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A Shelter Story

What would it be like to work at a job helping animals? Working at an animal shelter means handling many different tasks. Which tasks

below would a shelter worker handle? Circle each one. (Hint: Seven of the tasks should be circled.)

1 A lost dog is brought to the shelter. You notice she is wearing a collar, license, and tags. You notify her owners that you have found their dog.



2 A lion comes in to have his mane trimmed. "Wait right here," you say. "I'll get my comb, shampoo, and scissors."



3 The mail arrives. Several of the letters are about a local pet shop. The writers say the animals are not being cared for properly. You decide to investigate.



4 "Please help me. My cat is stuck in a tree," says a man over the phone. You send help and remind the owner to keep his cat safe indoors.



5 Last week you answered a complaint about a someone who was neglecting her horses. You talked with the owner about taking better care of her horses. You conduct a follow-up visit to check on the animals.



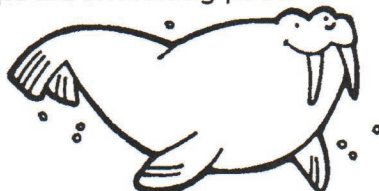
6 You rescue a swan with a broken wing. You take him to a wildlife rehabilitator.



7 A family is giving away free kittens. Their cat has not been spayed. You talk to them about the importance of spaying and neutering pets.



8 A herd of Pacific walrus arrives at the shelter. You take them on a field trip to a public swimming pool.



9 "I'd like to adopt a dog who needs a good home," says a visitor to your shelter. You interview the visitor and show him the many wonderful pets waiting for a home.



On the back, write a story about a day in the life of an animal-shelter worker. Write the story in the first person, pretending you are the shelter worker.