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Eric opens his own Christmas presents

REMEMBER ANIMAL FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS
THE YEAR OF THE ANIMALS' CHRISTMAS

Washington, D.C. -- This is the year of Christmas for all animals. It's a time for all animals and those who love them to have a special celebration. This December 24, Christmas Eve, a new law goes into effect that will help animals all over the world. The law, P.L. 91-579, passed by the U.S. Congress, offers help to animals in circuses, animal acts, zoos, animal auctions, and research laboratories. It will help animals in other countries by limiting the number of animals shipped to the U.S. for these uses, and by the fact that Congress has now acted to help protect animals from suffering. Other laws the Congress is now considering will do even more to help animals in other countries, if they are enacted.

People have remembered animals at Christmas for thousands of years. In most countries children put out food for Santa's reindeer. Syrian children believe camels bring gifts at Christmas, so they leave food and water out for the camels. Swedes and Norwegians feed the birds during the Christmas season. In France and England, farm families visit the barnyard on Christmas, and, with the farm workers, celebrate the animals who help them raise their crops, with special treats for them.

It is appropriate that the new law becomes effective on Christmas Eve this year, when all the world remembers their animal friends. It is a time of rejoicing, especially for all the animals who will be helped by the new law. Make plans to celebrate this Christmas with something special for your animal friends.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

The Leaping Leopards have been finding homes for stray cats and dogs. In our town there is a Commission Sales where farm animals are sold. Farmers bring in their dogs and cats and expect the auctioneer to find homes for them. But the owners of the Commission Sales let the animals roam the streets. Each Wednesday afternoon we go to the barns and see if they have any dogs or cats. They usually do. It is hard to find good homes for them, since a lot of people do not want dogs or cats, but we keep trying.

Connie Lapierre, President, Orleans, Vt.

COYOTE PETITIONS

Over 2,500 signatures on petitions have already been sent in. There are just too many petitions to list the name of everyone who circulated these petitions—we wish we could. There's still plenty of time to get more signatures and return your petitions when both sides are full. A special 'THANK YOU' to every member who has gotten his petition filled with signatures and has returned it.

MUSTANG BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT TO BE SIGNED

We have just learned that the Senate and House of Representatatives have come to agreement on the wording for the bill to protect the mustangs. This bill has now been sent to the President for his signature. Whether or not he will sign it, or when, we do not know. Your newsletter will report if the bill is signed as another law to give protection to animals.
Dear Arahkun,

I made $5 by selling Kindness Club Coloring Books. I want you to use it for the animals as a present at Christmas from me.

Charlotte Conway, Fairfax, Va. age 7

Dear Charlotte,

What a wonderful Christmas present you have sent to help animals! Thank you very much. We will use it to help as many animals as we possibly can. I know every one of them will be very grateful.

Your friend, ARAHKUN

KINDNESS CLUB COLORING BOOKS CAN BE ORDERED BY ANY RACCOON CAPTAIN FOR A BRANCH CLUB TO SELL TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP ANIMALS. NOTE: DON'T EXPECT DELIVERY FOR CHRISTMAS--THERE JUST WON'T BE TIME FOR YOU TO GET THEM IN TIME TO SELL AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS. THEY MAKE NICE GIFTS AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR, FOR BIRTHDAYS OR OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Raccoon Captains: You can buy Coloring Books at 75¢ each when you order 10 or more copies at a time. They sell at $1 each, giving your Branch Club 25¢ profit on each book sold, for a special fund for helping animal friends. The supply is limited, so order today from KIND headquarters.

PEN PALS

DON'T GET A NEW PET AT CHRISTMAS

The excitement and noise of the Christmas holiday is too confusing to a new pet—especially a baby one. Remember dogs and cats hear much better than you do. Just think how much louder everybody's voices must sound to them when gifts are opened. Now about the loud noises of the wrapping paper being torn off gifts, or being crumpled up afterward, or the noise of toys? If you are hoping for a new pet this Christmas, be fair to the pet. Ask that the pet be brought home after the main holiday excitement is over. You'll have more time for your new pet then, anyway. If you already have a pet, you should also give him lots of extra love when a new pet comes to live with you. That will help your first pet realize you still love him, and he will accept the new pet more quickly.

Elsie Oldewurtel tried this when she got another puppy, and she reports that Romeo and Sugarfoot are now the very best of friends.

Dear Arahkun,

My dog Laddie (the collie) is missing. He was home Sunday night and Monday morning he was gone. He's been gone ever since. I've looked for him, but, he is nowhere. Please ask everybody in The Kindness Club if they don't mind to pray a few times that Laddie will come home.

LADDIE COME HOME! Elsie Oldewurtel, Baltimore, Md.
GOD'S LOVE

The sun shines through the maple tree, 
the dew sparkles on the grass. 
The moon finally goes to bed, 
it's morning at last. 
The birds sing beautifully in the trees, 
the world is sparkling clean. 
The squirrels go up and down the trees, 
the leaves float softly down the stream. 
God has made this beautiful world, 
the trees, the flowers, the animals, too. 
Thank the Lord for all these things, 
and praise the Lord for all He brings. 
Leanne Lozier, Mt. Vernon, Wash. age 11

Dear Arahkun, 

I wrote the Health Dept. and the City Council. 
The Council sent my letter to Dr. Philp, who wrote an article on turtles carrying salmonella germs, that was published in the newspaper. Jennifer Winters, Anaheim, Ca.

THE GRAY SQUIRREL

The squirrel is small and gray, 
And is usually gay. 
He has a big bushy tail, 
Which moves as he runs down the trail, 
He uses his nose to smell, 
With ears shaped like bells, 
His big round eyes, 
Are as clear as skies, 
But, we must help our friend, 
Before he meets his end. 
Darlene Kain, Medford, Ore. age 13

TIME TO RENEW

This is the time your membership in K.I.N.D. is due for renewal. Do it now before you forget. Annual membership dues are just $2. Use the coupon below to renew your membership. Remember, try to earn your dues by helping someone and do your job well.

name birthdate (month, day, year)

address street city state zip

send this coupon with $2 to renew your membership to: K.I.N.D., Waterford, Virginia 22190

MY DOG

I have a dog named Toby. 
He's the best I ever had. 
Although he chewed up the couch one day 
And made my father mad. 
Then he chewed up the chairs outside 
Which didn't make them glad. 
My mother said to give him away 
Because he's very bad. 
My sister cried and said, 
"Please don't give him away", 
And my mother let him stay.

Kerry Nutbrown, grade 5, Leaping Leopards Club, Orleans, Vt.
A friend of animals visits Buckwheat in her stable home. It may have been an ancestor of Buckwheat's, who, with other animals in the stable, joined in the celebration of the first Christmas.

Photos courtesy Donna Truslow

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