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## Key Vocabulary

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| <b>factory farm</b>   | place where many animals are raised for food and typically confined to small areas                   |
| <b>slaughterhouse</b> | place where animals are killed, usually for food   |
| <b>hoarder</b>        | person who collects an unhealthy amount of animals or things   |
| <b>compassion</b>     | sympathy and concern for the suffering and problems of others  |
| <b>vegan</b>          | someone who does not use animals, including for food, or something that does not come from an animal |

## Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

Lucky's life didn't start out very lucky. Born on a **factory farm**, she was raised to become one of the 9 billion chickens killed for food every year in the U.S. In fact, she had already been crammed onto a **slaughterhouse** truck with many other chickens and was being hauled down a highway in Washington on what would have been the last day of her life—when things suddenly took a turn for the better.



As the truck sped along, it hit a bump and Lucky tumbled out while it was still moving. On factory farms, chickens like her are fattened up and bred to grow so large so quickly that their legs often can't support their weight and they break, causing them to fall to the ground, which is what happened to Lucky.

Warren Padgette was driving along, not far behind, and saw the white chicken lying on her side in the middle of the road. He assumed that she was dead but stopped to check on her just to be sure. And then Lucky blinked at him! As cars raced by, the man gently picked her up, checked her for injuries, and carried her back to his truck.

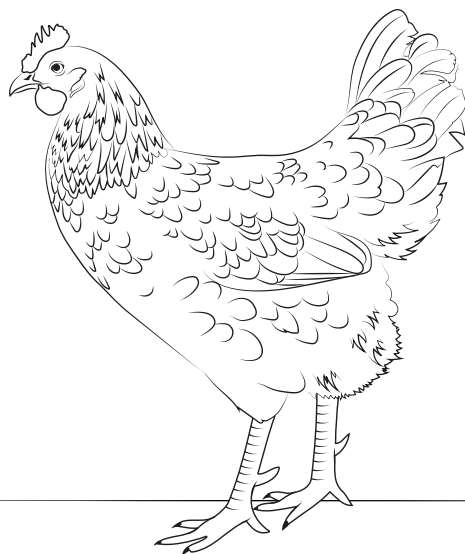
Warren drove to his house, passing the slaughterhouse truck that was still barreling down the highway. He gave the little bird a bath, carefully blow-dried her feathers, and named her Lucky.

Now, Lucky hardly ever leaves Warren's side. Her favorite place to be is either nestled against his legs or perched on his shoulder. She is now at a healthy weight and enjoys watching over the chicks Warren recently adopted, who live in a custom-built henhouse. She has also become friends with the newest addition to the family, Billy, a goat rescued from a **hoarder**. And as the family grows, so does its circle of **compassion**: After bonding with Lucky, just as they might have done with a dog or a cat, the human members stopped eating chickens and all other animals.

Warren says that every time he drives past another slaughterhouse-bound truck, he longs to save every single chicken on board. But at least he was able to rescue Lucky, and he hopes her story will encourage others to try to save animals as well.

By going **vegan**, just one person can save nearly 200 animals like Lucky every year. And people can help animals by looking out for those in need. If you see a lost or injured animal, tell an adult immediately so they can call for help.

Watch the inspiring video about Lucky at **[PETA.org/LuckyRescueVideo](https://peta.org/LuckyRescueVideo)**.



# Comprehension Questions: Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

1. How do you think Lucky felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

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2. Why did Warren choose the name Lucky?

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3. What do you think led the Padgett family to stop eating animals?

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4. What can you do to help stop chickens from being raised and killed for food?

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5. Have you ever seen an animal who needed help? Explain what you did or would tell others to do in that situation.

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# Answer Sheet: Lucky and the Man Who Saved Her

## 1. How do you think Lucky felt before being rescued and then afterward?

**What makes you think so?**

**Possible answer:** Lucky was probably terrified before being rescued. She had been born on a factory farm, where animals suffer, and then crammed into a truck with many other chickens that was going very fast down a bumpy highway. After she was rescued, Lucky probably felt relieved that Warren had saved her. (Inferential)

## 2. Why did Warren choose the name Lucky?

**Possible answer:** Unlike most chickens raised for food, Lucky was rescued. She could have died on the highway, and she would definitely have been killed if she hadn't fallen off the truck. Now she's safe and has a happy life with her new family. (Inferential)

## 3. What do you think led the Padgette family to stop eating animals?

**Possible answer:** The family bonded with Lucky, just as they might have bonded with a dog or a cat. Since they couldn't imagine eating a dog or a cat, they began to see Lucky—and all animals—as living beings with feelings, instead of as food. (Inferential)

## 4. What can you do to help stop chickens from being raised and killed for food?

**Answer:** You can save nearly 200 animals like Lucky every year by going vegan. (Literal)

## 5. Have you ever seen an animal who needed help? Explain what you did or would tell others to do in that situation.

**Answer:** Answers will vary depending upon students' life experiences. If any students tell you that they've seen a lost or injured animal, [PETA.org/AnimalEmergency](https://peta.org/AnimalEmergency) can help with more information. (Evaluative)