



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Rescue and Rehabilitation

4-8 Classroom Activities

Wildlife Rehab Game

OBJECTIVE

Students discuss and determine wildlife rescue scenarios based on cards with situations

ACTIVITY PREP:

This game consists of 13 blue cards and 13 orange cards. Create the blue cards using the scenarios in the left column and the orange cards using the right column.

(One scenario per card).

On each of the BLUE cards is a scenario involving a human action that either directly or indirectly CAUSES an animal-related event to occur. On each of the ORANGE cards is a scenario involving either a direct or indirect EFFECT of one of the blue cards' actions. Each of the blue cards ("cause") has ONE matching orange card ("effect").

ACTION

There are two ways of playing this game:

1. Mix ALL of the cards in one big stack and give one card to each player.
2. Have each player hold up their card in front of them so that it is visible to everyone around them (make sure players hold cards with the words facing their body).
3. Each player's job is to go around the room and mingle with people holding cards of the OPPOSITE color, trying to match orange "causes" to blue "effects."
4. Once everyone has found their match, each "team" needs to come up with ways that their scenarios could have been prevented, as well as appropriate actions that could have been taken by the characters in the scenarios, and share these solutions.

OR

1. Mix ALL of the cards in one big stack and give one card to each player.
2. Going around the room in any order, have each person read their card aloud. Students listen to the scenario and compare it with the scenario on the card in front of them.
3. If it matches (blue with orange cards or visa versa), have the matching team (or the whole class) come up with ways that their scenarios could have been prevented, as well as appropriate actions that could have been taken by the characters in the scenarios.

BLUE “EFFECT” SCENARIOS

1. Sally Mander owns two cats that she allows to stay outside while she's at work during the day.
2. Ana Mall's favorite feature of the dining room in her new house is the huge expanse of glass windows that cover the entire side of one wall. She is meticulous about keeping the windows clean and clear to let in as much sunshine as possible.
3. Little Ella Font was playing in the backyard when she came upon a nest of tiny eggs in some lower branches of a tree. She decided to bring them inside and keep them on the windowsill of her bedroom to see if they would hatch.
4. Barry Kooda recently went on a camping trip with some friends. He was careful not to leave behind any trash, including paper plates, cans, plastic bags, and plastic six-pack connectors.
5. Although Cara Bou works downtown, her house is located in a rural area on the outskirts of the city. Her long commute often brings her home after the sun has begun to set. She will sheepishly admit that she loves to blast her radio while she drives, often speeding well above the speed limit.
6. Ann Telope was getting her mail one early afternoon when she noticed a small nest on the ground near her mailbox with several baby rabbits sleeping, unattended. She quickly looked around for any sign of the mother, and when she found none, she gathered up the young rabbits and took them indoors.
7. New to living up north, Clyde S. Dale has never had a fireplace before. He was puzzled when a neighbor asked if he had remembered to put a cap over the chimney during the summer.

ORANGE “CAUSE” SCENARIOS

1. Paul R. Bear was watering the plants in his backyard when he found a blue jay with a severely lacerated wing.
2. Lee Muhr, a landscaper, was cutting the hedges against a client's house when he discovered a dead dove on the ground with a broken neck.
3. Ally Gator always looks forward to her yearly springtime visit with her sister and her family. For the past several years, a cardinal has kept a nest in the same tree outside the guest bedroom window. Ally always enjoyed waiting to wake up to the inevitable peeps that would come from the nest during her visit. This year during Ally's visit, however, her favorite mother cardinal and her lively nest were nowhere to be found.
4. Ryan Oceris works at the county landfill. The other day, he found a seagull entangled in a plastic six-pack connector used for soda cans.
5. Wally Bee was driving his kids to school one morning when his youngest child squealed and pointed to the side of the road. A young deer was lying in a ditch, obviously hit by a vehicle the night before.
6. When Anna Conda was arriving home from work one evening, she was surprised to find the mother rabbit that had made a nest between her and her neighbor's yards hopping around without the three baby rabbits there earlier that morning.
7. Camille Leon was visiting her friend's house when they both heard a strange sound coming from the chimney. Upon closer examination, the two were shocked to find a pair of raccoons had decided to make residence in this potentially dangerous spot.

BLUE “EFFECT” SCENARIOS

8. C. Rocko Dile was not pleased one breezy afternoon when the kite he was flying got caught overhead in some tree branches, and he had to climb up to cut it free.
9. Chip Anzie spent one Saturday morning cutting down several dead trees in the backyard that his wife had been nagging him about for the past few months.
10. Hugh Man, tired of weeding his yard every Saturday, decided to start spraying weed-killer over his lawn to make life easier.
11. Rocky Guana always changes his own oil on his truck at home, often leaving the used motor oil in the pan for several days before disposing of it.
12. Jack Cal found a red rat snake on his back porch. Taking into account its small size and beautiful colors, he decided to keep it as a cool pet.
13. Arthur Pod was in the middle of mowing his front lawn when he came across a nest of baby birds on the ground. He quickly picked up the nest and moved it next to some bushes in the back yard.

ORANGE “CAUSE” SCENARIOS

8. While jogging through the park one day, Lori Keat was upset to find a crow at the base of a tree, tangled up in some string and unable to move.
9. Milli Pead commented to her parents on the last visit to their house that their backyard, which was usually bustling with wildlife this time of year, was noticeably quiet.
10. After several days of rain, Katie Didd was distressed to find scads of dead worms on her driveway. She was even more concerned when she found two dead birds on her lawn the following day.
11. Anne Teeter was horrified when she found a dying bird covered in slimy, black oil in a dirty pan behind her boyfriend's house.
12. Murray Eel, a wildlife rehabilitator, has a good knowledge of the wild snakes in his area. When he overheard a coworker talking about a small snake he had caught for a pet, Murray was not surprised to hear that it only lived for a few months
13. Tara N. Tula was at a friend's house for a backyard barbeque when she came across an empty bird's nest on the ground with a dead baby bird laying nearby.