

webquest worksheet

level 3

Please remember that websites often change or disappear. The information here was correct in January 2007.

The dog and duck

Open the following website: <http://www.rspca.org.uk/InternationalHomepage> and answer these questions:

a RSPCA stands for the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is based in the UK but has an International branch. On the homepage under **Introduction** are the following sentences true or false?

- RSPCA International uses the EU and UK laws as guidelines when advising other governments.
- If people ask for help following a natural disaster the RSPCA responds.
- It only helps communities and countries in the developed world.

b Under **Global Influence** which three groups of animals does the RSPCA want to help?

- Under **Partnerships** does the RSPCA work with any other animal welfare organisations?
- Under **European legislation** what is the name of the group of animal welfare organisations that the RSPCA works with?

c Find and click on **About the RSPCA**:

- What are the missing verbs in this sentence: The RSPCA as a charity will, by all lawful means, _____ cruelty, _____ kindness to and _____ suffering of animals.
- Under **Charitable status** how much does it cost to run the RSPCA each year, and where does the money come from?
- Under **How YOU can help** how many different ways of helping are there?

d Find and click on **How you can help**:

- Under **Introduction** who is Stanley and what happened to him?
- Where is Stanley now?
- What does '...undertake our vital welfare work' mean?
- What does 'Your generosity' mean?

e Find and click on **Careers**:

- Under **RSPCA inspector** does the RSPCA use the law to help them sometimes?
- Under **Animal collection officer** does the RSPCA look after animals that their owners no longer want?
- Under **Veterinary surgeon** what's another way of saying 'pet'?
- Where's a common place to find captive animals?

Have a look at the rest of the site and read anything that interests you, there are also some videos and games if you look hard enough!

a Introduction

- True - based on UK and European precedents.
- True
- False, it helps communities and countries where funds and resources are minimal.

b Global Influence farm, laboratory and wild animals

- Yes, but only with organisations who have the same objectives.
- Eurogroup for Animals (Why not click on the link and find out more about this group?)

c About the RSPCA:

- The RSPCA as a charity will, by all lawful means, *prevent* cruelty, *promote* kindness to and *alleviate* suffering of animals.
- £82 million, from voluntary donations and legacies
- five

d How you can help:

- Stanley is a young dog (pup / puppy), his ears had been cut off
- In a new home with another owner
- To do and be responsible for very important practical (and financial) help
- Your willingness to give time, money or kindness

e Careers:

- Yes
- Yes - abandoned animals
- A companion animal
- A zoo

NB: Just click on the link at the top of the first page to open the website.

Alternatively the full website address is

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RSPCA/RSPCARedirect&pg=InternationalHomepage>