

Who Knew?



“Who knew ostriches could read?!” sputtered the sheriff as he pieced together how Ozzie must have escaped: [1] Raoul (the trainer) sits down outside Ozzie’s cell to read his newspaper and turns to the Food Section, which features a recipe for ostrich pad thai; [2] Ozzie – who, unbeknownst to his handlers, can not only read but also reason – scrutinizes the recipe along with Raoul and perceives his cruel fate; [3] responding to a deep-seated sense of self-preservation, Ozzie quietly gathers his belongings, opens the door to his cell, eats Raoul (most of him), and absquatulates. As it turned out, the sheriff’s hypothesis was correct except for the very last word. Ozzie *didn’t* absquatulate. Rather, he hid in the barn till the sheriff was alone. And then he ... ahh, but of course that’s quite another story!