

FOCUS ON
Animal Rescues

1. Write a letter to a friend describing what you learned about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

2. If you were an animal rescuer, would you rescue pets or wildlife? Why?

3. In Chapter 1, what did rescue workers use to clean oil off the pelicans?
 - A. ocean water
 - B. dish soap
 - C. refuges
4. Why did the mayor of Mexico City let people bring their pets with them to the shelters?
 - A. So the pets could stay with their families.
 - B. The shelters were nicer for pets than homes.
 - C. The shelters were built mainly for pets to stay in.

5. What does **inhale** mean in this book?

*During a fire, an animal may **inhale** too much smoke. Rescuers put a mask over the animal's nose. The mask helps the animal breathe.*

- A.** to move through a fire
- B.** to blow smoke away
- C.** to take air into the body

6. What does **debris** mean in this book?

*Animals were trapped under the rubble. They needed help. Workers discovered the animals while clearing away **debris**.*

- A.** workers who help animals
- B.** fences that block an entrance
- C.** pieces of something that fell apart

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C