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LETTER



A VETERINARIAN IS A PERSON WHO HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SERVE ANIMALS. HE SHOULD, ABOVE ALL, BE COMPASSIONATE AND KIND.



Dear friends,

Once I knew a veterinarian who was a very kind man. He took extra time to make sure his animal patients learned to trust him, and understood he wanted to help them.

This is difficult to do and still treat enough patients to make a decent living. But he worked longer hours to do it, so his patients wouldn't be frightened.

Even though Dr. Dove works long hours, he has always found time to help the humane society. He understood what it stood for, and he was able to offer it the professional guidance he had because he was a graduate of a veterinary school. With his help this humane society has become one of the finest in the area.

Someone once told me a story about Dr. Dove, and, even though it embarrasses him to have the story told, I think you will enjoy it. Dr. Dove treats both large and small animals, since his office is in a community where there are many dairy herds. One day a farmer called him to treat a cow that was very sick. Dr. Dove worked many long hours to help the sick cow, and he saved her life.

Many months later the farmer again called Dr. Dove to treat some animals. He parked his car beside the pasture fence and worked for several hours in the barn. When he returned to his car, there was his first patient, who had been so sick, reaching through the fence and licking the doctor's car. Her rough tongue had licked the paint right off the door! The farmer claimed his cow had fallen in love with Dr. Dove, as she had never licked other cars that way. Dr. Dove felt rather silly, but he learned never to park his car near the pasture fence again, when visiting that dairy farm.

Did the very sick cow remember the kind doctor who had saved her life? I'm sure she did. This is the kind of reward that a compassionate, dedicated veterinarian often receives in his daily work. It is a life of service to animal friends, and any person who decides to dedicate his life to helping animals, and is as compassionate as Dr. Dove, can experience the same kind of gratitude and devotion.

BE KIND

Your friend,

Arahkun



May 7-13 is BE KIND TO ANIMALS week. Celebrate this special week, then be kind every week in the year.



SEALS

Last month we reported help for seals by a Canadian ban on the use of planes or ships. Have you ever told only a half-truth, and gotten punished for telling a lie? That's just what the news release from the Canadian Ministries of Fisheries Office was--a half-truth. It failed to mention that boats as big as 60 feet long could still be used, and that men could still club seals if they could get to them from the land. The half-truth was probably intended to make everyone believe the seals would be protected.

Canada does have a Special Advisory Committee on Seals that has just recommended that all seal killing be stopped by 1974, and that the ban continue for at least six years. We hope the Canadian Government will follow the recommendations of its special committee, so seals will be protected in the future.

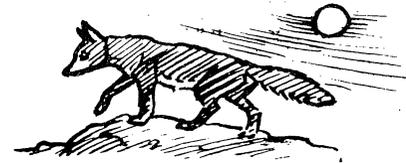
If you want to help, you may wish to write to:
Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau
Government House, Ottawa, Ontario 1, Canada.
Ask for the recommendations of the Committee on Seals to be put into effect as soon as possible.

Dear ARAHKUN,

There are little children in my neighborhood. And there is a robin with a nest and baby birds in it. The children keep bothering the nest. What could I do to stop the kids from bugging the nest?
Laureanne Nordstrom, Vienna, Va.

Dear Laureanne,

If the children are too young to understand when you explain the birds musn't be bothered, you may need to try to keep them out of the area where the nest is. If they are older, and can understand, they should know better. Either way, tell their mothers, and ask them to stop their children from threatening the birds. I'm sending you some leaflets to give to the mothers.
Your friend, ARAHKUN



HELPING COYOTES

Westmoreland School, Fair Lawn, N.J.--The Student Council has approved a project to help animals and has circulated petitions to urge the ban of the deadly poison 1080. The Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Joe Eicher, became interested in this project through a Kindness Club newsletter.

HELP FOR COYOTES

On February 8 President Nixon issued an Executive Order banning the use of 1080. The Environmental Protection Agency has now issued a ban on the interstate shipment of 1080 and other poisons used to kill predators. As we go to press Congress has just held hearings on bills that would ban 1080 and other poisons by federal law. We're fairly certain one of these bills will be enacted into law.

The Humane Society testified before this committee, urging the strongest bill be passed. We'll report further news on this as Congress acts on it. One of the most impressive parts of The Humane Society testimony, that Congressmen found interesting, was the report that 7,289 signatures had been collected on petitions circulated by KIND members. Thanks to every KIND member who circulated coyote petitions, to enable us to report this to Congress.

