

### FOLLOW-UP

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Write short texts (about 100 words) about other animals which saved humans.

You must use all the given words and make up an appealing story.

- **Dog / torrential rains / drag / mouth / gently / bite / shore / witness / drown / medal**
- **Three lions / girl / kidnap / men / jungle / attack / cub / miracle / look after / family**

Then read the following texts and compare your short texts and the authentic news stories.

### AUTHENTIC NEWS STORIES

Orion was a dog that rescued 37 people during the Vargas tragedy, a disaster that occurred in Venezuela on 15 and 16 December 1999, when torrential rains and flash floods killed thousands of people.

Orion saved an eight-year-old girl who was dragged by the turbulent waters that brought logs and stones. When he opened his mouth to grab her, people thought he would bite her badly, but instead he took her gently and carried her to the shore.

He jumped again and rescued a 14-year-old girl from the water, as well as an 80-year old man. In total, the witnesses reported that the dog rescued 37 people from drowning. Orion did that in response to his natural feeling of fidelity and nobility towards humans.

His performance was so incredible that he was decorated, he received a medal and a diploma for the role played.

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Three lions rescued a 12-year-old girl in Ethiopia after chasing four men who kidnapped her on her way to school. The lions pursued the kidnappers and looked after the girl until the police and their families found her in a remote place in Ethiopia.

“The lions kept looking after the girl until we found her, then they went into the jungle,” said Sgt. Wondimu Wedajo.

The sex of the lions was not established. However, a wildlife expert said: “Everyone thinks this is a kind of miracle, because lions usually attack people.” He also said that probably the lions saved her because a little girl’s groans can be mistaken for the mewing of a lion cub.

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