

FOCUS ON
Poop-Eating Animals

1. Write a paragraph summarizing how eating poop keeps animals healthy and safe.

2. Would you want to have a pet that is a poop-eater? Why or why not?

3. Why do mother deer eat their fawns' poop?

- A.** to get gut bacteria to help them digest
- B.** to hide their babies from predators
- C.** to get protein and nutrients

4. What would happen if baby koalas did not eat their mother's poop?

- A.** The babies would not get enough nutrients.
- B.** The babies would eat leaves right away.
- C.** The babies would leave their mother's pouch more quickly.

5. What does **emerges** mean in this book?

*The female lays one egg inside the ball. The egg hatches. The young beetle eats the poop around it. It **emerges** when it is fully grown.*

- A. lays an egg
- B. eats a lot
- C. comes out

6. What does **nestlings** mean in this book?

*Songbirds will eat their **nestlings**' poop. This keeps predators from finding their babies.*

- A. animals that eat birds
- B. food for birds
- C. baby birds

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C