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Help Free This Roadside Bear
YOU CAN HELP THIS BEAR

The bear on the front cover is one of those animals that can be helped by the new Animal Welfare Act of 1970. The Department of Agriculture, in charge of enforcing this law, could do nothing before last Christmas Eve, when the law became effective. There are many animals that suffer under conditions similar to this bear, and it will be a big job for USDA agents to reach them all. There isn't enough money for enforcement of the new law and there aren't enough USDA agents in the field.

Most animals kept in little zoos (called roadside zoos) are there to attract people to buy things at a gasoline station, restaurant, or gift shop. This is where the owner makes his money. Many such zoos are on highways in remote areas and no one knows just how many of them are in America. You can help greatly by reporting the name and address of any place like this that keeps animals on display. Tell us also what kind of animals are there, describe the size of the cages, how clean they are kept, what the animals are fed, and anything else you can tell about them. We will give the information to USDA and their regional inspector will investigate the place you report.

This bear is a special case. It is in a cage beside a bar and grill, near Clover, South Carolina. The Humane Society attempted to get help for this bear, called Joe, before the law went into effect, but nothing was done for him. The Humane Society has contacted the South Carolina Senator, Strom Thurmond, who said he would help. You can help, too, by writing Senator Thurmond, about Joe the bear.

His address is: Senator Strom Thurmond
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE KOALA BEAR, ONCE THREATENED BY EXTENSIVE HUNTING, IS NOW PROTECTED IN AUSTRALIA, ITS NATIVE HOME. SIMILAR PROTECTION CAN BE OBTAINED FOR THE KANGAROO IF ENOUGH PEOPLE URGE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THIS ACTION PROMPTLY.

HELP SAVE KANGAROOS

The World Federation for the Protection of Animals has asked The Humane Society to tell its members of the plight of kangaroos in Australia. They are being killed to export their products to other countries. During the last few years the numbers of the Big Red Kangaroo have been reduced by 75%. Kangaroos are killed for pet food, cuddly toys, or leather goods. Although the biggest market for these products is West Germany, the next biggest consumer is America. Since our country is largely responsible for the slaughter of kangaroos, let's make an effort to help this animal.

The Humane Society is a member of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals. We have been asked to circulate petitions to ask the Australian Government to impose restrictions on the killing of kangaroos. A sample petition is enclosed. Get your friends to sign it and, when it is filled, send it to KIND headquarters. Let's show the World Federation what the K.I.N.D. youth members of The Humane Society can do to help animals.
Sue Pressman, The Humane Society’s zoo expert, has saved 500 rare deer from becoming the targets of trophy hunters. A ranch in Texas was to be vacated to make way for a new airport. Its owner, W. A. Stone, had some 500 sika and axis deer he didn’t know what to do with. They had originally been given to him to develop a herd for hunting. He soon found he couldn’t kill these beautiful creatures. So the herd grew from 15 to about 500. When forced to remove them from the ranch, Mr. Stone decided to charge trophy hunters $250 for each deer they would shoot. Then Sue Pressman heard about it and called him.

Knowing what he could get for letting hunters shoot the deer, rancher Stone already had a price in mind when Sue asked him to consider selling the deer. The only way to save the deer was to offer to buy them. This she did. Rancher Stone agreed not to let any more hunters bag a trophy. Then Sue began to worry where The Humane Society could get that kind of money to buy so many deer. Finally she got International Animal Exchange, a dealer who supplies animals to zoos, to agree to buy them, for sale to zoos.

Most of the deer have now been sold, and most of them will be used to develop new herds. Even Japan and India, the countries of the deer’s native habitat, have bought some of the deer, to attempt to restock them in preserves, so native deer can roam free once more in the country of their origin.

The axis deer, picture on the back cover, is native to India, where it is considered by some to be endangered. It is a large, stocky deer, and wears its big white spots on a bright coat of red-brown all its life. In India this bright coat is perfect camouflage against the other bright colors of the wilderness areas. In our wild areas where natural colors are not so bright, the axis deer is a spectacular sight.

The sika deer is a native of Japan, where it is now extinct in the wild. It is a smaller deer, plain in color, with only faint spots in its coat. It has done well in captivity and is one of the most common deer seen in zoos. It is one species that has been successfully saved from extinction by being kept in protected areas like zoos. Now there is a chance the sika deer will once again become established in the wild state in its native Japan. We hope that endangered animals can be reestablished in sufficient numbers in protected areas so their species will not be lost forever to the world.

SAVE THE WHALES

The large whales are the biggest creatures ever to inhabit the earth—bigger, even, than the biggest dinosaurs. Men have killed so many whales it looked as if they were doomed to extinction. Last month we thought Congress had lost the chance to pass a law to protect whales. Now there is a good chance again that such a law may be passed.

Senator Robert W. Packwood is one of the Congressmen who can do the most to help. He has asked The Humane Society for our opinion of a bill he introduced. We have asked him to make it stronger. You, too, can write, thank him for introducing his bill, and ask him to make the changes in the bill that The Humane Society has suggested. Always be sure to list your age when writing to a Congressman. His address is:

Senator Robert W. Packwood
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
HELP FOR A HUMANE SOCIETY

Grades 1-8 at Holy Spirit School in San Antonio, Texas recently held a contest to see which grade could collect the most dog food for the local Humane Society. The contest was called 'Doggie Dinner Day Drive'. The 7th grade won the contest and was featured on television and in the newspaper.

Dear ARAHKUN,

At the shelter in our community kids are allowed to help. They can go there and clean up the papers and take care of the old food. Maybe other shelters do allow this. It may not seem like much but maybe it really helps.

Kim Hardy, Horseheads, N.Y.

Dear Kim,

You bet it helps. Not all shelters permit young people to help, but those that do have realized just how much help they can be. We're trying to convince more shelters how much help KIND members can be—and there's no better feeling than knowing you've been able to help an animal that needs your help, and your love.

Your friend, ARAHKUN

Dear ARAHKUN,

Our 7th grade class has collected 100 Hunt-Wesson labels so far, during our study of Fire Science.

Laurie Dziakowski, Phila., Pa.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

The Tyler (Texas) Timberwolves gathered pine cones and decorated them and sold them. They also designed a float for the town's Christmas parade.

The Jaguars Branch Club, Columbus, Ohio, has distributed a total of 62 posters on surplus breeding.

The Good Kind Lion Branch Club, Youngstown, Ohio, has both Kindness Club and DEFENDERS members. They made a display of their recent projects and showed it at three schools. Many people were very interested.
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