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Key Vocabulary

neglected	not given proper attention or care
recovery	becoming healthy again after an illness or injury
slaughter	kill, typically for food
accredited sanctuary	place where animals are safe and cared for
vegan	someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from animals

Jake's Recovery

Meet Jake the turkey from Oak Ridge, North Carolina! He was rescued by Red Dog Farm from a roadside zoo. Jake was very sick when he arrived at the farm—he didn't move or eat for almost two weeks. He had been severely **neglected** and nearly died. But with the rescue group's help, he made a full **recovery**. He is a wonderful animal with a gentle soul. Today he is being properly cared for and has a loving home.



The holiday season should be joyful for everyone, but it's not a happy time for animals who end up on the dinner table. More than 45 million turkeys are killed each year at Thanksgiving and more than 22 million are **slaughtered** at Christmas for holiday meals.

Turkeys are gentle, smart birds, but most of them spend their lives suffering in filthy conditions on factory farms before they're slaughtered. Only a lucky few, like Jake, are ever rescued and get to live out their lives at **accredited sanctuaries**.

You may not be able to rescue a turkey, but you can still help give animals a reason to be thankful by going **vegan**.

Comprehension Questions: Jake's Recovery

1. How did Jake become sick?

2. How do you think the rescue group helped Jake recover?

3. What can people do to make the holidays happy for turkeys?

4. The article says that Jake made a full recovery after he was **rescued** from a roadside zoo. What's the difference between a roadside zoo and a rescue group or an **accredited sanctuary**?

Answer Sheet: Jake's Recovery

1. How did Jake become sick?

Possible answer: Jake's basic needs weren't met at the roadside zoo. (Literal)

2. How do you think the rescue group helped Jake recover?

Possible answer: The rescue group met Jake's basic needs. They probably also gave him love and attention. Like all animals, he needed proper food, clean water, plenty of space to move around, veterinary care, and love. (Inferential)

3. What can people do to make the holidays happy for turkeys?

Possible answer: People can help turkeys by going vegan. There are many vegan foods, including faux-turkey products, that don't involve hurting or killing animals. People can also help turkeys by refusing to support roadside zoos. (Literal)

4. The article says that Jake made a full recovery after he was rescued from a roadside zoo. What's the difference between a roadside zoo and a rescue group or an accredited sanctuary?

Possible answer: Roadside zoos use animals to make money and usually don't take proper care of them. Rescue groups and accredited sanctuaries help animals by giving them the proper care that they deserve. (Evaluative)

