



ANNIE AND ADAM

A children's story about axolotls by Nicki Gordon

AXOLOTL

Hi, I am Annie and this is Adam. We are the best of friends.

We are Axolotls (ACK-suh-LAH-tuh)! Some people call us "walking fish" because we have legs and look like fish. But we are not FISH!!!



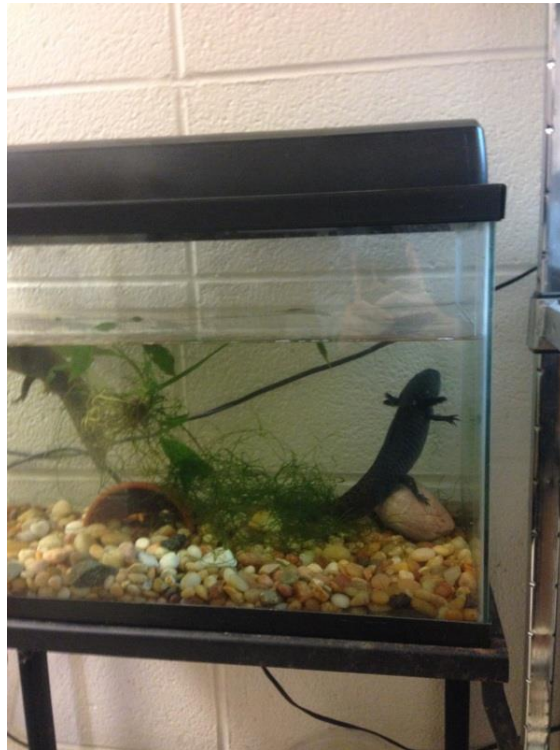
AMPHIBIAN

We are amphibians. That means we are relatives of frogs.



HOLA!!

We come from some fresh water lakes around Mexico. But people keep us as freshwater aquarium pets all over the world.



HIDE AND SEEK

We like to hide under rocks and in tiny spaces. I am pink and Adam is white, but we have friends who are also black, grey, and brown.



DINNER TIME

When we are hungry, we hunt for our favorite foods. We are carnivorous which means we love to eat meat. Worms, fish, and the eggs of insects are yummy! What kind of meat do you like to eat?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is Annie's birthday; Happy Birthday Annie!
She is only two, but full grown. She can live to be
25 years old.





HELP OUR FRIENDS

We are lucky because we live in aquariums at the Bowling Green State University Herpetology Lab. The students take care of us and we are happy. But our relatives in Mexico are not as lucky. The water in the lakes where they live have become polluted, and now not many of our relatives are left. We are considered a critically endangered species.



POLLUTION

Pollution is all the garbage and chemicals that people put in the air, water, and land. The pollution in the lakes near Mexico City is becoming so polluted that all the Axolotl are dying.



YOU CAN HELP

You can help other animals by taking care of the earth. You can recycle. You can ride your bike or walk. Do not dump anything into waterways. Help keep our land, water, and air clean. Can you think of other ways to keep the earth clean?



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