"I just wanted to give you a short call & say HELLO, Mommy, & so now I say GOODBYE, Mommy--MmmMab--Bye Mommy."

KINDNESS IS HONORING YOUR MOTHER ON MOTHER'S DAY THEN TREATING HER EVERY DAY LIKE THE FRIEND SHE IS
Dear friends,

Cappy is a mother wolf. Her pups were born in a burrow underground. If you saw the television special, "The Wolfmen" several months ago, you may remember seeing Cappy and her pups. My friend George Wilson crawled deep into the underground burrow to take these movies.

Most wolf mothers would resent an intruder in their den. George didn't think Cappy would resent him. He had raised Cappy from a tiny pup. They were good friends and trusted each other. Several wolves live at George's home in a large kennel yard. It isn't the same as living free, but it was a way to save these wolves when their lives were threatened.

Years ago Farley Mowat was assigned to the Arctic by the Canadian Government to study wolves and prove they were destroying the herds of caribou. Instead he found they never killed more than they needed. Then they killed only the weak or sick caribou that didn't stand as good a chance to survive. This kept the herd strong. Young caribou were born of strong, healthy parents. Now we know wolves and other predators are important to prey on weak and sick animals to keep the herd and the species healthy and strong.

Farley Mowat wrote about the habits of wolves in "Never Cry Wolf". Because of his studies, and the reports of other people about the wolf, we know now how important this predator animal is in the balance of nature.

Wolves help each other and respect the rules that are established for the good of the pack. Mother and father wolf, and other members of the pack, teach the pups the importance of obeying rules.

When you are given rules to obey, this is good training to make you a better person and help you get along better with others when you are grown. Learn to obey rules cheerfully, as wolf pups do.

Your friend, ARAHKUN
Have You Met . . .

the mother who never has to worry about a baby-sitter? A wolf mates for life, but many do not mate at all. These single wolves live with the family, as a pack, take orders from the parent wolves, and are always on hand to baby-sit and help raise the pups.

Mother wolf digs the nursery burrow herself in the earth. She won't even let father wolf see the pups until they are old enough, with eyes open, to be brought out to show to the rest of the family. But when she has to leave them to come out and eat, a wolf aunt will take her place in the den to care for them. Members of the wolf pack eat more than they need when the mother wolf is nursing pups. They dig a hole near the nursery and cough up some of this food. Nature has provided for it to stay fresh until she needs it.

Pups stay with the family for two or three years, and learn from the pack how to hunt. The pack sings together at night and then gathers in a huddle, with noses all together, before the hunt begins. When they have eaten all they can, they hide the rest. They do not usually hunt again until their stored food has all been eaten, and they are hungry again.

Wolves learn to obey the leader. They have a strong social order. They use signals to show respect for other pack members. All the wolves in a pack are friends and treat each other with respect. Every member works together for the good of the pack.

FORESTERS PLANT VERY SMALL TREES from 6 to 10 inches tall when they plant entire forests. Often you can get one or a few little trees from your county forestry agent, who gets them from the state. Even if you have to buy one from a nursery, they don't cost much. Evergreens are best. Plant a tree and watch it grow as you grow. Trees reduce the carbon dioxide in the air, and produce oxygen that we need to breathe.

EARTH DAY, EARTH WEEK

There will be no national Earth Day this year like last year. Some states will proclaim Earth Day or Earth Week. Most will be April 22, or the week of April 18-24. The important thing is that everyone must do his part every day, whenever he can help save the earth. Use the leaflets enclosed with your newsletter to plan how you can help the earth. Kindness Club members work all year to preserve the environment and protect animals.
Animals Were Meant For The Wild

They were all born free,
Living wild, away from you and me
Put there by Nature,
The way God meant them to be.

Then man came along and took over,
The land was ruined and polluted
And the animals slowly watched,
Their land being taken over by creatures,
With very odd and unwanted features.

They tried to move to freedom and peace,
But their numbers slowly and steadily decreased.
The animals that were meant to be wild,
Are now controlled by man and his child.

Denyse Pellettieri, age 12, Fair Lawn, N.J.

Wolf Week

Mayor John Lindsay of New York City has proclaimed the week of April 19 to be "Wolf Week." He should be thanked for giving publicity to the plight of the wolf in the U.S. if you think so, too, write him a nice letter and thank him for proclaiming "Wolf Week" so people will learn to respect the wolf. His address is:

Mayor John Lindsay
Office of the Mayor
New York, N.Y. 10007

Little Hope Left for the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has decided there is no hope the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker will survive. There may be one or two left, but chances of their building up a new population are gone. Last one reported was seen by ornithologist John V. Dennis in Eastern Texas in 1967. Since he lives near Kindness Club headquarters, we tried to call him to learn if he felt the woodpeckers had any chance for survival, but he is in Texas right now, trying to find out if there are any woodpeckers left at all. Let's not let this happen to the wolf.

Denyse Pellettieri, age 12, Fair Lawn, N.J.

Branch Club News

The Beagles (Boys) and the Cottontails (Girls) voted to buy two bird baths from money earned at cookie sales. They plan to give the bird baths to two elementary schools in their town, Nacogdoches, Texas. They hope to get a picture and article in the newspaper.

Newest branch club is the "Cool Cranes." It is the 5th grade class at the William Volker School, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Alice Snyder is the teacher and Raccoon Captain. The club reports the name was chosen because "Cool Cranes means that they keep their cool and help stop suffering, start kindness for harmless animals," at their first meeting they wrote letters to representative Richard Bolling about the torturing of wild horses and other animals. Everyone received an answer.

Sesame Street's Cookie Monster remembers to call "Mommie" to tell her things that have happened at school. Mothers appreciate such thoughtfulness.

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Dear Sirs,
I appreciate all the help you are doing for wild animals. At last I found a club about the protection and preservation of wildlife. Any litter I find I pick up and put it in my pocket until I find a trash can.
Your Faithful Animal Lover,
Ted Kirkpatrick, Brookfield, Wis.

Dear Arahkun,
I am starting a branch club. I have found two people to be in it already. They are Peter Stultz and my brother, Darrell Speights. We would like to call our club the Baytown Bobcats.
Sincerely, Allen Speights
(This is a good name; bobcats are threatened by bounties in about as many states as wolves are. ARAHKUN)

Dear Arahkun,
One day my family and I went to a park. There was a stray dog. It looked so skinny so I gave it my lunch and I got its telephone number off the collar. Then when we got home I called the people that lost the dog and they came and got the dog.
Ariane Williams

Dear Kindness Club,
Once upon a time our dog got run over and we took him to the vet. He had to have a pin put in his leg. Once a bird fell from a tree and I helped it and it could fly.
Samuel Christopher Beverly Miles
Mrs. Temple's Second Grade Class
"The Lookout Mountain Eagles"
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
(Members all wrote stories about animals.)

Dear Sir,
My neighbors are very cruel to their two puppies. They never give them water in the summer and the dogs are tied together and get tangled and choke. I being a dog lover gave them water in the summer and I also untangled them.
Lynda Williamson, Somerville, N.J.

ONE TON OF RECYCLED PAPER WILL SAVE 17 TREES. THIS IS RECYCLED PAPER. IT WILL BE USED FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER IN THE FUTURE, AND FOR OTHER KINDNESS CLUB LEAFLETS.