IT IS KIND TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT ANIMALS THAT NEED OUR HELP, GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO HELP, TOO.

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June is a month when many animal and bird babies are very tiny and helpless. They need the special protection and care of their parents at this time. Occasionally danger threatens and animal babies are lost from their nest or separated from their mother. If you know exactly what to do, you might be able to help.

A single important rule should always be followed in trying to help such babies: NEVER try to help until you know what to do and how to do it. Many young people find animal babies in the woods and think they have been abandoned.

Baby deer are taught by their mother to lie quietly and not leave the hiding place where mother put them. If you should frighten a baby deer, it might run away from the hiding place and get lost.

Baby bunnies live in a hidden nest in the grass. Mother rabbit does not stay with her bunnies, because they are very delicate. The thing they need most is QUIET. She knows this, and, even though she is very quiet herself, she visits them twice a day to feed them. Many people have thought they could save baby bunnies by placing them in a nest. If you can, place the baby gently and carefully back in the nest. Under ideal conditions, a mother rabbit will feed her young every 5 or 10 minutes, when all is quiet. If the baby is gone, but no feathers, it can go without food for 1 to 2 hours. A feathered baby can go without food for almost a full day. Even if you think the baby can wait until at least over a full hour, even if it has already been left for the limit of its meal-times, wait at least until you decide to take over the job of foster mother. You can judge somewhat by the appearance and actions of the baby itself. An active chirping baby can wait for food. A listless, wan looking baby may already have waited its limit.

If you think something may have happened to the mother bird, you may want to stand watch to be certain she returns to feed her young. Birds will not return to a nest when there is noise or activity in the yard, so you must sit quietly, at least 10 feet away, in a hiding place. Under ideal conditions, a mother bird will feed her young every 5 or 10 minutes, when all is quiet. If the baby has down, but no feathers, it can go without food for 1 to 2 hours. A feathered baby can go without food for almost a full day. Even if you think the babies may already have been left for the limit of their meal-times, wait at least until you decide to take over the job of foster mother. You can judge somewhat by the appearance and actions of the baby itself. An active chirping baby can wait for food. A listless, wan looking baby may already have waited its limit.

NEVER NEVER attempt to adopt a baby bird unless you have tried everything else. If you are sure the parents are dead, call your local humane society, garden club, or newspaper to find someone to adopt the baby bird. You aren't likely to be able to help it yourself; baby birds have to be fed frequently. Even an expert sometimes can't save every one.
WHAT'S WRONG HERE?

This fox is in a natural history museum, part of a special room where live animals are on display. It was built especially to attract young people like yourself, to get them more interested in natural history. List the things you think are wrong in this photograph.

Since many museums are planning to have live animal exhibits in the future, you can help them by listing what you think should be done for each kind of animal you think should be in such an exhibit. Perhaps you think certain animals should not be included. You can list them, and tell why you think they should not be displayed.

You can either send your comments to us, or write a letter directly to the Natural Science for Youth Foundation. This is the agency that offers advice and assistance to museums, to help them plan better displays and programs for young people. They want to offer the best advice possible, and your suggestions will help.

Send your suggestions to:
Mr. John Ripley Forbes, President
Natural Science for Youth Foundation
Silvermine Road

Miss Alice Blackburn's 4th Grade Class Club from Haviland Avenue School, Audubon, N.J., with their puppet show. They gave a performance with their puppets as entertainment for their local humane society's annual meeting. Members of the Animal Welfare Association were impressed and delighted with the performance.

The KIND booth at the East Texas State Fair, operated by the Tyler 'Timberwolves' Branch Club. Big brothers took turns wearing the Snoopy costume as an attraction for fair visitors. Many people signed petitions and took leaflets that told about KIND.
TADPOLES, FROGS, AND TOADS

One of the most fascinating animals is the tadpole, sometimes called polliwog. You can watch a tadpole lose its tail and grow legs, turning into a frog or toad shape. Boys often collect tadpoles and keep them in a jar to watch their transformation into frogs or toads. But how would you like to be removed from your home and have to live in a glass jar while you grow up?

Collecting tadpoles is cruel. It reduces their chances of survival. It takes them away from their home and familiar surroundings. We need every tadpole to grow up into frogs or toads to control insect populations. One toad in your garden is estimated to be worth $25 each season in the insect control he provides. Every tadpole taken from its home upsets the balance of nature just a little bit. A whole jar full of tadpoles taken from their home upsets the balance of nature a lot. Have fun watching tadpoles change, by visiting them every day at the pond where they live. Take nothing but memories; leave nothing but footprints.

TRAPS

The Department of the Interior is urging the Senate Committee on Commerce against the enactment of the bill to ban steel leghold traps. It claims these traps are necessary for the 'management' of wildlife, and that no other trap exists that would be a suitable substitute.

Apparently the Department of Interior officials didn't attend the Congressional hearings, or hear all the testimony given there. Evidence was submitted at that time on a new type of trap that was offered as a substitute. Of all the animals caught in the new trap when it was tested, not one suffered a broken bone.

'DeFENDERS' often write and ask if they can collect money to send to help animals. We can't authorize you to ask money to be used to help animals. Some members plan carnivals or pet shows and sell tickets and refreshments, or make useful items for sale, such as bird feeders or bird boxes. Or collect neighbors to earn money for their animal friends. See animals.
The 'Beagletails' of Nacogdoches, Texas, pose beneath a billboard sign they donated. A bank donated space for the sign. Some counties ban billboards to keep scenery natural. Be sure space is available before planning such a project.