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Key Vocabulary	
rescuers	people who save someone from a bad situation
animal companions	animals who are adopted and cared for by humans
natural habitat	place where plants and animals are meant to live and grow

Herman the Duckling

Herman was a fluffy baby duck living all alone in a dirty cage. He needed more space, some water to swim in, and other ducks to play with. Luckily, **rescuers** saved him and took him to a safe place with a pond and lots of other ducks. Now, Herman is all grown up and gets to swim every day with his duck friends.



Wild ducks are sweet, but they aren't toys and shouldn't be **animal companions**. Like all wild animals, wild ducks are happiest and healthiest in their **natural habitat**.

Comprehension Questions: Herman the Duckling

1. Why did Herman need help?

- a. He was sick.
- b. He was living all alone in a dirty cage.
- c. He had a broken wing.
- d. He was lost.

2. What does Herman do every day now?

- a. Take naps in the sun
- b. Eat his favorite food
- c. Swim with other ducks
- d. Play chase with his friends

3. Where are wild ducks happiest and healthiest?

- a. In their natural habitat
- b. In a cage
- c. In a house
- d. In a pool

4. How do you think Herman felt before he was rescued, and how did he feel afterward? What makes you think so?
