Back row, left to right: Debbi Doucette, Kathy Trembicki, Ellen Sumner, Liz Gohring.
Front row: Debbie Boudreaux, Christine Trembicki, Joanne Trembicki, Melissa Buckmaster.

A "HELP SAVE THE ANIMALS" CARNIVAL — Story on Page 6
THE NATIONAL HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER, WATERFORD, VA. -- Headquarters of KIND are housed in the animal shelter building here, where stray or unwanted animals are impounded. Most of these, of course, are dogs and cats; but other kinds of animals are also brought to this facility. We have provided shelter and care and have attempted to find homes for a lion, an ocelot, skunks, owls, and monkeys. Only an expert qualified in the care of these more unusual animals is considered when placing such an animal in another home.

One of our permanent guests is Reddy the fox. He was brought in by a man who found him, wearing a red collar, playing with boys and dogs. Reddy wags his tail whenever he sees a dog, and he loves to romp and play in the patio with his favorite friend, Dusty the collie. With Reddy we learned that a fox kit develops his permanent teeth by the time he is four months old.

Reddy's constant companion is Ruff, an Arctic fox. Her coat undergoes a change of color with the seasons - nature's way of camouflaging a fox who lives normally in snow country. Ruff and Reddy live in a large cage, since both are too friendly with people and can never be released to live free. Imagine Reddy's confusion if he were to be chased by a pack of foxhounds. Since fox hunting is considered to be fashionable here by some, Reddy would not be safe living free. He would be likely to walk right up to any human and want to play. He might just meet a human with a gun.

Some people consider the fox hunt an elite social affair. It has a snob appeal all its own; the riding habit, the hunt breakfast, and the camaraderie of the occasion all contribute to it. There are some who say there is little danger to the fox because of the free flow of liquid refreshments that accompanies virtually every fox hunt. It is, nevertheless, an outdated and barbaric custom that has little place in an age of environmental consciousness.

Fox hunters claim the pursued fox is seldom caught or killed. Yet they find it necessary, because of the scarcity of foxes, periodically to import and release more foxes to hunt. Imported foxes, not adapted to the area, are more susceptible to rabies and other diseases. When there is an increase in reports of rabies, the State traps the foxes. The rabbit and rodent populations multiply, and extensive damage is caused to crops. The fox hunters then import more foxes.

We're proud of our record of releasing animals back to the wild when circumstances are just right to do so. There is no way animals like Ruff and Reddy can be successfully released, so we do the next best thing for them -- provide shelter, food and care, and as much companionship as possible. Another Arctic fox and a grey fox, also raised by humans, have now joined Ruff and Reddy. The four of them romp and play together.

One more important thing we are able to do that may spare other foxes from the fate of Ruff and Reddy: we urge people not to buy or raise wild animals as pets. It's unfair to the animal to deprive it of the life of freedom that Nature intended for it.
ENDANGERED ANIMALS OFFERED TO LITTLE PROTECTION

The federal government issues two special lists of endangered animals; 1) Native American animals, and 2) animals elsewhere that spend some time in America or in American waters. Contrary to what most people believe, this does not mean the federal government offers significant protection to these animals. There are some refuge efforts, some recommendations for their protection, and a few laws to protect a certain species; but this is about all the federal protection offered. It is then up to the states to protect the endangered animals native to their areas. A typical example of this is the bounty which, until recently, was paid in Louisiana for red wolves, while this species was on the federal endangered list.

Federal agents have taken legal action against Q. C. Plott, notorious dealer in alligator hides in Atlanta, Georgia, under the federal law for the protection of alligators. Plott estimates his firm does $800,000 worth of business a year. He pleaded guilty to illegal selling and shipping of hides and was sentenced to six months in prison, his son to 90 days in jail, and both have been placed on five years' probation. Plott admitted he shipped 4,788 raw alligator hides to New York during one six-month period.

Ironically, while news of this court case has just been reported, two states away alligators are threatened by another announcement. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, a state agency, in spite of the inclusion of alligators on the U.S. endangered species list, is planning a 13-day alligator hunt. KIND members may wish to write and protest this inconsistency, to Louisiana Senator Russell B. Long, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

GREY WHALE SANCTUARY

Grey whales migrate annually to waters off Mexico to spend the winter and give birth to their calves. Mexico President Louis Echeverria has dedicated Laguna Ojo de Libra as a sanctuary where grey whales will be protected.

