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Rex the Acting Dog

The **director** shouts, "Action!"

Rex pokes his head out of a car window and barks.

Then the director calls, "Cut."

Rex's **trainer** gives him a treat.

What is going on?

Rex is an animal actor playing a part in a movie!



Rex

Animals That Act

There are many different kinds of animal actors.

Dogs, horses, and pigs have all acted in movies and on TV.

Even elephants and bears have worked as actors.

One of the biggest animal actors was
Keiko the killer whale in the movie
Free Willy!

A close-up underwater photograph of Keiko, the killer whale, swimming towards the camera. He has a dark grey body with a prominent white patch on his forehead and a large white patch on his chest. His eyes are closed, and he has a serene expression. The background is a clear blue ocean.

Keiko the
killer whale

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About the Author

Katie Clark has written many books, articles, and apps for children.
She enjoys spending time reading, writing, and playing make-believe with her daughters.

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Rex the dog has a special job. He's an animal actor. Working closely with his trainer, Rex plays parts in movies and on TV. Look inside to learn all about animal actors, including the different types of animals that act and how they learn to shine on the big screen!

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