

Amazing Animal Helpers



K-Dog, a bottlenose dolphin, has a camera attached to its flipper to record underwater objects.

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This dolphin is helping soldiers. How? It looks for hidden objects on the ocean floor. Other animals help people too. Jump inside to learn all about them!

Animals Have Special Jobs!

Many different types of animals help people. See how these animals lend a hand-or a flipper, hoof, or paw!

Diving Dolphins

A special team of bottlenose dolphins helps the U.S. Navy in the ocean waters near Iraq. The dolphins use sonar to find unsafe objects in the water. Sonar is the use of sound to find things. After the dolphins finish their job, they are rewarded with a favorite snack-fish! The dolphins' work helps keep our troops safe from harm.

Reading Dogs

Reading dogs listen to the children read. That helps kids feel confident while they read. The

dogs do not rush the kids or correct them.

Helpful Horses

Cuddles, a guide horse, is full-grown at 2 feet tall. That is about the size of a large dog. Cuddles helps guide her owner, who is blind. Cuddles wears special sneakers to protect her hooves.

Marvelous Monkeys

Some monkeys help people who cannot move their arms or legs. The monkeys are trained to do tasks such as getting water from the refrigerator or putting a CD in a music player.



This dog helps find people buried in collapsed buildings.

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Hot Dogs!

Take a look at some ways these furry friends help people.

- Some dogs look for people who could be buried in snow.
- A dog can search for people in the water.
- Other dogs work to cheer up sick children in hospitals.
- A colorful poodle might visit a child in a hospital.