



## Essential Question

**How do we care for animals?**



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# Caring

## for

# Animals

All animals have needs. People give the animals what they need to live.

Animals need:

- ▶ fresh food and water each day
- ▶ air to breathe
- ▶ a safe place to live

### Talk About It



Work with a partner. Tell how people care for animals. Write your ideas on the word web.



# Vocabulary

Use the picture and sentence to learn each word.



**allowed**

Dogs are not **allowed** on the beach.

What things are allowed at school?



**care**

I help **care** for my little brother.

Tell how you take care of your belongings.



**excited**

The girls were **excited** to play with their new puppy.

What would you be excited about seeing or doing?



**needs**

Food and water are some of the **needs** of every animal.

What are your needs?



**roam**

Lions **roam** the plains in Africa.  
Describe how you move when you roam.



**safe**

Wearing a seatbelt keeps me **safe** on the school bus.  
How can you stay safe when riding a bike?



**wandered**

A bear cub **wandered** away from its mother.  
What is the opposite of wandered?



**wild**

Bears and raccoons live in the **wild**.  
Name some animals you have seen in the wild.

## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

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# Taking Care of Pepper



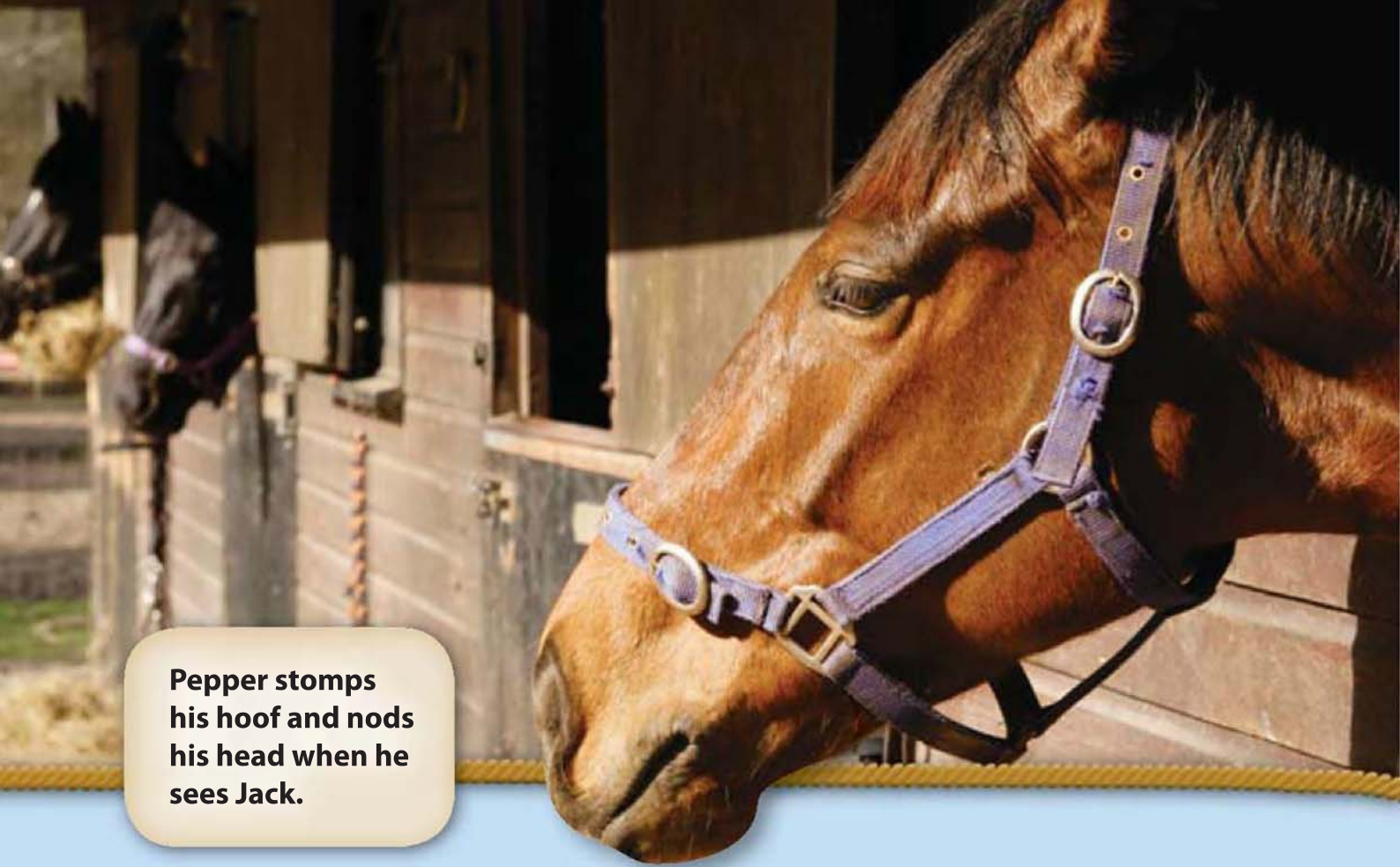
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Read about how a boy cares for a horse.



