God Bless the Land and the Animals and people that walk and live upon it.

it's called Earth
Dear friends,

Once I knew a man who was very concerned about pollution and the environment. He even experimented with an electric car. I suppose it was a good idea, but its top speed was 45 miles per hour. Since he drove 45 miles to work each morning and 45 miles home again each evening, he had very little time to do anything for the environment but drive his electric car.

When he built a new house, he started with big plans on that, too. He had so many big ideas, in fact, that he just became overwhelmed with all the things there were to do. It became too much for him and he gave it all up and just moved away. The shell of his empty, almost finished house sits silently in a lonesome woods, a sad reminder of a man who was too impatient for change, and tried to do too much.

Every one of us who is concerned about animals that are endangered, pollution that threatens to mar the Earth, and garbage and trash that makes our streets unsightly, wants to do something about these things. We get impatient to see the world become clean and beautiful again, and we want to see it happen overnight. It won't.

Changes in our way of life that will help protect the Earth will have to come gradually, or they just won't last. It's a great deal like New Year's resolutions. If you make too many resolutions that are hard to keep, you are likely to forget and break some. Then it's easy to give up and not bother trying to do better during the next year. Think small. Decide, as a New Year's resolution, what you are sure you can do faithfully that will help the environment, even if it only helps a little bit. If you keep just one or two small resolutions faithfully, you'll find yourself doing other things occasionally that help, too.

Helping the environment isn't always easy. Sometimes it takes determination, and sometimes even a little sacrifice. But if you start with easy resolutions, and stick with them, you'll find you have established good habits that you follow naturally. Then you'll be ready to tackle bigger challenges, and won't be so likely, like the man with the electric car, to get so overwhelmed by all the things you try to do, that you give up entirely. When each person does just a little bit to help the Earth, but does it faithfully, our Earth will be a better place to live.

Your friend,

"Each of us is placed here on Earth and given life for some grand purpose. Each of us has been given a talent. It was put in us to develop and through its development to bless humanity. That is the ordained purpose behind each of our lives. And that purpose can be accomplished only by the individual."

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Suggestions for Resolutions

Action Projects for 1973

Get acquainted with animals you haven't learned about before. Learn how they fit in nature's balance.

Learn about insects that help control nature's balance by preying on the insects that eat our crops. Try not to use poisonous sprays in the garden.

Grow plants of some kind this spring, or in a pot in your window sill. Learn what plants need to be healthy. Discover the care they need to grow best.

Don't burn leaves or garbage, but learn how to bury or recycle them in a compost heap.

Don't buy canned pet foods that have parts of endangered animals in them.

Refuse to buy things from stores that sell parts from endangered animals, and write the stores and tell them why you won't buy things there.

Watch for newspaper articles about animals, pollution, and the environment, clip them out, and send them to KIND. Include name of paper and date the article appeared.

Say something nice to everyone who does something good to help the Earth.

Take good care of your clothes and your toys so they will last a long time.

When you outgrow something or no longer want it, find someone who will value and be able to use it. Don't throw anything away that someone else can use.

Don't take more food on your plate than you can eat. Leave your plate clean of all food at the end of each meal.

Keep as clean as you can, but don't run water down the drain when you don't need to.

Keep noise down. Noise pollutes, and can harm the hearing of people and animals.

Ride a bicycle or walk instead of riding in a car, whenever you can.

Turn lights off when you leave a room for awhile.

Don't litter. Carry trash with you until you find a proper trash can.

Recycle everything you can. Avoid plastics whenever you can.

NEW STYLE FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

Beginning this year we have changed the size and style of your newsletter, so we can share more information with members every month. Notice the newsletter is already punched so you can keep every issue together in a 3 ring binder. Try to get a 3 ring binder right away and put your January newsletter in it. When the next newsletter arrives, file it in the binder behind the January newsletter. Then your newsletters will all be in the same place, in proper order, and you will always know where to find them when you want to read them again.

By Kitty Erwin, Los Gatos, Ca.

BRANCH CLUB NEWS

The Eagles Kindness Club, Lima, Ohio, have been very active. A local veterinarian was their guest speaker at one meeting. They made seed cakes for the birds when the weather was too cold to build a bird bath. They are working on their scrapbooks and making bird feeders. They are saving Hunt-Wesson labels for helping save the eagles. Next they plan to make suet bags for the birds. They also ordered posters to display on local bulletin boards. Mrs. Chester Raver is their Raccoon Captain.

The Audubon Beavers is the name of the new Kindness Club in Miss Alice Blackburn's fourth grade class club this year. John Sterling, Secretary for the club, reports they had a sale to raise money for animals on Saturday, November 18. Each year the fourth grade students in Miss Blackburn's class organize a Kindness Club. Her students from last year, now in the fifth grade, have also organized a class club for this year, with the help of their new teacher, Miss Caputi. Now they are DEFENDERS, and they are continuing to speak and act in defense of animals as well as people.
Poof, who lives in the home of CJio Bromley, our shelter manager, because his wing is injured and he cannot fly. Care for an animal while it is injured and needs help, in this case for his entire lifetime, is called protective custody.

Have you met...

one of the best friends of man, in controlling rodents, and keeping nature in balance? Her eerie call in the middle of the night sends shivers up your spine, and superstitious people used to think the sound was an omen of bad luck. It isn't at all, but assurance that your friend, the screech owl, is busy helping nature's balance. The eastern screech owl, whose proper name is Otus asio naevius, is just 9 inches tall. You wouldn't believe such a small bird could scream as loudly as she can.

The greatest portion of screech owl's diet consists of mice and other small rodents. Marvelously equipped with a special device for seeing in the dimmest light, she also depends on her huge ears with their keen sense of hearing for catching her prey. The screech owl seldom builds a nest, but lays 3 to 5 eggs in the hollow of a tree. Screech owls come in two color phases: reddish brown or grey. Sometimes both color phases occur in the same brood. Poof, the screech owl picture above, is the grey phase.

Owls are one of our most misunderstood birds, possibly because they are nocturnal, hunting at night, and sleeping during the day. Removal of dead timber from forests, loss of wild areas, and shooting are all creating hardship for owls. Only 19 of our 50 states provide protection for all kinds of owls, even though they protect the farmers' crops by preying on field mice and rodents. Find out if owls are protected in your state. Write to the Legislative Reference Bureau at your State Capitol and ask if there are any laws protecting owls in your state. Let us know what you learn about their protection.

TIME TO RENEW

If you haven't renewed your membership for 1973, do it NOW. Annual membership dues are only $2.

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Dear Arakhun,

Our Pet Owners' Club made posters with pictures of cats and dogs from magazines. We printed something on each one to urge people to spay their pets and reduce the number of animals being born that would find no homes.

Mary Beth Sevasta, age 10.

Dear Mary Beth,

That is a very good project, and one which every Kindness Club member can do on his own. I hope many members will make posters about homeless animals and put them on bulletin boards in stores.

Your friend, ARAKHUN

By Kathy Tremblak, Scotch Plains, N.J.

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And Araghiun too!

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