Squirrels can live in parks in cities, but sometimes even then man's 'progress' upsets their lives.

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Dear friends,

Black Beauty is a young pony who has been lucky right from the start of his young life. He was born in a proper stable and his mother had been given good wholesome food before he was born. Then he was bought by a member of The Humane Society, and brought home in a proper horse trailer. Just temporarily, until a good home can be found for him, he lives in the lady's back yard, and his 'stable' is the garage where the car is usually kept. He has found all sorts of taste thrills in her flower garden, and when she is in the yard, he follows her around just like a pet dog would do.

Black Beauty's mother was once a member of the herd of 'wild ponies' that live on a refuge on Assateague Island, in Virginia. They are called Chincoteague ponies, since they lived on Chincoteague Island, before being moved to the Assateague refuge.

They are called wild ponies because the first ponies swam to the islands from a sinking ship. There they learned to exist on the salt marsh hay and for many years lived free and wild, separated from civilization. You may have read about one famous wild pony in the book by Marguerite Henry, called MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE.

The local fire department owns the ponies, and holds an auction each year to control their numbers, since the food on Assateague will not support many horses. In 1962 there was a terrible storm. The ocean waves pounded the two islands. Most of the wild ponies were washed out to sea and drowned. The fire department brought new horses in to the refuge, to build back the breeding stock. Soon the annual pony auction was held again.

The ponies are rounded up, forced to swim the channel between the islands, then auctioned off to the highest bidder. Many people have been concerned about how the ponies are treated, and how new owners tie them up and take them home in their cars. The Humane Society has made recommendations on how the ponies could be better handled and information on their care be given out.

Even though the ponies are no longer pure descendants of the original wild Chincoteague ponies, they are still popular with many people. Black Beauty is special just because his mother came from Chincoteague. He's also lucky because his owner cares.

Your friend,
SQUIRRELS IN THE PARK

One of the few animals you can expect to find in nearly every park in a city is a squirrel. So long as they have the right kind of trees for food and shelter, they can adapt pretty well to life in these special nature islands in the middle of city noises and concrete buildings. Once a city park was being torn up to install some equipment underground. The squirrels were frightened by the commotion and began running across the streets around the park. They were in danger of being hit by cars, they couldn't find shelter or food outside the park, and they became confused.

A kind woman realized their plight. She knew they could probably adapt to the noise of the machinery if they understood the park was still safe for them. And she knew, as the squirrels didn't, that soon the work would be done and the park would return to its quiet way of life. So she visited the park every day. She put out food for the squirrels and talked to them. They understood she was a friend, and became content to put up with the noise of the machinery, and remain in the park. Now the work is done, and the park is quiet once again. The squirrels are still there, enjoying their little world, and being enjoyed by people who walk in the park. All because someone cared enough to comfort the squirrels during the time of construction.

ACTION PROJECT FOR NEW JERSEY MEMBERS

The Humane Society needs the help of every young person who lives in New Jersey, to inform your friends of the new state laws on trapping. Help stop animal suffering caused by steel leghold traps. Order the free leaflets on 'THE NEW STATE TRAPPING LAWS', tell your friends, and inform others. Let The Humane Society know if you can distribute these leaflets, and how many you can give out. Order from: The Humane Society of the United States New Jersey Branch, Inc. 1140 East Jersey Street Elizabeth, N.J. 07201

WOLVES

It has never been proved that anyone has ever been killed by a wolf in North America.

The wolf is one of the most intelligent and interesting animals that has ever lived—and the most misunderstood.

It has been estimated that only one person in a million is lucky enough to casually observe a wolf in the wilds.

The wolf plays a specific role in maintaining a balance in rodent and large animal populations.

Wolves live together in a close social order, communicating with and helping one another.

The timber wolf is part of the wilderness, to many outdoor people a cherished symbol of unspoiled country.

A wolf can hear a man walking in a meadow from 1/4 mile away. City noises would shatter the nerves of an animal with such keen hearing.

By the end of this century wolves could be extinct unless sufficient unspoiled wilderness places are left for them.

A TUNA BOYCOTT

Greenwich, Ct. -- There will be no tuna served in any of the school cafeterias this year, because the students asked to have it banned. They circulated a petition in protest of the killing of dolphins when tuna are caught. The Board of Education agreed with the students and voted to approve their petition.

GOD BLESS THE LAND AND THE ANIMALS THAT WALK AND LIVE UPON IT.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Listed below are the Laws for Girl Scouts. Listed beside them are the new laws being proposed to replace them. Notice the old law that says "A Girl Scout is a friend to animals". You won't find it in the new laws. Even if you are not a Scout, you can send your suggestions to the National Council. But you must do it quickly, because they will vote on these laws October 22. Send your suggestions to: Girl Scouts of the USA, 2000 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Current Wording

THE LAWS
A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
A Girl Scout is loyal.
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
A Girl Scout is a friend to all animals, and to every other Girl Scout.
A Girl Scout is courteous.
A Girl Scout is a friend to all animals.
A Girl Scout obeys orders.
A Girl Scout is cheerful.
A Girl Scout is thrifty.
A Girl Scout is clean in thought, word, and deed.

Proposed Rewording

THE LAW
I will do my best:
-to be honest
-to be fair
-to help where I am needed
-to be cheerful
-to be friendly and considerate
-to be a sister to every Girl Scout
-to respect authority
-to use resources wisely
-to protect and improve the world around me
-to show respect for myself and others through my words and actions

Dear K.I.N.D.,

My sister, some friends and I had a sale for The Humane Society. All of us and a few other friends gave old toys and books for the sale. We had refreshments which sold very good. In all we made $32.00 for all the helpless animals. The people who helped are: Terence, Tina, and Todd Golla, Dotty Heart, Sue Hoxie, and Beth Gilliam, my sister, who is 10. age 11 Your friend, Cathy Gilliam, Convent Sta., N.J.

OCTOBER'S KINDNESS IN ACTION PROJECTS

Keep in touch with friends you've made on vacation this summer. Urge them to join The Kindness Club.

Make new friends in school this year. Tell your new friends, and perhaps your entire class, about The Kindness Club, so they can join, too.

Make plans for your dog to amuse himself alone while you are away all day at school. Tie an old sock or towel into knots for a tug-toy for him to play with. Be sure he is in his fenced yard or under control when you leave for school, so he doesn't follow you. He could get into a lot of trouble trying to follow you to school, or he might be hurt in traffic.

Watch for bird migrations. Learn when birds at your place leave for their winter home, or when new birds arrive to spend the winter. Keep food out for the birds.

Make plans now for your pets to be protected from wet and cold when winter comes.

Keep your dog away from trick or treaters on Halloween. He might be frightened by the spooky costumes.

TIME TO RENEW

Membership renewal time is during the last four months of each year. Send your $2 dues in now for 1973.

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SAVE THE EARTH — and money too!

No-return bottles make permanent mess. Plastic 6-pack holders can choke animal necks. Fight back with your money — don’t give it for TRASH!

Pass up plastic holders and take bottles back for CASH.