KINDNESS IS HELPING SEA BEARS
KEEP THEIR OWN COATS
Dear friends,

Tinkerbell is a sea lion who lives in Florida—where sea lions don’t usually live. She swam up to Lisa and Kitta Frost as they swam in the Gulf and wanted to play. They were startled by the big animal and left the water fast.

When they ran up the steps to the terrace, Tinkerbell followed them just as fast as her flippers would flop.

Their grandmother, Mrs. Pierrepon, offered Tinkerbell a fish to make friends. She wouldn’t touch it. They knew something was wrong, and asked Mr. Houghton, their neighbor, to help find Tinkerbell’s owner. He telephoned many people—even a man in New York. Finally someone told him about a woman who was raising seals and sea lions in a natural habitat she had provided for them.

When he called Mrs. Horftman, she told him to go out and call: "Tinkerbell". When he did, the sea lion looked up, flopped around happily, and quickly picked up the fish she had refused earlier, and gulped it down.

Tinkerbell had been lost for 9 days. She had travelled far north of her home—perhaps trying to get back to her first home in the northern Pacific Ocean. No one knows why she ignored all the other people swimming in the Gulf, and chose the very best home where people would do all they could to help her. How could she have known that Mrs. Pierrepon was a member of The Humane Society and has helped so many animals in trouble? Perhaps some instinct that we don’t understand led Tinkerbell to the best place where she could get help.

Being lost for 9 days must have been very discouraging. Finding friends must have made Tinkerbell very happy. Not every sea lion gets an airplane ride, but Tinkerbell was flown home in her own special chartered plane.

Your friend,

ARAHKUN
HELP SAVE THE SEA BEARS

Every year in June, when sea bears, or northern fur seals, return to the Pribilof Islands to have their pups, our own government supervises the clubbing of seals. Usually only bachelor seals are killed at this hunt. (The baby seals you have read about being killed are harp seals, hunted in the Gulf of the St. Lawrence River, supervised by the Canadian government).

If people didn't think it was fashionable to wear furs, there would be no money made from seal pelts. If it wasn't profitable to sell seal fur, the killing of seals would end.

You can tell your friends and classmates about the killing of seals so they won't want to wear animal furs when they get older. You might use this information for a report at school or at summer camp.

You can also put up the poster that comes with this newsletter, to urge adults not to buy or wear fur coats made from the coats of animals. Help them want to wear fake furs instead. Be sure to report which store you put the poster in, so your name can be listed in the next newsletter. If you need more posters, order a packet of 12 for 25c.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

Another club has selected the name "THE MUSTANGS". There are 25 members, all boys, in South Vineland, New Jersey. One of their first projects is to work to ban the use of the cruel 'leg-hold' trap.

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Kindness in Action

CIRCULATED MUSTANG PETITIONS

Miss Goodloe's 3rd Grade Class
Hugh Mer School, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Quarter School Branch Club, Winchester, Virginia
Harper Seal Branch Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Clint Ingledeu, Canfield, Ohio
Dorothy Solomon, Hillside, New Jersey
Charlotte Conway, Fairfax, Virginia
Miss Kelley's Class
Broad Street School, Central Falls, Rhode Island
Allan Hogue, Houston, Texas, age 7
Susan Williams, Furman, Alabama, age 7
Ben Williams, Furman, Alabama, age 9
The Lookout Mountain, Tennessee
Marc Tamar, W. Los Angeles, California, age 7
Agnes Lauria, Darby, Pennsylvania
Jul. 15, 1978, Belvedere, New Jersey
Carol Nelson, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PETITIONS ARE STILL COMING IN AS WE GO TO PRESS. IF YOU HAVE SENT YOUR PETITION AND YOUR NAME ISN'T HERE, WE WILL TRY TO LIST YOUR NAME IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT IT YET, SEND IT AS SOON AS YOU HAVE COLLECTED AS MANY SIGNATURES AS YOU CAN.

Dear ARAHKUN,
I'm really doing a deed of kindness. We found a house with 110 acres on which deer, rabbits, pheasants, raccoons, opossums; and many other kinds of birds and animals are living. There is also a 1 1/2 acre lake in which scores of fish live, even two water snakes. Being a family who hates and despises hunting, we're going to make it be a private wildlife refuge! We named our farm Rabbit Hill because when we first went to look at the farm we saw three jackrabbits go running off into the woods!

Sincerely, Kathleen Paul

Dear ARAHKUN,
Please send me all of the new leaflets. What is the bucking Strap?

Your truly, Renee Buczowski
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Renee,
This is a special strap, like the cinch strap that holds a saddle on, but in addition to it. The cinch strap goes over the horse's rib cage, where there are bones to protect the inner organs from being squeezed too tightly when the strap is cinched. The bucking strap is put just in front of the horse's back legs at the groin. It is pulled just as tightly as the other strap, where no rib bones will protect the inner organs from being squeezed. This can cause the horse pain and make it buck, to get rid of the pain.

Your friend, ARAHKUN

Dear ARAHKUN,
We always look carefully at the label to see it does not contain horsemeat, and I have been telling my friends that wild horses are being killed off for cat and dog food, and not to buy it!

Sincerely, Nancy Kane, Purcellville, Va.

Dear Nancy,
Good show! I hope all Kindness Club members will refuse to buy canned pet food that has horsemeat in it, and will warn their friends, too.

Your friend, ARAHKUN

Dear ARAHKUN,
At school we have this ecology club. I mentioned to my teacher about the mustangs and she is going to bring it up at the club. I have a horse that is half mustang, so I really want to help and get people to help these horses. I'm doing my hardest!

Your friend, Gina Piraine, Chatsworth, Ca.

Dear Gina,
That's great! I'll bet every Kindness Club member wishes he had a mustang like you do!

Your friend, ARAHKUN
Dear ARAHKUN,

There have been many cases of animal poisoning where I live. I have a cat and dog and am worried about them. What can I do?

Yours, Maxine Pickford, Redwood Valley, Calif.

Dear Maxine,

First thing to do is keep your pets in your own yard, where they do not bother other people. Although there is something wrong with anyone who poisons a pet, such people have usually had a bad experience of being bothered by someone else's dog or cat.

The Humane Society offers a standing reward that you can print on a poster, or ask the newspaper to print, or both. You should also discuss this with your local humane society. The reward offer should read:

"The Humane Society of the United States offers $300 for information leading to arrest and conviction of any person who wilfully poisons or attempts to poison any dog or cat."

Of course you should also take any sick animal to a veterinarian immediately. If it has been poisoned, he will be able to find out what kind of poison it is. This will help him treat any other animals, and may help the police locate the poisoner.

Your friend, ARAHKUN

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