IT IS KIND TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS

NORTHERNAIRE'S ST. BERNARD WITH ORPHAN FAWN
THREE LAKES, WISCONSIN

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BABY FAWN IS HOTEL GUEST

THREE LAKES, WISCONSIN -- Guests at the Northernaire Hotel are often surprised when owner Carl Marty enters the lobby each morning. Following him are his St. Bernard, Bernese, and, behind her, a seven-week-old fawn. Tina the fawn greets each guest in turn. Everyone stops what he is doing, to watch the fawn with fascination. People walk more slowly, and avoid sudden movements that might frighten the little fawn.

Bernese and Carl Marty have raised 91 forest orphans in the last four years. Marty is sometimes called the St. Francis of Wisconsin's North Woods.

After breakfast Bernese escorts Tina out of the hotel. She guides the fawn across the lawn to the edge of the deep woods. There Tina will spend the day, learning the ways of the wild. Late at night Bernese goes into the woods and finds Tina again. She escorts her into the hotel and down the hall to Marty's room, for her nightly bottle of warm milk. After a brief time to romp and play, fawn and dog lie down on the rug together and fall fast asleep.

Even though Tina must still have warm milk to grow strong and healthy, Marty's successful method of releasing wild animals to live free is already part of Tina's education. By letting her play in the deep woods all day, he is giving Tina a chance to learn to live on her own.

Tina must learn these lessons quickly. In just another few weeks hunters will be invading the deep woods. Everyone who has met the charming little fawn fervently hopes for her safety then. Perhaps with the spots nature has given her for camouflage, she will be able to hide well enough to be safe deep in the woods, until the hunters have left.
BIG BRAVE HUNTERS PLAYING INDIAN

The original Americans, the Indians, lived very close to nature, and called all animals their brothers. They had a reverence for life and respect for nature and killed only for need. Every part of each animal killed was used, meat for food, bones for knives and needles, and skin for clothing, thread, and shelter.

Indians depended on the primitive bow and arrow because they had no guns. Their arrows could not travel as far as a bullet, and the range of an arrow that would kill an animal instantly was severely limited. Animals only wounded by an arrow usually suffer many days and eventually die from the infection of the wound, or from starvation.

Indians developed great skill to creep up on wild animals, so any animal they shot at would die instantly and not suffer. Indian boys were required to practice archery and prove their skill and bravery before they were given recognition by the tribe, and qualified as a brave, to hunt for the tribe.

States that sell licenses to hunt with bow and arrow often don't have any test of strength or marksmanship to be sure the hunter can make a clean kill. Some even sell licenses to boys that are younger than Indian boys were allowed to hunt for the tribe. Today there is no need to hunt for food. And there is no excuse for using the primitive bow and arrow to kill.

In Wisconsin bow and arrow hunters will soon invade the deep woods. Small fawns Tina's age will be legal game for these bow and arrow hunters.

If you want to help stop bow and arrow hunting, you can find out if your state permits bow and arrow hunting, and just what animals may be hunted. Ask your library for the address of your state's Fish and Game Department. Write and ask these questions. Send the answers you receive to K.I.N.D. headquarters.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

Dear Arahkun,

Our branch club is called the Prairie Pups. We got to go to the animal hospital here. The veterinarian took us all through the hospital. We saw a dog get a rabies shot. We also saw a big dog that was paralyzed. He looked very uncomfortable. How can we help those kind of animals? My Dad is our Raccoon Captain.

Your friend,

Mary Beth Baxter
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Mary Beth,

Congratulations on your new branch club! I'm glad you could learn how veterinarians help animals. Only the vet could tell you if there were anything you could do to help the paralyzed dog. I'm sure he is getting the best care possible at the hospital. In a case like this, medical care may be all that can be done.

If you can't help this dog, why don't you see what you could do for people in your town who may be paralyzed or crippled, to make them happier? Just visiting might make their day brighter. Perhaps you could read to them awhile or tell them about your animal friends, and the projects you are doing in learning to be kind.

Your friend,

Arahkun

Wheaton, Ill. -- Instead of the usual freshmen initiation week, Wheaton College donated their 500 freshmen to work for the city for an entire day. They helped clean up the city.

TURTLES AND SALMONELLA

Salmonella poisoning can make a person very sick. One expert from the U.S. Public Health Service estimates that 50 per cent of all pet turtles carry salmonella.
Dear Arahkun,

After sending out letters to Senators and Representatives as suggested in your May newsletter, I finally got an answer. Of course I was quite thrilled when I got it. Anyway I thought I'd let you know that now I feel like my letters to Senators are a little more significant. And I'll continue to write them about supporting bills for worthwhile causes.

Keep smiling!
Miss Casey Brown
Swissvale, Pa.

Dear Arahkun,

I wrote 2 Senators and 1 Representative. I got a letter from each of them saying they were co-sponsors of the bill to preserve and protect wild horses and burros.

Sincerely,
Lydia Spurgeon
Bradley, Ill. age 13

Dear Arahkun,

I'm so proud! My 2nd petition and I've got more coming! I'm going to keep bugging my Congressmen about this thing, too. Those mustangs are just too beautiful to lose. Keep fighting, and hard!

Your faithful small raccoon,
Ingrid Price
Braddock Heights, Md. age 13

P.S. Lots of people interested--can I have more petitions? Thanks.

Dear Arahkun,

The work you're doing is excellent. Your papers are very informative.

Cheryl Gollinger
Roseville, Minn. age 17

Dear Arahkun,

I think your newsletter suggestion about helping other pets is a wonderful idea. I have done this many times before. I take 7 to 8 dogs a week for a walk for people who are too old or cannot take them for a walk themselves. This for me is a very enjoyable hobby. I know many dogs that are left alone all day. These I take for walks and I give them fresh water by permission.

Two years ago my friend Karen and I had started returning lost dogs and giving homeless ones homes after a week of searching for owners. We always feel owners should be given a fair chance in finding their pets. To this day we have found more than 25 dogs. I hope this news will encourage others to participate in "dog watching".

Lorna Kerswill age 15
Denver, Colorado

P.S. - Thank you for letting me know about the 'pop-top tabs' in the water.

Sirs:

Tell us what we can do about the animals who have no homes and will be put to sleep because of it.

Marilyn Schmetzer
Lemont, Pennsylvania

Urge people to spay or neuter their pets so there will be a waiting home whenever any animals are born. The kindest thing humans should do is to put an animal to sleep gently when they can't find it a home. The Humane Society of the U.S. is sending announcements to every radio station to tell more people about this problem.

BOOKS YOU CAN ORDER FROM K.I.N.D. HEADQUARTERS

"GINGER AND HER WOODLAND ORPHANS" Carl Marty's story about his first dog and the orphans she adopted. $2.00

"MOTHER IS A ST. BERNARD" The story of Bernese and her forest orphans, by Edith Lassen Johnson. $2.00

"MY KINDNESS COLORING BOOK" A great coloring book about animal friends to help little children learn kindness, just published by The Kindness Club. This is excellent for a gift for a little brother or sister. $1.00

ALL PAPERBACKS
This Bengal tiger is an endangered species. He has lived 3 of his 4 years in this glass tank, about double his own length, in the SPA Health Club, in White Plains, N.Y. Randy Egener, 15, and six friends, have organized their own 'Save A Tiger League'. They are picketing to get the tiger released. Randy says she intends to come back every day until they free Tuffy the tiger. Their picket signs read: "Tuffy Isn't Tough Enough". If you agree with Randy and her friends, write the New York State Attorney General, New York, N. Y. and tell him so.

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