BE KIND TO YOUR DOG--DON'T LET HIM END UP IN A JAIL LIKE THIS

Find out what your local dog pound looks like--chances are it may be no better than this one. Learn all you can about the pound, and what you can do to keep your dog from having to go to jail.
Dear friends,

Every community has laws of some kind that affect animals.

Some laws prohibit dogs from going out at night. This is to protect wildlife and livestock from damage dogs that like to hunt might do.

Some laws will get a dog arrested if he barks too much.

Others require a dog to stay at home in his own fenced yard, unless he goes out with his owner on his leash. Some better laws permit a dog to walk with his owner without a leash, so long as he is obedient to his owner's commands.

In some places it is illegal for a dog to be on the school grounds. Of course, this is to keep children from being bitten by a dog who might get too excited, playing at recess.

In New York City dogs must learn to step off the curb, onto the edge of the street, when attending to toilet duties.

In some cities owners must carry equipment to clean up their dog's droppings, so they do not present a health hazard to people.

In other cities there are laws to prevent people from keeping more than a set number of animals.

All these laws are important, and have been passed in municipal places where many people live close together. There are some people who believe the city is no proper place for a dog to live.

Laws are important to protect people and animals. They should be respected and pet owners should know the laws where they live that affect their pets. In some communities the agency in charge of the dog pound has officers visit the schools and tell students about these laws, and about taking good care of pets. They also tell about the pound, and what the dog warden does, and what to do when your dog has gotten lost.

Many pounds don't do a thing to help lost cats. But even if your pet is a cat, and especially if it is a dog, you should know about your community's laws. You might make it a project this summer to visit the pound and learn about these laws. Learn, too, what you should do if your pet gets lost. Learn how the pound captures lost animals and how they care for them. Learn, too, about the surplus animals in your community that are caused by pet owners who haven't had their pets spayed. Perhaps you will decide to make a poster to urge people to spay or neuter their pets so more unwanted surplus animals won't be born. Learn about the law about abandoning pets. This is a good subject for a poster you can make yourself, to warn people not to abandon unwanted pets. Select a project to help animals this summer, and find ways to help your community's pound do more to help homeless animals. I know you'll enjoy helping them, and you'll have the great reward of knowing that needy animals got just a little more love and care, because you cared enough to help them.

Your friend,

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WHO SAYS BEING KIND ISN’T MANLY?

Steel workers must be strong because they have a rough job to do. When a squirrel took up residence in a 42 story building they were constructing, they named him Herman. As the building neared completion, they had to find a new home for Herman. Charles Gilberg built a box trap, and Herman was captured on the 41st floor. He seemed frightened, so Louis Wapp dropped some nuts and seeds into the trap for him. The two men carried Herman to Esterbrook Park and released him. Herman tore out of the trap and headed to the top of the nearest tree.

FEEDING HERMAN TO CALM HIM AFTER HIS CAPTURE.

Photos by Erwin Gebhard
Courtesy of The Milwaukee Sentinel
Dear KIND,

We got Edgar Allen Poe when he was about a year old, when his owners moved to an apartment and couldn't keep him. I let him run loose in the house and often took him outside to hop around and eat tasty blades of grass. One night he stayed out all night, I think to prove to me he could make it on his own. I took him to the edge of the woods and let him loose, but put food out during the winter. I saw him again in the spring, near the tunnel he had dug for a home. I know that he is fine; he has to be with God on his side.

Dawn Marie Viands, Upper Marlboro, Md.

The Bear In The Roadside Zoo

His fur looked dry and dusty.
It was bare in one big spot,
And I knew from looking at him
That his cage was much too hot.

He paced and paced around and 'round
His water dish was dry.
Then suddenly he stopped and turned
And we stared--eye to eye.

I thought that bears were proud and strong,
And scary when they're mad.
I never knew until that day
That bears could just be--sad.

Marsha Gochnauer
Drawing by Kathy Trembicki, N.J.

HELP FOR THE GRAY WOLF

New York has added the gray wolf to the list of animals that are endangered, which means no wolf, or any products from the gray wolf, may be sold. A similar bill, Senate Bill 142, has been introduced in Colorado by Senator Pay Deverard.

Dear Mr. Hylton:

I have obtained some information about our pound. 1200 animals are handled every year. It costs the community $7500 per year. 5% are claimed by their owners and 5% are adopted by new owners. Adopted animals do not have to be spayed or neutered. The animals are kept 20 days before being put to sleep, by an injection. About 1000 animals are destroyed annually. I plan to grow a large garden this year in the hope of selling produce and raising money for spaying my cats and building new hutches for my rabbits. I would also like to help the pound, and send money to KIND. I am also enclosing a list of spay and neuter prices in my area.

Your friend, Tom Vogelsang
Sunman, Indiana

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tom lives in a county that has 21,138 population, according to the 1970 census, yet this community destroys 1000 pets every year! It is unusual for a pound to hold animals 20 days, but most of the other facts he reported are fairly typical.

Dear Mr. Hylton:

The Cary School branch club called Cary Defenders have earned $9.00 which we are sending you. We want this money to be used to help stop the trapping of animals. We have 24 people in our club.

Your friends of the Cary Defenders KIND Club
Michelle Moreno, Secretary

MAGGIE GETS A BATH AT HUMANE SOCIETY'S BATH-O-RAMA. SPONSORING THE BATH-O-RAMA ARE MEMBERS OF THE TRI-HI-Y CLUB OF CHOCTAWHATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL, IN FT. WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA. THIS WAS THEIR SPECIAL PROJECT TO RAISE MONEY TO HELP NEEDY ANIMALS AT THE SHELTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF FT. WALTON BEACH.

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AVAILABLE FROM KIND

Spay posters in color--specify dog or cat - $1.00 each.
Other posters:
  Trapping, Care of Dog, Don't Make a Pet of Me (raccoon),
  Litter Is Unwanted Trash (surplus breeding), Dog in Hot
  Car.
12 for 25¢ - Please specify poster wanted.

Wildlife pins--enameled with gold and silver trim. Mountain Lion,
Polar Bear, Peregrine Falcon, Kirtland's Warbler, Ivory-Billed
Woodpecker. $2.00 each. Please specify.

Bumper Stickers - "Don't Litter--Have Your Pet Spayed or Neutered"
$1.00 each or 75¢ each for orders of 10 or more.

HSUS Special Report on Trapping - 3¢ each.

SUMMER CONTESTS

Don't forget to plan to enter one or both contests this
summer. Any photograph of animals or projects helping animals
might win a prize. Any plan for a project that will help needy
animals may also win a prize, whether you have been able to put
it into action or not. Remember, all entries--as many as you
want to send--for both contests must be postmarked no later than

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