KINDNESS IS SEEING YOUR DOG GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE

SEPTEMBER 1970
Dear friends,

September marks the end of summer. Leaves on trees begin to change color. Fall begins. So does school.

Some people don't try hard enough to make it in school. They are called school dropouts.

School is a time to learn all you can. You'll never have this chance again.

Your dog should be a school dropout. If he goes to school, it's only to be near you. He can get into trouble there. Don't even let him follow you to the school bus. When the bus picks you up, your dog may get hurt in the traffic.

A fenced yard is the best place for your dog to wait while you go to school. He'll understand if you always tell him to wait for you, then play with him when you get home. Your dog needs a special time with you.

Even if you don't have a dog, other pets like attention, too. Plan your time so you can play with your pet every day after school. Your pet will be happier, and you'll appreciate him more. The times spent with your pet will be fun times.

My very best wishes for a good school year and happy times with your pet.

BE KIND  Your friend,  ARAHKUN
Have You Met . . .

our friend whose nickname is Reynard? The red fox usually wears a rust-red coat, has black ears, legs, and nose, and a white tip on his tail. His proper name is Vulpes fulva.

Reynard is a clever fellow. He can often outwit enemies by backtracking, running along the top rail of fences, crossing streams. He likes to live on farms. He eats field mice, cottontails, insects, berries. His wife is called a vixen. They may have from 4 to 9 cubs. He helps raise them and defends his family. A fox may live 15 years.

Foxes belong to the dog family, but prefer to live free. "Reddy" the fox lives at the animal shelter. Someone must have raised him as he likes people. He was probably born in April, but is nearly full grown already. Reddy loves to play and wags his tail in greeting. He uses his teeth but never bites hard.

Reddy doesn't know about hunters. If he were just turned loose in the woods, he might run up to the first hunter he saw, wanting to play with someone.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

A new club organized in Dothan, Alabama reports they helped a dog that had been bitten by another dog, and shot. They read his tag. Then they asked a neighbor to help them find the owner.

She called the owner when she found his name. He came and picked up his dog. He was happy to find his dog. He had been searching for it all over town. Stephanie and Trey Settle, and Kathy and Lisa Kennedy, first members of the Branch Club, are very proud they could help this dog. It was their first project to help animal friends.

PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT--BE FRUGAL

Frugal means careful not to waste. If everyone were frugal and considerate we'd have a clean earth.

Little things are important. Dyes to make colored paper have poisons. Dye wastes are dumped in streams and kill fish. Your Kindness Club Newsletter will be on white paper from now on. We can do without colored paper if it can save just one fish.

Paper is made from trees. We need trees. Never waste paper. Find out if your local animal shelter can use old newspapers. Save them for the shelter. Find out if your newspaper office buys clean rags for making new newspapers.

Use returnable glass bottles instead of plastics. When plastic is burned, it gives off a chemical that harms birds. Use waxed paper instead of plastic wrap.

Don't burn leaves. Put them in a pile to break down into valuable soil for your garden. Cover them to keep the wind from scattering them again.

Don't ask your parents to use the car to take you short trips you can walk, or where it's safe to ride your bicycle. Take good care of your bicycle. It should last until you are grown. Nobody needs a powered mini-bike.

Be frugal with electricity. Turn off lights you don't need. Read more and use television less. Help your mother wash the dishes by hand to save using the dishwasher. It uses lots of water and power. Ask your mother to use soaps or detergents with no phosphates that pollute.

Keep your clothes as clean as you can so they don't have to be washed so often. On nice days hang clothes on the line. They dry with the sweet smell of fresh air and sunshine--and you don't have to use the dryer.
Dear ARABKUN,

I have asked my mother to write you because I can't write yet - I have just finished kindergarten.

Send me 4 packs of posters to help animals. I have earned $1 by keeping peaches picked up from our yard.

Last year we sprayed the peach tree for borers with DDT and sadly learned how poisonous it was when we found a dying chipmunk. We didn't do anything to help him. DDT is no longer used by us for anything.

Loudell Staunton
Manassas, Va.

ANIMALS

We all love animals
I'm sure of that
Whether a dog, a bird,
Or even a cat.
I know I love animals
I'm sure of that,
'Cause I have a dog,
A bird, and even a cat. Dear Judy,

James Burk
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Kindness Club,

Thank you for the poster of the dog. We are making copies of them and hanging them up in stores.

My friend had a cat with a swollen paw. We took it to the vet.

Jane Blais
Kankakee, Ill.

Dear Cindy,

There's no Kit but I'm sending you a leaflet "First Aid For Dogs". I'll send it to any member who requests it. Just send a 6c stamp for postage. And remember - always try to get an adult to help you when an animal needs help.

Your friend,
ARABKUN

Dear ARAHUN,

Are there any First Aid Kits for animals? Cindy Harrington
Florissant, Mo.

Dear Judy,

Bluejays especially will guard and feed their babies if they fall from the nest. They are probably just learning to fly. It's always best to leave them alone and let the mother bird guard them.

Your friend,
ARABKUN

Dear ARABKUN,

There are lots of baby bluejays that fall out of nests. Should I leave them free, and will the mother bird find them and take care of them?

Judy Meisner
Irving, Tex.
Find out all you can about the nearest humane society, animal shelter, or dog pound. Answer the questions below and send them to The Kindness Club, and we'll list your name in the newsletter. Look in the telephone book yellow pages under 'Animals', 'Animal Welfare', 'Humane Society', 'SPCA', or 'Dog Pound', or call your city or county office and ask for the telephone number. Then ask your teacher how you can use this information on a school project. She may want you to give a report and have a discussion of the subject in class.

What is the name of your nearest humane society?

Does it pick up stray animals?

Where is the local dog pound?

Does it pick up stray animals?

Does it take care of stray cats?

If it doesn't take care of cats, tell why.

How does the pound try to find animal owners?

Does your school announce lost and found animals?

Does the radio advertise lost and found animals free?

Does the newspaper?

What would you do if you found a stray animal?

If you find a dog wearing a license tag, how would you find the owner?

Visit an animal shelter if you can, and write what you learned.

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