Have you ever been on a farm? Jack lives on a farm. He has a horse named Pepper. Jack helps take **care** of Pepper. Looking after a horse is a big job. A horse has many **needs**. There are a lot of things a horse must have to live.



Pepper stomps his hoof and nods his head when he sees Jack.

Every morning, Jack wakes up at 5:00 a.m. He and his father go to Pepper's stall. The stall keeps Pepper **safe** from bad weather and other dangers.

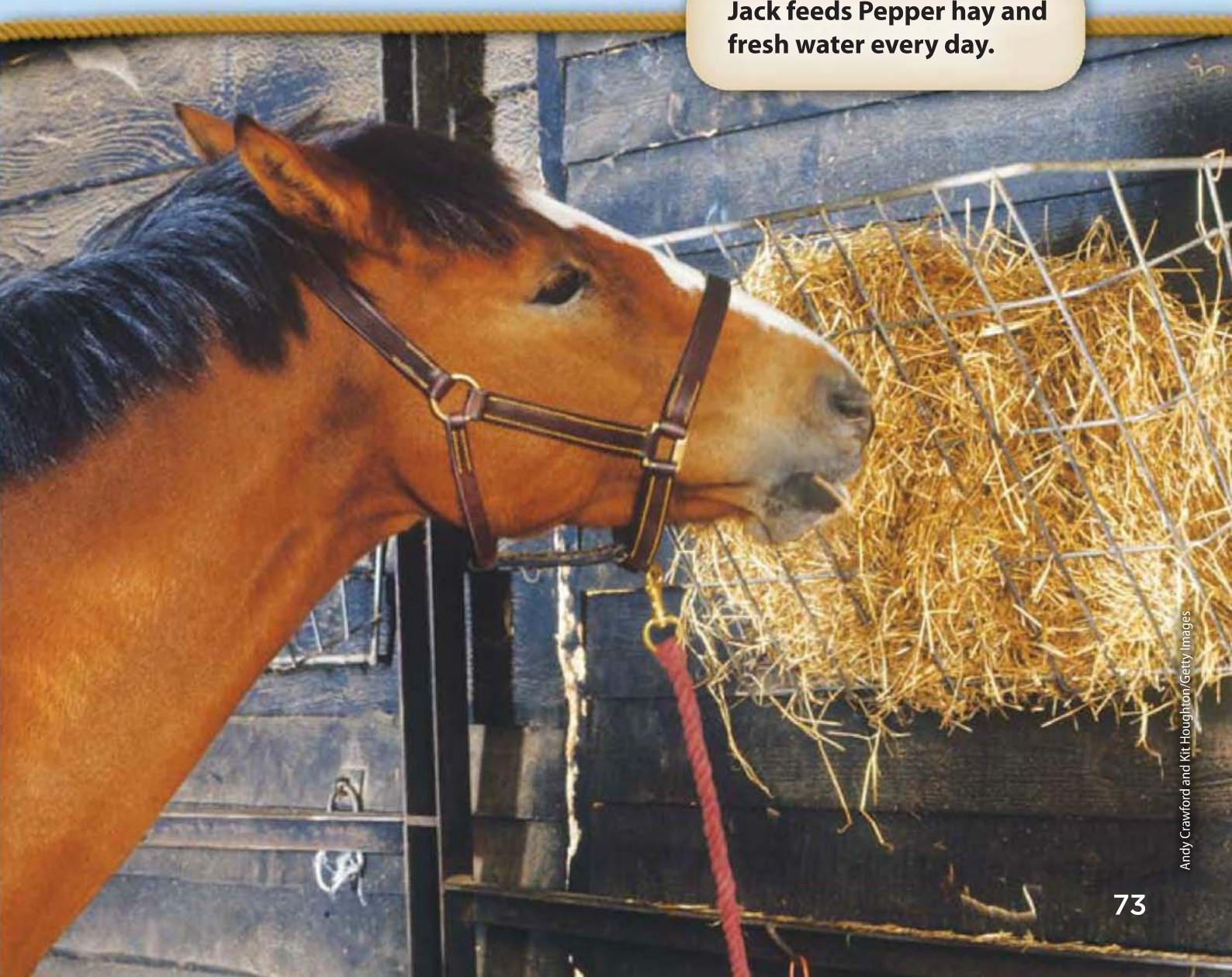
When Pepper sees Jack, the horse gets **excited**. Jack smiles when the horse gets all worked up.

