KINDNESS IS RESPECTING THE RIGHT
OF WILD ANIMALS TO LIVE FREE
Dear friends,

Last month friends and I went camping in a national forest, where bears are said to live. My friend Randy kept us awake a lot during the night, getting up and looking out of the trailer to see if he could see any bears. We didn't see any, but we saw two skunks and a raccoon who came into the camping ground to find food.

Many of the campers had pet dogs with them, but they were all well behaved and seemed to be enjoying the wilderness park as much as their people were. We walked the nature trail several times, but never met anyone on the trail. I think the campers didn't realize how much they were missing by not taking more hikes through the deep woods.

Once we started on a hike, someone said he had just seen a deer on the trail. We could see the young buck as we neared the beginning of the trail, at the edge of the road, so we sat down quietly and watched him for awhile. Several people gathered to watch him, but they were very quiet, and their presence didn't seem to disturb him, as he went right on browsing on the bushes beside the trail. Our dog sat quietly with us, trembling and pointing, until she couldn't stand it any longer, and began to growl. We got up and retreated with her, so the deer wouldn't be alarmed, and found another trail to follow. On that trail we saw two more deer, and they weren't any more disturbed by the sight of people than the young buck had been. In this national park, where no hunting is permitted, the wild animals have learned they don't need to fear people. Here there is a better chance to get to see them.

The Humane Society went to court this year against the federal government, when it wanted to let sport hunters hunt in wildlife refuges. Although we lost the case, it has caused stricter controls on hunting in national parks. Permitting hunting on public lands is catering to a small minority, and makes public lands unsafe for thousands of nature lovers who might want to visit such refuges.

Our wild animals are the sacred trust of all Americans. Fish and game departments often work harder to protect game animals, so there will be more turkey, grouse, and deer for hunters to shoot, because they get money from selling hunting licenses. This is unfair. Only a small minority of people in this country are hunters. If all the people who don't hunt demanded that all animals be protected, perhaps even the natural predators would return and help restore the balance of nature. The parks could be used for all the people to enjoy, to appreciate wild animals living in their natural homes. Then perhaps the hunters, with their rifles and bows and arrows, would become a vanishing species.

Many people have the attitude that animals are just things, to do with as they please. Perhaps one reason so many people think of animals this way is an incorrect translation in Genesis that has recently been discovered. The verse says man is "to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth. . . ." We think of the word 'dominion' as meaning domination or control. The proper translation from the original Hebrew of the word dominion should be "to exercise tender care for."

Nobody has the right to own wild animals. They should live free. If we were to 'exercise tender care for' all the wild animals in the forest, as well as our companion pets at home, how much more we could learn from animals! Perhaps, then, the wild animals will lose some of their fear of man, and we will be able to visit them in their natural homes, and see them and appreciate them more often.

Your friend,

[Signature]

WHEN YOUR PET NEEDS HELP

What if something should happen to your pet, and he should need the help of a veterinarian immediately. What if it was at night or on Sunday, when you wouldn't expect the vet to be working? Find out if emergency veterinarian services are available in your community, then write that special number in your telephone book, just in case an emergency arises, and you may need to use it sometime. Know how to get help for your pet whenever he needs it.

Drawing by Laurie Ewing, Ca.
HELPING ANIMALS

Kim kicks off a Kindness to Animals campaign for the Sarasota Humane Society. Kim attends the Children's Haven Center, where there is special help for children who have special problems. Kim helps the animals that have special problems, by putting a coin in the doggie collection bank the humane society places in stores for contributions.

Dear Arahkun,

In the next Kindness Club 'letter,' please remind people not to leave their dogs in their cars in summer. I read one time about a dog who was left in the car and it smashed its mouth and teeth and tore its feet, trying to escape the heat. The vet was unable to save the dog. Its temperature was 109.

Even though it may not be that hot outside it's like an oven inside the car. Someone did an experiment and even though it was 85 degrees outside, in the car it was 130 degrees. So please leave your dogs at home.

Sincerely, Patti Braga, age 13

Thanks for the reminder, Patti. Kindness Club members can also order posters warning people not to leave dogs in hot cars. 12 posters are just a quarter. - ARAHKUN

Dear Arahkun,

Try to remind people to brush their dogs and it might be a good idea to brush their cat, too. Put an ice cube in their drinking water on days when it gets very hot.

