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THE PACKRAT



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COMING YOUR
WAY
THRICE
YEARLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WHEA, THE WESTERN HUMANE EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION, FORMED UNDER THE GUIDING LIGHT AND INFINITE WISDOM OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES- WEST COAST REGIONAL OFFICE

AN EDITORIAL:

**WARNING- YOUR ATTITUDE MAY BE
HAZARDOUS TO THE PACKRAT!!**



EVERYONE LOVES TO GET THE PACKRAT, BUT FEW CARE ENOUGH TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT. MANY TIMES I HAVE HAD TO REALLY SCROUNGE IN ORDER TO FILL IT. SOME OF YOU SEND ME YOUR SOCIETY'S NEWSLETTERS, BUT MOST OF THE INFORMATION IN THEM IS IRRELAVENT FOR PACKRAT. THE PURPOSE OF PACKRAT IS TO PROMOTE THE SHARING OF HUMANE ED IDEAS- PROJECTS, RESOURCES, THOUGHTS, GAMES, CRAFTS, BULLETIN BOARDS, ETC. PLEASE SEND YOUR SUCCESS

STORIES TO ME (2365 KNOXVILLE AVE., LONG BEACH, CAL. 90815) SO THAT OTHERS MAY LEARN FROM WHAT YOU DID. I CAN NOT AND WILL NOT PRODUCE PACKRAT ON MY OWN, AND WILL RESIGN UNLESS MORE PEOPLE SHOW THAT THEY CARE BY CONTRIBUTING CONTENTS.

SOMEWHAT GRUMPY,
BEVERLY ARMSTRONG

SAFETY WITH A STRANGE DOG

FROM THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SPCA



Never run up to or chase a strange dog.



When the dog approaches you, stand still with your arms at your sides.



Don't touch strange dogs. Always ask permission before touching someone else's pet.



Move slowly and speak softly. Loud noises and quick movement scare dogs.



Never run away from a dog. Face the dog and slowly walk backwards away from him.



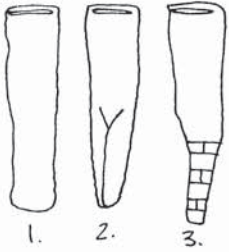
IN THE OLD DAYS OF THE CAVALRY, WHEN MEN WENT TO WAR ON HORSES, THERE WAS A SURPRISING COMMAND IN THE BRITISH CALVARY DRILL BOOK. AT THE END OF THE DAY'S WORK, WHEN THE ORDER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO DISMOUNT, THE NEXT ORDER WAS: "MAKE MUCH OF YOUR HORSES." THE CALVARY KNEW THE VALUE OF EXPRESSING AFFECTION TO CREATURES THAT SERVED THEM WELL.

FROM THE ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY MAGAZINE

WOZZLES: EXCEEDINGLY EASY SOCK PUPPETS

WITH A LITTLE HELP, THESE CAN BE MADE BY VERY YOUNG CHILDREN. OLDER KIDS LIKE THEM, TOO. (SO DID THE WHEA MEMBERS ATTENDING THE SANTA BARBARA WORKSHOP!)

BASIC WOZZLE



1. FLATTEN SOCK ON TABLE WITH THE HEEL SIDE DOWN.
2. FOLD SIDES OF FOOT PART IN TOWARD MIDDLE AS SHOWN, TO FORM WOZZLE'S TRUNK.
3. WRAP STRIPS OF MASKING TAPE AROUND TRUNK TO HOLD TRUNK IN SHAPE.



WOZZLE GOES ON HAND AS SHOWN. WOZZLES LOVE TO GO EXPLORING WITH THEIR LONG SNIFFLY TRUNKS, OR SWING THEIR TRUNKS TO MUSIC.

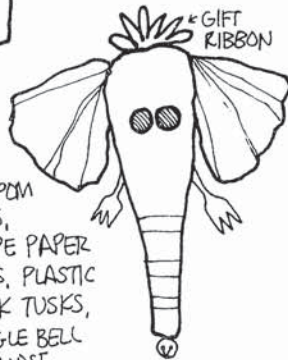
NOW THE FUN BEGINS! ADD "ACCESSORIES" AS DESIRED, BY PINNING, GLUING, STAPLING, OR SEWING.



FELT EARS, PIPE CLEANER ANTLERS, BUTTON EYES, POM-POM NOSE, STRING WHISKERS



PINNED-ON SOCK EARS, FELT EYES, BUTTON NOSE. (THIS ONE'S "TRUNK" WAS NOT TAPED.)



GIFT RIBBON EARS, POM-POM EYES, CREPE PAPER EARS, PLASTIC FORK TUSKS, JINGLE BELL ON NOSE

WIRE FEELERS, SIXPACK-HOLDER GLASSES, BUTTON EYES, FELT MOUSTACHE, BEAD NOSE



HINT: USE TACKY GLUE, WHICH HOLDS BETTER & DRIES FASTER. THE HARDEST PART OF MAKING WOZZLES IS WAITING FOR GLUE TO DRY! MANY PARTS CAN BE ATTACHED WITH SAFETY PINS.

BOOK REVIEWS

FROM THE PENINSULA HUMANE SOCIETY



BE NICE TO SPIDERS

MARGARET BLOTT GRAHAM

WHEN BILLY LEFT HIS SPIDER, HELEN, AT THE ZOO, THE ANIM... SUDDENLY BECAME HAPPY. THE LIONS SNOOZED ALL DAY, THE ELEPHANTS ENJOYED THEIR BATHS, AND THE ZEBRAS ATE IN PEACE - BECAUSE HELEN WAS CATCHING FLIES. BUT THEN THE KEEPER SWEEP AWAY HELEN'S WEBS FOR THE INSPECTION TOUR. CHILDREN WILL BE FASCINATED & AMUSED BY HELEN'S SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

DISCUSSION: ALL ANIMALS HAVE IMPORTANT JOBS TO DO. DISCUSS THE JOBS OF OTHER ANIMALS, INCLUDING HUMANS. ASK CHILDREN WHY PEOPLE OFTEN DISLIKE CERTAIN ANIMALS. IS THIS RIGHT? GOOD LEAD INTO PREJUDICES SOME PEOPLE HAVE AGAINST OTHERS.

THE TENTH GOOD THING ABOUT BARNEY

JUDITH VIORST



WHEN BARNEY THE CAT DIED, EVERYONE WAS SAD. THEY HAD A FUNERAL. THEN THEY TRIED TO THINK OF GOOD THINGS ABOUT BARNEY. THEY WANTED TO REMEMBER HIM, AND THEY THOUGHT ABOUT OTHER THINGS, TOO. AN EXCELLENT BOOK TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND DEATH. **DISCUSSION:** DISCUSS EXPERIENCES CHILDREN HAVE HAD WITH PET DEATHS. DISCUSS THE TENTH GOOD THING ABOUT BARNEY. HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS TRUE WITH ALL LIVING THINGS WHEN THEY DIE AND ARE PLACED IN THE GROUND.

FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF POMONA VALLEY



BULLETIN BOARD IDEA: WAYS TO SHOW LOVE TO OUR PETS

CUT OUT SEVERAL LARGE HEARTS AND MOUNT THEM ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. IN THE CENTER OF EACH HEART, PLACE THE PICTURE OF A COMMON PET. HAVE STUDENTS TELL HOW TO SHOW LOVE TO EACH KIND OF PET, AND WRITE A LIST ON EACH HEART.