First, Jack gives Pepper hay to eat. While Pepper eats, Jack cleans Pepper's stall. He shovels out the dirty hay and sawdust. Then he puts down fresh padding.

Next, Jack strokes Pepper's brown coat and it feels smooth. Then Jack leaves to go to school. But his work is not done!

At 3:00 p.m., Jack rides the bus back home. He has a snack and does his homework. Next, his mother gives him an apple for Pepper. Then they go to visit Pepper.

**Jack feeds Pepper hay and fresh water every day.**





Jack and his mom find Pepper in a field. Pepper is **allowed** to **roam**. He can walk all around the field. He was drinking after having **wandered** the field. All that walking here and there made Pepper thirsty!

Now it is time for Pepper's exercise. In the **wild**, horses run many hours a day. But Pepper does not live out in nature. Jack must make sure Pepper gets the exercise he needs.

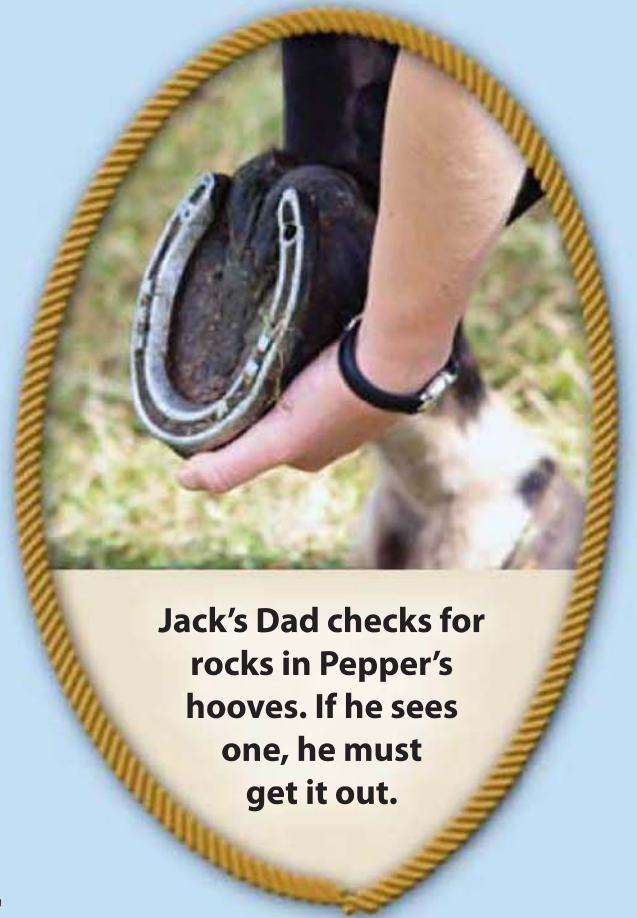
Pepper must have exercise each day.



Jack puts the saddle on Pepper. He places the bit in Pepper's mouth. Mom does the same thing with her horse, and they ride horses together.

When they are finished riding, Jack grooms Pepper. He brushes his mane, tail, and fur.

Finally, Jack gives Pepper more hay and refills his water bucket. "See you in the morning," Jack says. Pepper nods his head as if to say, "Yes, I'll be waiting!"



**Jack's Dad checks for rocks in Pepper's hooves. If he sees one, he must get it out.**

## **Make Connections**



How do people care for horses?

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Compare the needs of a horse and another pet you know. Which needs more care? **TEXT TO SELF**