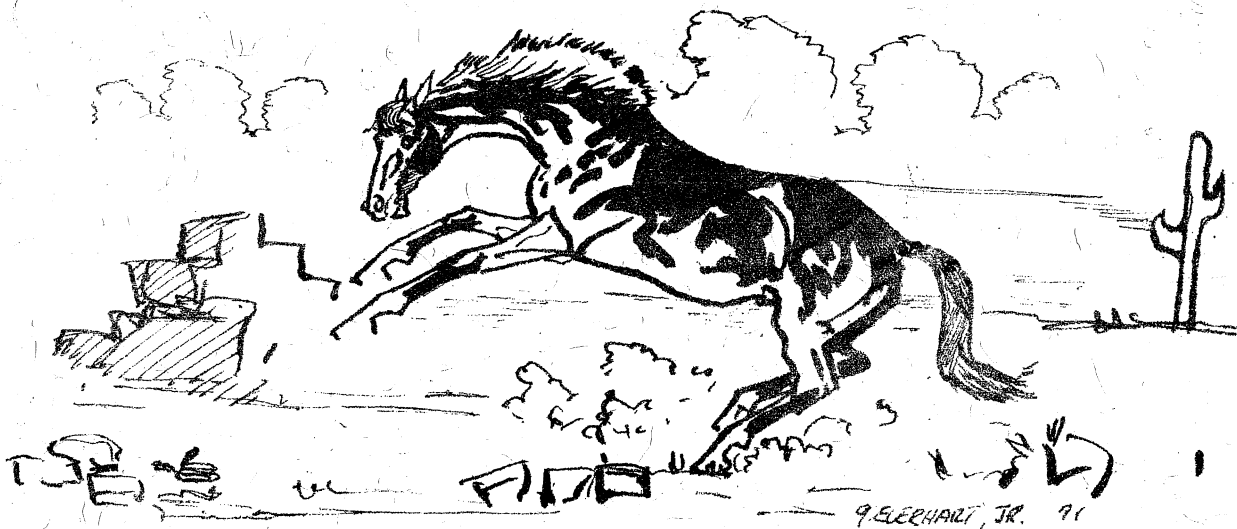


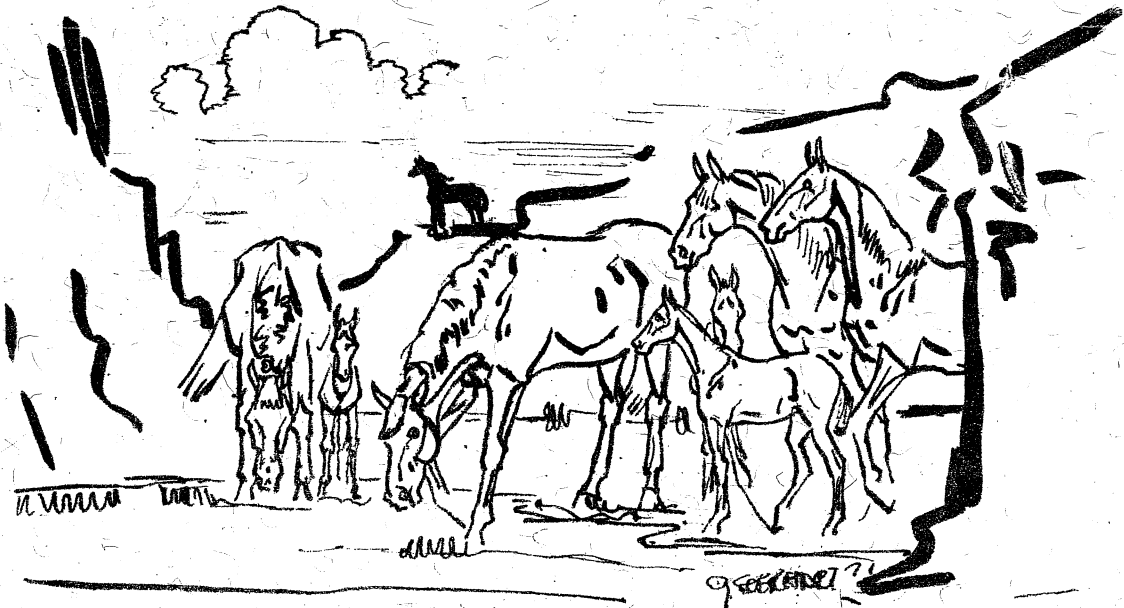
YOUR KINDNESS CLUB LETTER

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KINDNESS IS HELPING THE NOBLE WILD MUSTANG
WHO WANTS TO LIVE FREE



Mustang illustrations courtesy George C. Everhart, Jr.

Dear friends,

Wild Horse Annie is a friend of mine. She has won many victories to save the wild mustangs of our west, in spite

of so many hardships that most people would have given up.

Her faith in God and her love of the mustangs helped her

keep trying until she got help for these great horses.

