

affection.” A well-known vegetarian, George Bernard Shaw, was intensely disturbed witnessing a demonstration in which a cabbage had “convulsions” as it boiled to death.

In a later demonstration with the equipment, a leaf’s reaction was off the chart when a live shrimp was dropped into the boiling hot water the leaf was itself submerged in. Clearly it is conceit on our part if we think only a human can feel compassion.

Quoting from “All About Elephants” from kidcyber.com.au: “Elephants appear to make allowances for other members of their herd ... one African herd always traveled slowly because one of them never recovered from a broken leg. One perplexing report was of an adult elephant making repeated attempts to help a baby rhinoceros stuck in the mud. She continued to try to save the baby rhino despite the fact that its mother charged her each time. Risking her life for the sake of an animal that is not her own, not related to her, or even her own species is remarkably altruistic in nature.”

You can watch a video of elephants helping elephants:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJZ4BEWr9hQ>

In addition, besides the behavior of animals in the wild, we have animals that are close to us: Animal control officer Michelle Smith of Anderson, South Carolina, got a call about a dog constantly barking in a ravine – the barking led through heavy foliage and an extremely steep embankment where she found a **Shih Tzu** comforting a little kitten it had rescued.

We all know dolphins have rescued other sea creatures as well as rescuing human beings.

We have numerous examples of animals rescuing humans collected on Listverse.

We seem to only notice compassion in times of crisis - like Hurricane Sandy. Beyond the generous response of thousands, in terms of dollars and people, simple acts by individuals show you can do for others without great expense - like this example: putting a power cord through a New York window with this - **WE HAVE POWER. FEEL FREE TO CHARGE YOUR PHONE!**

There are physicians who donate their time and genius to heal people around the world. But there is a group that not only donates their time and