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.
Dear friends,

Whales throughout the world are in danger. Most scientists have been giving warnings for many years that if nations didn't stop killing so many whales these animals would be in danger of becoming extinct.

Many years ago whaling boats were sailing schooners. There was great danger to the whalers in seeking to overcome these huge mammals of the sea with the primitive weapons they had then. Later a harpoon was invented that exploded inside the whale's body. From that time on the killing of whales has increased at alarming rates.

Today some nations have huge whale factory ships, almost as big as aircraft carriers. These ships don't catch the whales at all, but are equipped to haul whales out of the sea, cut them up and boil them down, processing all the meat and blubber and bones in a short time, and packaging the finished products, ready to sell when they return to port. These huge ships have their own fleet of catcher boats that are fast enough to chase a whale and fire a harpoon into its body. Even though the harpoon explodes within its body, it usually takes 15 or 20 minutes of thrashing before the whale dies. Then the catcher boat attaches a radio beacon to the whale, pumps its body full of air so it will keep floating, and moves off to catch and kill another whale. The radio beacon gives off a signal. The whaling factory ship hears the signal and knows where to find the next dead whale which lies floating in the sea. Whaling has become big business.

The two nations that have the biggest whaling fleets are Japan and Russia.

When people first began listening to the scientists who warned that whales would become extinct, they formed an international organization. It is called the International Whaling Commission and most of its members are people who represent whaling companies. Naturally, since they are interested in making money, they aren't very willing to agree to stop killing whales altogether.

You may want to help persuade the whaling nations to stop killing whales. You can write a letter to the Japanese or the Russian Embassy, or both, and ask them nicely to stop killing whales so whales will not become extinct. Write: The Embassy of Japan, 2520 Mass. Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008; The Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1125 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. You can also order our new whale poster and petition for your school library. Get your librarian's permission to put it up, then urge your classmates to sign the petition. If enough people care, we may yet save the whales.

Your friend,

[Signature]

SAVE THE WHALES

WHALE POSTER & PETITION

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. $1.00 each. 25% quantity discount for orders of 10 or more sets.
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.

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 United States 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

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.

Help Recruit Others for KIND

Kids For Ecology is an interesting new magazine, written entirely by kids, and for kids. It is all about the environment. We think a lot of kids reading this magazine would be interested in helping protect animals, and would welcome learning about KIND. But the only letters, poems or comments they accept are from kids. Perhaps some KIND members would like to subscribe to Kids For Ecology, and then write to them and tell them about KIND and what it means to you. It's a good way of advertising KIND and getting more members. Six issues a year are $3 from Kids For Ecology, P. O. Box P-7126, Philadelphia, Pa. 19117.

November Is Thankful Month

November is the month we think of when bountiful crops are harvested and stored for winter use. It's the month when we give thanks for all the good things that grew in our gardens all summer. Thanksgiving Day (November 22) is a time for special family celebration. It's also usually a time for families and friends to get together and have a good time, and enjoy a special meal. There will be delicious odors of food cooking almost all day that will be tempting to your pets. Plan a special treat for them on Thanksgiving. Don't let them have any turkey unless you have carefully removed all the bones. Give them their special treat just before you eat dinner, and don't feed your pets at the table. It is bad manners for a pet to beg at a table, and sometimes company doesn't appreciate it. By feeding your pet before you eat, you can train him to go lie down while you are eating, and he will be content because he has already enjoyed his treat.
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 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 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 two cousins are just becoming KIND members. Next year I will probably be able to put my campaign into work fully with projects and plans.

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

1974 KIND MEMBERSHIP

New Member $2.00

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Birthdate

Street Address

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