When Annie discovered that mustangs were being caught and sold to slaughterhouses for canned dog food, she could

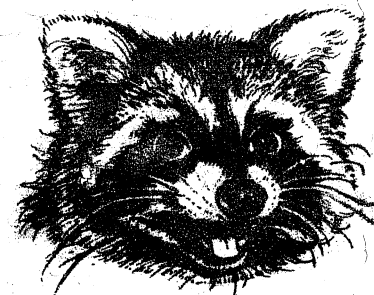
hardly believe it. She remembered that when her father was a tiny baby his life had been saved by the milk of a mustang mare, when no other milk was available. She felt she owed the mustangs a lot. So she began working for a law to forbid catching mustangs by truck or by plane.

That law was passed, but now mustangs are being trapped in corrals around their waterholes. The mustangs need her help again. Annie flew to Washington last week to talk to a committee of Congress to urge them to set up refuges for the mustangs.

You can learn more about Annie and her fight for the mustangs from a book about her. It is called "Mustangs -- Wild Spirit of the West", by Marguerite Henry, and it is published by Rand McNally & Co. It is also available in paperback.

See the Kindness In Action page to learn how you can help. I hope you'll help Annie and the mustangs so they can roam free on their own refuges.

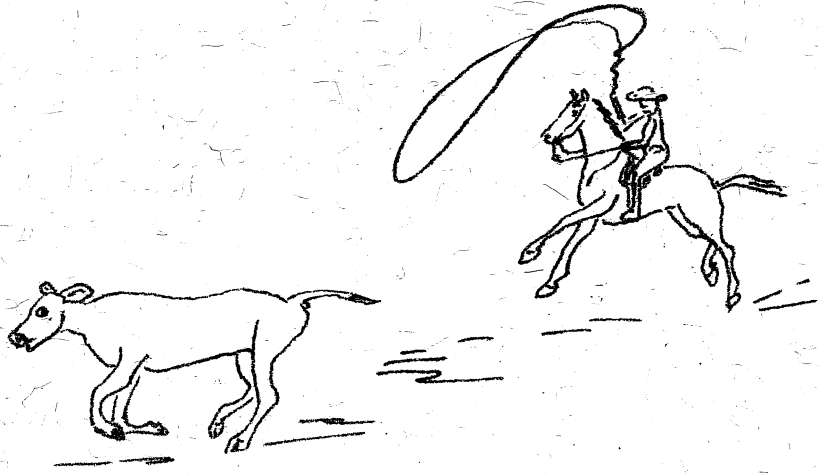
Your friend,



"BE KIND"

Annie

DO YOU CALL THIS ENTERTAINMENT?



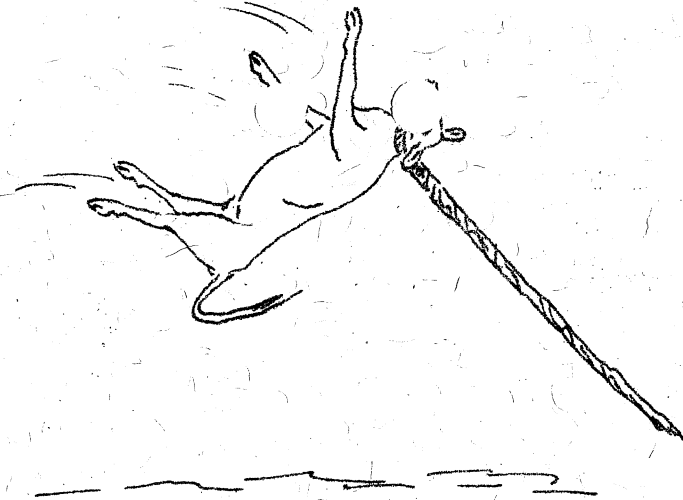
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JUST ONE RODEO CRUELTY

Rodeo calf-roping contests are one of the cruelest things promoted under the form of entertainment.

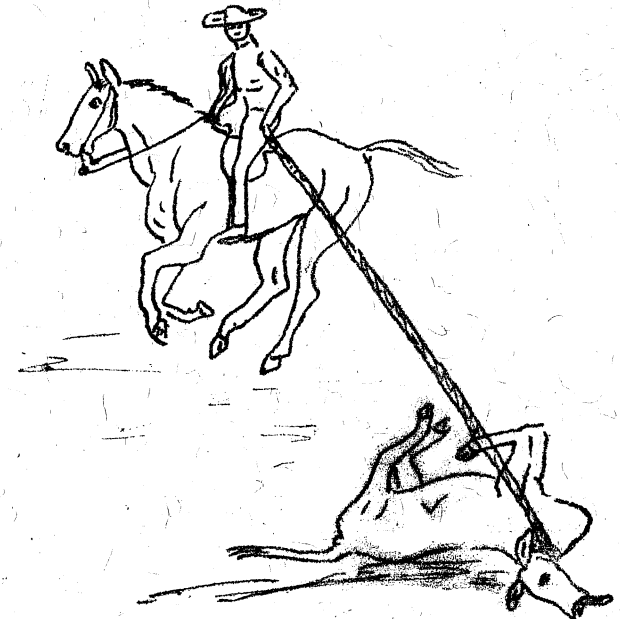
Calves run fast to try to get away from the lasso. When it snares a calf, he is yanked backward, up into the air, and thrown hard to the ground.

