Civil War Animal Mascots

Frank Leslie Illustrations

Frank Leslie illustrated numerous scenes after each battle and published them in a weekly newspaper during the Civil War. Look at the two pictures illustrated by Frank Leslie below and answer the questions that follow.

1. What type of animals did most soldiers adopt as pets during the Civil War? Did the different animals have different roles on the battlefield?

2. Soldiers were not the only ones to be injured and killed during the war. How were the lives of the animals also at risk when serving in the army as animal mascots?

3. Animals were seen to guard their owner’s bodies as they got shot or killed. After analyzing the Frank Leslie illustration, what do you think made the animals so loyal to their owners?

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