

Talking Pets—Beyond Earth Day (R = 4.8)

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TIME: 5 1/2 min. CAST: 6 TONE: serious, with occasional light spots READABILITY: grade 4.8

Here is an excerpt from this free environmental script:

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Announcer: Welcome to “Talking Pets,” the radio talk show where we interview people’s pets. Last week we interviewed our panel of pets on the topic of food. Today’s topic is laundry. But, first let me introduce our pet panel of experts: Calamity Cat...

Calamity Cat: Meow. Hello.

Announcer: Dr. Dog...

Dr. Dog: Ruff! Good day!

Announcer: Professor Parrot...

Professor Parrot: Aloha, people!

Announcer: Hurricane Hamster...

Hurricane Hamster: What’s up?

Announcer: And Sir Horse...

Sir Horse: Neigh! Greetings!

Announcer: With the topic of laundry...today’s first question is, “How important is your owner’s laundry choices to you?” Calamity Cat?

Calamity Cat: I prefer for my owner to leave the laundry out anywhere. She can choose to leave it on the bed, on the sofa, on the chair, on the floor, or anywhere. As long as it’s out—clean or dirty, I’m happy.

Announcer: Are you against putting laundry away?

Calamity Cat: No, I’m FOR having as many soft places for me to sleep as possible!

Announcer: (*smiles*) I see. Dr. Dog?

Dr. Dog: My owner’s laundry choices don’t affect me much. I love them no matter how they smell. However, when it comes time to give me a bath I really would prefer safe suds.

Announcer: Safe suds? (Continued...)

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