The Guinea Pig Rescue

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Level 21

Running Words 780 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why did the children sometimes call into the vet clinic after school?

2 Why did Maggie need helpers at the vet clinic?

3 Where were the guinea pigs kept at the clinic?

Inferential

4 How would cats and dogs hurt guinea pigs?

5 What happens when people hold and stroke guinea pigs?

6 Why did the long-haired guinea pigs need to be brushed?

7 Why did the children check with their teacher before they took the guinea pigs to school?

8 Why did Lulu, Ajay and Darcy give reasons for having a guinea pig as a pet?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why do some people release unwanted guinea pigs in a park or in the bush?

10 Why did the children's badges have the word 'Official' on them?

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Chapter 1

Volunteers Wanted!

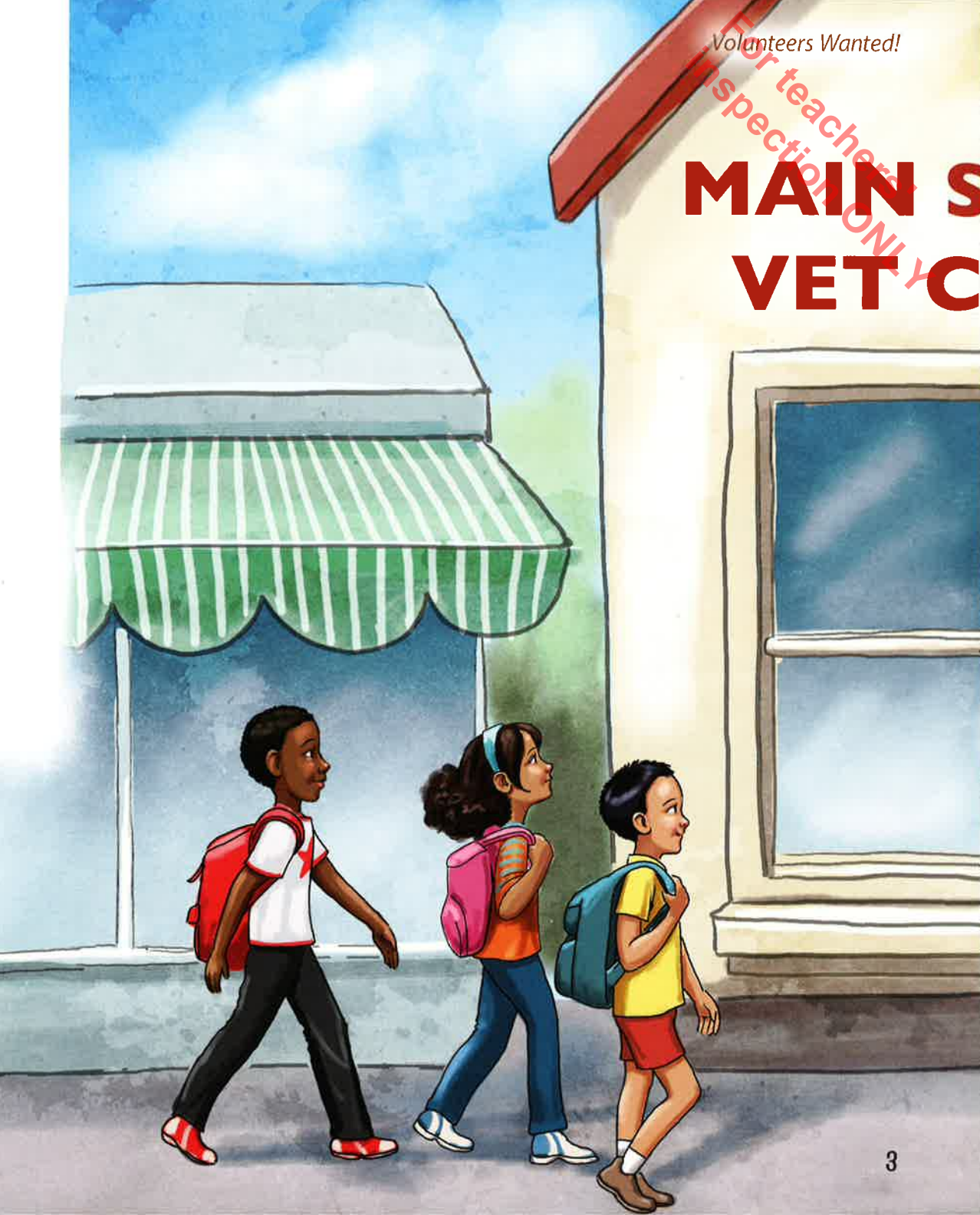


Lulu, Ajay and Darcy were good friends.
After school, they liked to walk home together.
They would often walk past the shops in town.
Sometimes, they would visit the vet clinic.

The vet was Lulu's Aunty Elly.
She always had a different animal to show the children.

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One afternoon, Aunty Elly was putting up a sign on the window of the clinic.

Lulu, Ajay and Darcy read the sign.



"Hello, Aunty Elly. Why do you need help?" Lulu asked.

Aunty Elly smiled. "This is my friend, Maggie.
She is a guinea pig rescuer.
Maggie needs help because she has broken her arm."

"Does your arm hurt?" Darcy asked.

"Not now," Maggie replied.
"But I won't be able to work for a while.
We need some volunteers to help
with the guinea pigs we have rescued."

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Lulu, Ajay and Darcy looked at each other in amazement.

"But why would guinea pigs need rescuing?" Ajay asked.

"How do guinea pigs get into trouble?" Darcy asked.

"Guinea pigs need rescuing in lots of ways,"
Maggie told them.
"Some people get a guinea pig
and then they find that someone in their family
is allergic to the guinea pig's fur."



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