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## Key Vocabulary

<b>neglected</b>	not given proper attention or care
<b>recovery</b>	becoming healthy again after an illness or injury
<b>slaughter</b>	kill, typically for food
<b>accredited sanctuary</b>	place where animals are safe and cared for
<b>vegan</b>	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?

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

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

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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**?

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