throughout the page.

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