THIS PLAYFUL PORPOISE IS A MEMBER OF THE WHALE FAMILY. PORPOISES AND OTHER WHALES ARE IN DANGER BECAUSE OF MAN'S GREED. AMONG THOSE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION IS THE BLUE WHALE, THE LARGEST ANIMAL ON EARTH.
Man with his rapacious capacity to destroy now has threatened the largest living animal on Earth with extinction. The blue whale and other members of the great mammals of the sea have been decimated to the point that scientists are fearful that the blue whale, and perhaps others, may not make a come-back. Yet while the great whale was at a pace never before known in the history of the Earth, thanks to man's technology. Great floating whale factory ships, nearly the size of an aircraft carrier, each with their own fleets of whale killer ships, ply the oceans killing whales. The killer ships, designed for speed to outrun a whale, do nothing but search out whales and kill them. Their harpoons are fitted with an explosive charge that detonates within the whale's body when it is hit. With the explosive, however, the whale thrashes the waters in its death throes for fifteen to twenty minutes before all is still. Then the carcass is pumped full of air so that, a radio beacon is attached to guide the factory ship to it, and the killer ship moves out in search of another whale to kill.

It is interesting that the right whale was so named because when dead it always floats. Before the technique of pumping air in the carcass of a whale was developed, whalers learned to search out right whales to kill, since they would float and could be towed to shore. This is how this whale became known as the 'right whale' to kill.

The floating factory ship follows the radio beacons and hauls the carcasses of killed whales up the ramp and onto the deck, where they are cut up for processing. Bones and blubber go into a huge vat to be boiled down for whale oil. Whale meat is processed and frozen, ready for sale when the ship returns to port. The
Japanese claim they depend on whale meat for adequate protein, yet a recent report in "Time" magazine indicates it represents no more than 10% of the protein in their diet. Most of the meat is used for dog food or fed to ranch-raised minks. Whale oil is used for margarine, lubricants, cosmetics, shoe polish, paint, and soap. There is an adequate substitute for all these ingredients; whale oil is used because it is cheaper and easily obtained.

America has its own unenviable history of whaling and has been responsible in previous years for the destruction of many members of the cetacean family. However, when scientists began to sound the warning that whales were being killed at a much faster rate than they could reproduce, our nation responded with positive action. In 1970 the U.S. Department of The Interior placed eight species of whales on the endangered list, banning the importation of any of their products into this country. In 1971 Congress passed resolutions calling for a ten year moratorium on the killing of whales and directed our Department of State to attempt to enter into negotiations with other countries to establish a voluntary agreement to such a ban. In 1972 at the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment it was the United States that proposed a cease-fire on whales, and this proposal was approved unanimously. The proposal was then presented to the International Whaling Commission, a body of representatives of nations made up largely of spokesmen for the whaling industry. The proposal was rejected by this Commission.

Japan and Russia take 90% of the whales now being killed. They have a huge investment in the floating whale processing factories and the illegal whaling operations that support them. Rather than forsake this tremendous investment they have so far opted to run a race with each other to see which nation can kill the most whales so long as there are whales left to kill.

We know very little about whales. Only recently we have discovered that whales communicate with a wide variety of unusual sounds--possibly to keep in touch with one another as they disperse to feed or as they migrate from winter feeding grounds to warmer southern waters where their calves are born. One Capital record is worth listening to, just to get better acquainted with the denizens of the deep. Its title is "Song of the Humpback Whale."

Two suborders exist, one with teeth, the other with baleen, or multiple cartilaginous protrusions used in sifting food from the water. They appear to have developed originally from two different orders of land animals. But both show vestiges of legs and finger bones from their earlier days as land animals in young embryos.

