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A Home for Kitty

By Kelly Hashway

Kaylan and Cody grabbed their kites and raced for the back door, but they stopped when they saw a gray and black tiger cat sitting on their deck.

"Whose kitten is that?" Cody asked.

"Aw, she's so cute," Kaylan said, bending down for a better look.

The kitten meowed and rubbed up against Kaylan's leg.



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sick if she scratches or bites you."

Kaylan stepped away from the cat. "You think she bites?"

"I don't think she will, but you have to be careful with stray animals."

"We can't just leave her out here all alone. It's supposed to rain," Kaylan said with a pout.

Cody's eyes went to the shed. "Hey, remember that old doghouse we found when we moved in?"

Kaylan shrugged. "Yeah. What about it?"

"I think Dad put it in the shed in case we ever get a dog. Why don't we set it up in the backyard so this kitten has somewhere dry to sleep?" Cody started for the shed and Kaylan followed.

They found the doghouse and carried it to the edge of the woods in the backyard.



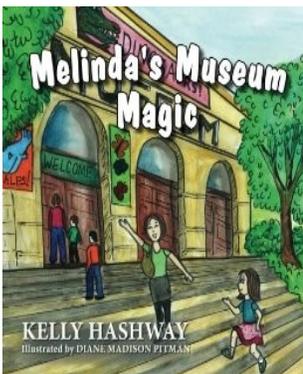
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"I think that means she likes it," Cody said. "Now when Mom gets home, we can tell her we found the kitten and she can help us find its owner."

"And if she doesn't belong to anyone, maybe Mom will let us keep her. She already seems to like it here." Kaylan smiled at the kitten sleeping soundly in the doghouse.

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1. What were Kaylan and Cody going to do before they found a surprise visitor on their deck?

- a. play basketball
- b. fly kites
- c. go swimming
- d. go on a picnic

2. Since the cat was not wearing a collar, they didn't know if the cat had its _____.

- a. shots
- b. claws
- c. birthday
- d. dinner



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4. Kaylan didn't want to leave the cat out in the rain, but Cody knew they shouldn't pick it up, what solution did they come up with?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. r ___ i ___ s

hint: a disease that mainly affects animals

1. _____

2. ___ t r ___ y

hint: having no home

2. _____



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5. ___ o l ___ a ___

hint: a band worn around an animal's neck

5. _____

6. m ___ o ___ d

hint: a noise a cat makes

6. _____

7. ___ e i ___ h ___ o r ___ o ___ d

hint: a place where people live

7. _____

ANSWER KEY

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1. What were Kaylan and Cody going to do before they found a surprise visitor on their deck? **b**



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the doghouse and put it in the back of the yard so the cat could have a warm, dry place to sleep until they found its owner.

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