Annemarie Rosenheim, age 14

Thanks, Annemarie. Examine dogs and cats for fleas and ticks when you brush them, too, and replace drinking water with fresh water several times a day. - ARAHKUN

A BIRD NAMED LAS

Written by Sue Pavlis, age 10, for her Father's birthday.

One Sunday afternoon my dog was barking at something on the lawn. My dad went over to see what he was barking at. It was a female robin that was hurt. He called me over and showed it to me. We hated to see it suffer so we put it in a box on a towel. She lived through the night but on Monday she died. We buried her on the towel, in the box, between two of our prettiest bushes. We all miss her but we all know we tried our best to save her. If you find a sick animal try to help it. You might save its life.

DANIEL BOONE DIDN'T WEAR A COONSKIN CAP!

You may have seen illustrations of Daniel Boone, and almost always, they show him wearing a coonskin cap, with the ringed tail attached to the back as an ornament. The truth is, Daniel Boone refused to wear these silly caps, preferring, instead, the simple style hat most farmers wore. Boone was, of course, a frontiersman and a hunter. He liked to carve his name and some message on trees. Boone hunted for the meat and hides he needed to support his family. He worked hard to cure the meat to save it, only to have it stolen several times by indians. Once he found many animals that had been killed for their tongues, and their carcasses left to rot. He and his frontier hunter friends were all disgusted with this example of wastefulness. The frontier hunter like Daniel Boone was quite different from the sport hunter of today, who kills animals only for pleasure.

DOLPHINS COMMIT SUICIDE

Dr. John Lilly, the man who has learned the most about dolphins, says they must not be held as captives, or they will commit suicide. He recommends letting them have a way they can go back out to sea whenever they want to. He says they will come back, if given good care, because they like people. Dr. Lilly gave up his research on dolphins when six of his dolphins committed suicide by closing their breathing blowholes, and quit breathing. Dr. Farooq Hussain, who has studied dolphins in circuses in Britain, agrees. He thinks it is wrong to train dolphins to do silly tricks that bore them. He is preparing a report to show how wrong it is to keep dolphins for the amusement of people. Dolphins have saved many people from drowning, by lifting them to the surface, so they could breathe. The Navy reports the new device on tuna nets to let dolphins escape isn't working too well, probably because dolphins won't leave the tuna, their friends, when they are in trouble.
Note stationery is now available from KIND, each style with a different animal. You may buy a box or two at retail price for your own use, or order in quantity to sell to raise money for local projects. Fund-raising orders: Minimum quantity one dozen, any combination, prepaid only. We will pay all postage. Please order by catalog number.

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The President will be asked to proclaim August 29 as "National Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Day." This was the birthdate, in 1813, of Henry Bergh, founder of the first animal welfare organization in America. It is the society that operates the pounds for the City of New York, and is called the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He undoubtedly planned for the ASPCA to be a national organization, but others quickly organized SPCA's in other states.

Henry Bergh was just as concerned for the welfare of children. Once, when he learned of a child who had been mistreated, he went to court on her behalf. There were no laws in those days to protect children, so he won the case with his new law for the prevention of cruelty to animals. He told the court that a child was actually an infant animal, and should be protected under the new law. After winning this case, he organized a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Many humane societies are chartered to prevent cruelty to children even though most of their work is helping animals. They hope to help children through education of people to be kind, and to respect all living creatures.

Drawing by Kathie Trembicki, N.J
Some of the wild burros that the Navy would have killed at China Lake, Calif., if The Humane Society had not come to their rescue. To be sure no more burros are killed, write and plead for them to be spared. If there isn't enough food for them, perhaps some can be moved to new homes where food is plentiful. Write: The Honorable John W. Warner, Secretary of the Navy, The Pentagon, Room 4E710, Washington, D.C. 20350. California Governor Ronald Reagan, State House, Sacramento, Calif. 95814

PHOTO AND PROJECT CONTESTS

Send photos of animals, or photos of projects helping animals, or your outline of plans for a project to help animals, to KIND. Photos cannot be returned, so have an extra copy made to keep, before you send your photo. Your idea of a project does not have to be a project you have successfully done, but can just be a good idea for helping animals. All entries must be postmarked no later than September 1, 1973. Winners of projects will be announced in your October newsletter.