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Alonzo's family taped some of his favorite food onto a net in the hope that it would lure him out of the tree, but the effort was thwarted when a hawk scared him away.

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Bowman, who lost her cockatiel three years ago, nursed Tango back to health.

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