CONGRESS HOLDS HEARINGS TO PROTECT ENDANGERED ANIMALS

The Humane Society testified at this Congressional Committee, too, urging the best law possible to protect animals that are becoming endangered. There seems to be a good chance this law will be passed.



Cover photo - Dr. Barbara Penney repairs a fawn's injured leg. Most of her work is spay and neutering surgery on dogs and cats in the spay clinic at KIND headquarters. Many more women are becoming veterinarians than ever before



POP-TOP TABS AND WILDLIFE

In Shenandoah National Park in Virginia nearly half the population of raccoons has been reported to have been killed by eating pop-top tabs. Eating mostly at night, they are attracted by the bright objects, reflecting the light from the moon.

MORE ABOUT KANGAROOS

It is said that Captain James Cook, the English explorer, was the person who gave kangaroos their name. When he arrived in Australia and saw the funny looking animal, he asked a native what it was. The native replied, "Kangaroo." What the native was saying, translated into English, was: "I don't know." But the name stuck and that is how the kangaroo got its name.

PLANNING TO BE A VETERINARIAN?

Many members have written that they plan to be veterinarians when they are older. Of course there are many professions you could plan to enter where you can help animals all your life, besides the veterinary profession. More animal doctors are needed, too. If you plan to be a veterinarian and want to learn more about it, write for the free leaflet about becoming a veterinarian.

DOLPHINS, PORPOISES, AND SEALS

Congress is now considering legislation to protect marine mammals. The House passed a bill, but did not give protection to dolphins and porpoises, often killed when they get caught in nets used to catch tuna. It also did nothing to protect seals. If you write your Senators right away, the Senate might include protection for these animals. Simply ask for them to add something to the Marine Mammal bill to protect dolphins, porpoises, and seals. They are marine mammals, too.



HELP THE EARTH A LITTLE

In most areas of America, April is the time gardeners begin making plans for the growing season. Nearly every KIND member can learn something about the earth by growing some plants this summer in your own garden. Start with a small area and only a few plants so you can give them the care and attention they need to do their very best.

It may be just a 3-foot section against the house, beside the driveway, or in your back yard. Even city people can grow an African violet or a philodendron in a pot on a window sill. If your family has a vegetable garden, ask for a small corner for your own special crop. If your family is ordering seed for a summer garden, ask them to order from a seed company that has a special seed offer for young people. One such company is Gurney's Seed Company, Yankton, S.D. 57078.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

Alice Blackburn's 4th grade class, the Audubon Raccoons, recycled paper and bottles and raised \$35. They donated it to a wildlife refuge for a new fence to be built for Sassafras, a pet deer. Sassafras must be protected because of an injury to her mouth, making her unable to gather her own food in the wild.

Dear ARAHKUN,

We sent a letter to Senator Thurmond to ask him to help Joe the bear. We hope he will.
The Sunny Bunnies, James Hall Sunshine School
Miss Edwards, Raccoon Captain, Albany, N.Y.

Dear ARAHKUN,

Whenever there is a cricket in my room at school, my friend, Pat Bryson, and I are the first ones to it so we get to take it outside and let it go. We call ourselves "The Cricket Crew."

Ami Peters, Manchester, Tenn. age 10

JOE THE BEAR

As a result of many letters from KIND members, Senator Thurmond has asked for help for Joe the bear. Trouble is, he asked the South Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, that had been unable to do anything before. He should have asked the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, who enforces the new law on roadside zoos. He has now asked USDA to investigate. Joe does have a bigger cage, but we're still not satisfied. If you want to help Joe, write and ask what can be done for him. Write to: Dr. C.O. Finch, Animal Health Division, Agriculture Research Service, USDA, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.



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CHARLIE THE BEAR

A KIND member, Andrea Barstad, reported Charlie's plight to headquarters. (Feb. newsletter). A USDA inspector investigated and told the owner what he had to do for Charlie. The Humane Society's representative talked to the owner, and he said he would give him up if we found a good home for him. We found a home at an animal orphanage in California. The owners of the orphanage plan to drive to Ohio to get him, so he will not have to be tranquilized, and be frightened by the noise of a trip on an airplane. By the time your newsletter arrives, Charlie may already be getting settled in his new home.

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