Whales are unique, not just in size, but more importantly in having successfully adapted to a watery existence in the sea. Their adaptation may represent the most remarkable record of any animal on Earth. Air-breathing, live-bearing, infant-nursing mammals, they are perhaps, the least studied and understood animals on Earth today. Little is known about gestation periods, their potential life span, their method of communication, even their feeding habits, or how this affects oxygen producing algae and their balance to the oceans. If whales, as the largest inhabitants of the seas, become extinct, the balance of nature in the oceans is bound to be upset.

Japanese and Russian officials might be persuaded to reconsider their position on the killing of whales if they realized how many people want whales saved. You may wish to write a polite letter to their Embassies imploring them to agree to a moratorium on whaling to permit whales to restore their population levels. Their addresses are: The Embassy of Japan, 2520, Mass. Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1125 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

A new library poster/petition packet is now available to share this information with other students. Arrange for space with your school librarian and order the whale poster/petition packet from KIND for just $1. If kangaroos can be protected because of the youth of the world were concerned enough to help them, whales can be, too.
Our newest poster, blue on a blue background, is 17 x 22 inches and comes with a petition that all your classmates can sign to help whales. It is especially prepared for school libraries. Get your librarian's permission and order a poster petition set today. $1 each. 25% quantity discount for orders of 10 or more sets.

**BEAGLES TO BE USED IN POLLUTION TESTS**

The United States Air Force has announced plans to use some 200 beagles in air pollution tests at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Ohio. The beagles are to be exposed to certain irritating gases often found in polluted air to determine what effects these gases have on living animals.

The Humane Society has protested the use of these dogs in the pollution tests, pointing out that certain of this information has already been documented by other scientists, and that delicate mechanical equipment and measuring devices are available to determine the concentration of many of these gases in the air. As we go to press an announcement has been made that the U.S. Army also plans to conduct similar tests on another group of beagles.

Anyone who objects to exposing dogs to noxious gases may write and protest these plans. Many protests have already been sent which might encourage the scientists to change their minds. Enough additional protests might even convince them to cancel the experiments altogether. Certainly there is no point in conducting two similar experiments on two separate groups of beagles to discover the same answer. If you object to the use of beagles in these tests, write:

The Honorable John L. McLucas  
Secretary of the Air Force  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330

**BIGHORN SHEEP IN TROUBLE**

Several bighorn sheep have died at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in California. Investigations reveal they died from pneumonia and complications from lung worms. The veterinarian who examined them claims they are very hesitant to come to their water holes on weekends when people pressure is heavy. He thinks fear and stress from too many people coming near these animals that need to be left alone may be lowering their resistance to disease.

**PLAN FOR WINTER'S COLD**

Now is a good time to make plans for winter's cold. Examine your pets' beds and shelters to be sure everything is warm and tight and comfortable, and free from drafts. Pile up brush in a remote corner if you live on a farm, for shelter for little wild animals. Make plans now for feeding the birds in winter. Although they like special grains, most birds can survive with plain cracked corn as a supplement to the food they find for themselves, and it is much less expensive. Be sure, if you feed the birds, never to let your feeder stand empty. Birds that learn to depend on a feeder may not have located places where food can be found in nature, and could die very quickly in the cold without food. You'll enjoy watching the birds all winter if you keep the feeder filled for them.

**A DAY FOR GIVING THANKS**

Thanksgiving comes on November 22 and is traditionally a time for family reunions and a festive meal. It is one of the finest of American traditions to have a special day to give thanks for bountiful harvests and the treasures Nature has provided. Some people remember to be thankful for the good life they live all year long, but it's also nice to have this special day. As you celebrate Thanksgiving, remember your pet's sense of smell is keener than yours. If the odors of cooking food coming from the kitchen tantalize you, imagine how they tempt your pet. It's a good idea to plan a special treat for your pet on Thanksgiving. If you give him any turkey, be sure to remove all bones. Feed him just before the family sits down to the Thanksgiving feast, and he will be more likely to go lie down and not be tempted to beg at the table.
YOUR SUMMER PROJECT CONTEST

Individual Winner.........................Susan Onzick, Age 13
Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Editor's Note: The following is part of what Susan sent in for the Project Contest. It was so good we thought you would all like to read it. Next month we will print the winning Branch Club project entry.