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTS ANIMALS

The Humane Society has attempted for years to get better treatment of animals in airline shipments. Significant improvements have been initiated, such as specifications of shipping kennels, and regulations about loading. One of the best regulations was the allotment of rental space for a kennel. Permitting freight or baggage in the space rented for the kennel was a violation of this regulation. Even these measures were inadequate to solve all problems. Studies show that most suffocations from lack of ventilation occurred while planes were on the ground. (Cargo holds of planes are pressurized only during flight.) Now the new DC 10 airplanes have specially designed "pet vents" built into the cargo holds. Braniff, noting what a good idea this was, has drilled holes in the forward cargo holds of its DC 8 planes, to increase the amount of air available for animal shipments.

CRUEL TRAPS BANNED IN FLORIDA

Recent action by the Florida legislature bans the use of saw-toothed leg hold traps. This is a significant step in preventing cruelty to wild animals. A similar proposal is being considered by Congress. Hearings were held on such a proposal in Missouri, but the legislature has not reached a decision on it.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

One of the early advocates of humane treatment for animals was St. Francis of Assisi. You will find much of what he taught consistent with what KIND stands for, and you may want to read more about him. One biography of St. Francis was written by Douglas Liversidge and published by Franklin Watts, Inc. Its title is "St. Francis of Assisi." October 4 is St. Francis Day.

A TUNA BOYCOTT

Greenwich, Conn. --The Board of Education has voted approval of a student petition to ban tuna from the menu in all Greenwich school cafeterias this year. They are protesting the destruction of dolphins that follow schools of tuna and die when caught in the tuna nets.
COVER STORY: “HELP SAVE THE ANIMALS”

This was the theme used by a group of young ladies concerned with the plight of all animals. A carnival was held at 2 Colonial Drive, Scotch Plains, and was attended by all those interested in helping to preserve our wildlife.

The co-chairladies of the affair (see cover photo) were Kathy Trembicki and Debbie Doucette, who together with their helpers, Cathi Doucette, Christine Trembicki, Joanne Trembicki, Ellen Sumner, Liz Gohring, Debbie Boudreaux and Melissa Buckmaster, planned a very successful affair. It netted $34.66, which was sent to the Humane Society of the United States.

The girls sold food, had a pony ride and several games which were enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks are extended to all who attended and made this such a success.

YOUR PET’S DIET

Some canned pet foods consist only of meat, although they are fortified with vitamins and minerals. Pet owners are likely to be led to believe that an all-meat diet is best for their pets, because they are carnivores. Roger Caras, noted naturalist, clarifies this by stating that dogs and cats are not just meat eaters — they are animal eaters. Traditionally, when a carnivore kills its prey, it first eats the vital organs, consuming with them some of the partially digested grasses and vegetable matter the prey animal had fed upon. In this way they obtain a balanced diet.

Your pet should have vegetables and cereals along with the meat in his diet and, just like people, will not have a well-balanced diet without these foods.

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Recent activities include talks by:
- A humane society representative on dogs’ diets.
- A large animal Veterinarian on his practice.
- A Forest Ranger on wildlife and ecology.
- A horse breeder on horse health and illness symptoms.
- An Audubon member on bluebirds and helping them.

Explorers are planning a visit to Edgewood Arsenal to learn about the breeding and training of the war dogs. They have manned booths at dog shows and Earth Day events to distribute information and earn money for other projects. They keep the animal shelter open to the public on Sundays, continue development of the wildlife refuge, and are putting up posters on animal abandonment.

PARTICIPATE IN “KIND”

Your talents are needed to make KIND more meaningful. If your talent is writing, submit an article on animals and efforts for their protection. If you are an artist, line drawings are especially needed. Or if you have completed a successful project that helped animals, let us know so we can report it in your newsletter.

TIME TO RENEW

Renewal date for your membership is January 1973. It’s not so far away, and you can renew your membership anytime during the last quarter of 1972. Send your $2 dues in now for next year.
There are so many puppies and kittens born in this country that few of them find permanent homes. The rest of them lead lonely, suffering lives—often cut short under the wheels of a car or in the death room of a pound.

Don't be responsible for more suffering and needless death. Have your pet spayed or neutered.

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