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Key Vocabulary	
rescuers	people who save someone from a bad situation
spay	operation that prevents an animal from having babies
animal companions	animals who live with and are cared for by humans

Florence the Cat

Rescuers from PETA spent days saving animals from the floods after Hurricane Florence. They were about to go home, but they decided to stop and check one last time. It's a good thing they did, because they spotted a skinny cat sitting on the front porch of a flooded house. She had no food, no water to drink, and no way of escaping.



The rescuers named her Florence after the storm that left her stranded. They took her to a vet, who **spayed** her and gave her a check-up. Now Florence is safe and warm and living indoors, where all cats should be.

Sometimes, when dangerous weather hits, people have to leave their homes and go somewhere safe. It's important for them to take their **animal companions** with them because sometimes they can't go back home for a long time. People should make sure they have an emergency plan that includes their animal companions. They can also help cats like Florence by adopting from an animal shelter.

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Comprehension Questions: Florence the Cat

1. Why did Florence need help?

- a. She was stuck in a tree.
- b. She was stranded on the front porch of a flooded house.
- c. She was lost and couldn't find her family.
- d. She had a hurt leg.

2. Before she was rescued, Florence probably felt _____.

- a. calm
- b. excited
- c. scared
- d. happy

3. Check all the things that our animal companions need in order to be happy and healthy.

- food
- water
- a safe place to live indoors
- regular visits to the vet
- love and affection

4. It's important for people to take their animals with them when they have to escape from dangerous weather. What could happen to the animals if they're left behind?

Answer Sheet: Florence the Cat

1. Why did Florence need help?

Answer: b. She was stranded on the front porch of a flooded house.
(Literal)

2. Before she was rescued, Florence probably felt _____.

Answer: c. scared (Inferential)

3. Check all the things that our animal companions need in order to be happy and healthy.

Answer: All the items are needed for animal companions to be happy and healthy. (Inferential)

4. It's important for people to take their animals with them when they have to escape from dangerous weather. What could happen to the animals if they're left behind?

Answer: Animal companions left behind during dangerous weather have no one to take care of them and give them all the things they need. They might end up stranded, lost, sick, or injured, like Florence.
(Inferential)