Hello Again!

Hey! Do you remember us? A year ago, we appeared in the *Animals of NYC – Physical Distancing Activity Book*, published by the NYC Department of City Planning to celebrate Earth Day and New York City’s wildlife, while raising awareness towards physical distancing.

In this 2021 edition, we’re back and still going strong! You might wonder where we’ve been. Just like our city, we animals are resilient! As essential workers, we’ve been working hard to help the city running strong during the **PAUSE**.

Over the past year, we’ve seen many changes in the city, especially in our public spaces, where New Yorkers have spent more time. We’ve seen more cyclists and pedestrians out and about. We’ve seen our sidewalks adapt with restaurants and stores outside.

Come explore with us as we go through our day!
What Have We Been Up To?

You might wonder where the animals of NYC have been in the past year and if we have gotten together? With limits on gathering and because of safety concerns, we keep in touch with one another through our phones and computers. Though it is convenient, we miss seeing each other in person and look forward to a time when we can do that again.
Who’s Who? Essential Workers

During the past year, we have all been very busy keeping the city running. We are what everyone calls “essential workers”.

Can you guess what essential worker each of us is?*

Draw a line to connect the animals to the work they do:

- O A. “I transport New Yorkers from one place to another”
- O B. “I deliver New Yorkers their mail, newspapers, paychecks and greeting cards…”
- O C. “I take care of New Yorkers’ health and well-being”
- O D. “I prepare lesson plans and educate New Yorkers of all ages”
- O E. “I work in a grocery store to provide people with fresh produce”

* Go to page 15 to find out who is who
Spot The Differences

As we go about town to help New York City run smoothly, we have noticed many changes in the public spaces around us. Can you spot the differences between the scenes in the 2020 version* and the 2021 version?

What other differences have you seen in the city and the neighborhood you live in?

Spot the differences between these two scenes:

Name the changes you see in the public space scenes:

* You can find the 2020 version of the activity book here
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Other Activities You Can Do With This Activity Book

Coloring & tiling: use the coloring pages from pages 5-9 to color the animals, then cut them out within the margins and tape them together to see an extended view of all the scenes.

Another tip:
Print the animals on pages 16 on sticker papers to make your own NYC animal stickers.

Answer for page 4: squirrel (D), warbler (A), cat (E), dog (C), pigeon (B)
Animals Cut-outs

Warblers

Squirrels

Cats

Dogs

Pigeons
We Would Love to Hear From You:

Let us know what you think of this book. What are other activities you would like to see? Share your ideas with us at this email address: UDesign@planning.nyc.gov.

Also, visit the New York City Department of City Planning - Urban Design Division’s website for more information and cool activities.