What would you do if someone did this to your pet dog? You'd probably try to get him arrested for cruelty to an animal. Remember a calf is a baby animal ---all the more reason he should be treated gently, and not chased and thrown as they are at rodeos.



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Illustrations courtesy Natalie Winslow



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Illustration courtesy Margaret File

Have You Met . . .

the stallion that 'gives birth' to the colts instead of the mare? It's the male sea horse, whose proper name is HIPPOCAMPUS. He doesn't actually bear the young, but it looks like he does. The female sea horse lays her eggs in the stallion's special pouch, that is much like a kangaroo's pouch. There the eggs are fertilized and the father sea horse carries them for 45 days.

When the colts hatch, they swim out of the pouch, and it looks as if they are just being born. There may be as many as 250 to 300 baby colts hatch from the stallion's pouch. They are so transparent at first that you can see their tiny hearts beating. Some sea horse colts are no bigger than this comma ,

There are 40 species of sea horses, as small as one inch, and as big as two feet long. Sea horses are covered with bony plates. They have a bladder filled with air that keeps them afloat, and they swim standing up, propelling themselves by a fan-like fin on their backs.

They can change color like a chameleon, to blend in with their surroundings. They are one of our oddest looking creatures, with heads like a stallion, funny upright plate-covered bodies, and a tail like a monkey. It is fun to watch the comical antics of these odd-looking members of the underwater world.

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 20. DON'T FORGET TO DO SOMETHING NICE FOR YOUR DAD--EVEN IF IT'S JUST A NICE CARD.

KINDNESS IN ACTION

Don't think young people can't help with national problems. Gregg Gude is only 11. But he read the book "Mustangs" about Wild Horse Annie, then asked his father to help the mustangs. Gregg could get help started because his father is a Congressman, and Congressman Gilbert Gude introduced a bill. Now nearly 100 Congressmen have given their support to this bill. Now they need to know whether people really want the wild mustangs protected. You can write and urge your Representative and Senators to help the mustangs. Urge your Congressman to support H.R. 5375, and ask your Senators to support S. 1116. Do it today--help Wild Horse Annie and Gregg Gude help the mustangs.

REFUSE TO BUY CANNED PET FOOD THAT HAS HORSEMEAT IN IT.

IT MIGHT BE THE MUSTANGS YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE.

STEERBUSTING is a rodeo event something like calf-roping, but even more brutal. It is so rough it is prohibited in some states. There is a state bill now in Oregon that would prohibit it there. You can ask Oregon Representatives to pass H.B. 1552. Write Representatives Markham, Allen, Hollingworth, Paulus, Hanneman, and Ripper, each in a separate letter. Address all letters to House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon, 97310. Write Oregon Governor Tom McCall, too, at the Oregon State Capitol, Salem, Oregon, 97310.

BRANCH CLUBS THAT WANT TO DONATE MONEY TO HELP SAVE THE MUSTANGS SHOULD SEND IT TO:

WILD HORSE ANNIE, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF MUSTANGS AND BURROS, 140 GREENSTONE DR., RENO, NEV. 89502

AUDUBON RACCOONS is the name of Alice Blackburn's class at Haviland Avenue School, in Audubon, New Jersey.

THE ARABIAN MARES is the name of the club in Winchester, Va.

THE RABBITS club holds meetings every Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Jamesville, New York.

THE WILD MUSTANGS are right where the action started, in . . . Grimes teacher is Captain.

THE KINDNESS CLUB'S RACCOON CAPTAIN "MOTHER OF THE YEAR"

MISS NELL MELLICHAMP, MUSIC TEACHER AND RACCOON CAPTAIN AT HEATHWOOD HALL, EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE KINDNESS CLUB'S RACCOON CAPTAIN "MOTHER OF THE YEAR" FOR 1971. HER BRANCH CLUB THIS YEAR AT COLUMBIA, S.C. IS 'THE EAGLES'. MISS NELL TAUGHT KINDNESS BEFORE THE KINDNESS CLUB WAS EVEN ORGANIZED. HER FIRST CLUBS WERE CALLED 'BANDS OF MERCY', AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS POPULAR 50 YEARS AGO, VERY MUCH LIKE THE KINDNESS CLUB PROGRAM TODAY. EVERYONE STOPS TO SAY HELLO TO MISS NELL WHEREVER SHE GOES. GRAY-HAIRED BUSINESSMEN TELL ABOUT THE FUN THEY HAD WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN IN HER MUSIC CLASS, AND HOW SHE TAUGHT THEM TO BE KIND. MISS NELL, WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

Learn more about animals. Just write and tell me which leaflet or leaflets you want. They are free.

- 'Questions And Answers About Animal Cruelty at Rodeos'
- 'A New Look at Sportsmanship' (hunting)
- 'How to Care For Your Horse'
- 'Killing For Fun' (hunting)
- 'The Cruelties Involved in Wild Animal Trapping'
- 'Whims of Fashion' (furs)
- 'How to Care For Your Cat'
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