

Amid the heart-breaking fire at Chester Zoo, there was one positive story – many animals were saved because of the deep friendships between them and their human handlers. Zoo bosses said the strong bonds between the keepers and several animals, including six orangutans, four gibbons and 18 macaque monkeys, as well as some of the birds, meant that they were able to survive the blaze. They were able to call the animals out and save them.



This is not the first time humans and other species have bonded in a special way, resulting in an amazing partnership and even touching acts of love. One such example of the bond between humans and animals is depicted by Filippo, the dolphin, when he saved a boy from drowning.

Filippo had lived in the waters off Manfredonia in Southeast Italy for about two years since being separated from a visiting school of dolphins and had become a popular tourist attraction. The friendly bottlenose dolphin soon became a local hero after saving a 14-year-old boy, who had fallen into the Adriatic Sea and did not know how to swim.

Unbeknown to his parents, teenager Davide Ceci had fallen off the boat they were on during a tour in 2 000 and was sinking under the waves. He was only seconds away from death when Filippo came to his help. The 61-stone creature, seeing the boy in distress, had pushed him up to the surface, before bringing him close enough to the boat for his father Emanuele to pull him out of the water. His mother Signora Ceci said, 'He's a hero. It seems impossible that an animal could have done something like that, to feel the instinct to save a human life.'

Maritime researcher Dr Giovanna Barbieri said, 'Filippo seems not to have the slightest fear of humans. I'm not surprised that he did such a wonderful thing as to save a human.'

Choose no more than five words and/ or number from the text for each answer.

1. Many animals survived the fire at Chester Zoo because of _____ between them and their keepers.
2. Many of the animals were saved because they heeded their handlers who _____.
3. Special relationship between humans and animals have resulted in remarkable partnerships and _____.
4. What happened to Filippo when he was visiting Manfredonia with a school of dolphins.
5. What species was Filippo from? He was a _____.
6. Davide Ceci was sinking under the waves after falling into the sea because he _____.
7. How heavy was Filippo? _____
8. Dr Giovanna Barbieri was not surprised that Filippo saved the boy as he had _____.

Meaning	Word
9 shown	
10 intuition	