HOW I HELPED ANIMALS THIS SUMMER

This summer I bought posters and leaflets which I started hanging up and distributing. I told my brother and two cousins about KIND and they joined. We started to make cans saying "Please Give to The Humane Society" so we can send money to KIND. I joined our local Humane Society and became a contributing member. I wrote to Senator Percy and sent him a Report on Shipping Animals by Air. I asked him if he could try to introduce a bill to improve conditions on airplanes for animals.

THINGS I PLAN TO DO THIS WINTER

I want to:
A) Go caroling to raise money for KIND
B) Sell things at horse shows and polo matches for KIND
C) When people have fox hunts the people in my neighborhood and I are going to petition it. I also want to work odd jobs like helping take care of horses to raise money.

A BETTER WORLD

This summer the slogan I picked was "A Better World." A better world where animals, wild or domestic could live happy and healthy. Where pets wouldn't have to fear becoming homeless strays because of neglect. A world where there would be less helpless strays and puppies who fear loneliness, disease, starvation or death under the wheels of a car. If only people would realize the problems animals had, maybe they would understand and help. If KIND workers would try harder, more people would know more about it. We don't have the authority to pass laws to help animals. We have to rely on officials. If they could see what the HSUS and KIND and other people wanted, they would introduce bills into the Congress. I know I haven't done a lot this summer like projects and plans. But I do have ideas in which to help. I am a new KIND member and I don't know anyone who could help me start projects. My brother and one cousins are just becoming KIND members. Next year I will probably be able to put my campaign into work fully with projects and plans.

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The blue whale, most seriously endangered, is the largest animal on earth. The largest blue whale recorded was 110.8 feet long. The heaviest one that was ever weighed was 134.25 tons.

YOUR SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST

FIRST PRIZE WINNER OF THE ECOLOKIND SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST WAS NANCY KROM WITH THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF A SQUIRREL, WHICH SHE FOUND AT THE GRAND CANYON OF PENNSYLVANIA. NANCY IS FIFTEEN YEARS OLD.

Dear Mr. Hylton and Friends,

I'm looking for a home for my cat. Four of my cats get along, but Frosty just won't get along with them. Right now she stays outside in the barn but I want to find a home for her before winter gets here. She won't get along with other cats but does nicely with people and dogs. She's had her shots and has been spayed. She was an inside cat before I got my others. She has a wonderful personality, is a good friend, loves to cuddle in bed, and is a wonderful cat all around. She's all white, with a patch of grey on her head, back, and tail. I want to put her in a happy home, but if I can't find a good home, I won't give her up. If you are looking for a pet like Frosty and will give her a good home, please write me: Laureen Tuttle, P. O. Box 1012, Oakview, Calif. 93022

Won't someone help Laureen and Frosty? - Editor

BAN THE TRAP FUND

The steel jaw trap causes suffering to thousands of animals every year. KIND members can help The Humane Society ban the trap. A gift of $10 has already been received for this special fund from the Black Beauty Kindness Club. You may ask that your gift be used to ban the trap. Send your gift to KIND. We'll report the total amount of gifts received in each issue of the newsletter and send it on to help The Humane Society ban the steel jaw trap.

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"A teacher affects eternity; she never knows where her influence stops."

Anon.
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH

Everything worthwhile costs something. Your KIND membership, with the kit you have received and your newsletter that comes every month is an example. There will also be new kits in the future. We hope you value your KIND membership and want to continue. But it costs The Humane Society a lot of money to send these materials to you. Your $2 annual dues, renewable each new year, helps pay for these materials. We don't want to lose any KIND members, but we need your dues to keep sending you this material. We think your KIND membership is quite a bargain. We hope you do, too. Send your $2 dues to KIND with the renewal form below. Do it right away before you forget. Be sure to list your birthdate, too, in case we didn't get this information when you first joined.

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