ANIMALS ON THE AIRLINES

The fuel shortage may cause serious problems for animals shipped by air. Sometimes when there aren't many passengers for a scheduled flight, the airlines cancel the flight. They put the passengers on another airline. Or the airline makes the people wait for a later flight. This is a good way to save fuel.

But it's tough on the animals being shipped on that flight. Sometimes they aren't put on another plane. In their cramped crates they simply have to wait until another plane is going to their destination. Some animals have spent as much as three full days going from one plane to another.

Some airlines require food and water containers and a supply of food, to be sent with the shipment. But airlines aren't set up to feed and water animals.

The Humane Society has asked the Government to issue new regulations that will give
priority to animals shipped by air. The HSUS also wants the airlines to refuse animals for shipment if they can't put them on the next flight to their destination.

The Air Line Pilots' Association agrees with the Humane Society. Perhaps with the support of the pilots, the Civil Aeronautics Board will establish better regulations to protect animals shipped by air.

KIND members can help The Humane Society by writing the CAB and asking them to issue new regulations for shipping animals. Address your letter to Honorable Robert D. Timm, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D.C. 20428.

DEER SAVED FROM ICY LAKE

PARK POLICE AND CITY WORKERS RESCUED A BIG II POINT BUCK AFTER IT FELL THROUGH THE ICE ON A LAKE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO. THE BUCK WAS RELEASED IN A NEARBY WOODS UNHARMED.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

Congress has just passed a new and improved Endangered Species Act. This is especially timely, coming just before National Wildlife Week, which we celebrate March 17-23. The new law pays special attention to our own national wildlife. The law requires that states establish programs for the protection of endangered species. The old law, which this law will replace, says endangered species are to be protected, but it only protected them from being exported out of the country, or being imported to the U.S. In the past, we had no positive program for protecting our own endangered species, or setting up captive breeding stock to increase the numbers of endangered animals.

One of the most unusual provisions of the new law is that it establishes a special category of 'threatened' animals. These are the animals whose survival may be threatened by overhunting or some other danger. Whenever it is determined that a species is threatened with becoming another endangered species, special efforts are to be made to prevent this from happening.

The action of Congress is encouraging. It indicates that American Wildlife can be protected and preserved for the good of all. Wildlife is a special treasure that must be cherished. We can't live without wild animals.

THE COYOTE

PART OF AMERICA'S WILDLIFE.
Spring Is Here!

With spring new life comes to the earth. Daffodils and crocus, violets and tulips blossom in a variety of glorious colors. The grass begins to get greener, and leaves begin to bud on the trees.

Animals that have slept in their nests through the winter cold become more active. They begin to search for food. Many of them act as a special clean up crew keeping the earth clean and free of insect pests. Among these are the skunks, opossums, raccoons, squirrels, bats, and birds. Some eat garbage or parts of animals that have died. Others help control insects.

Most animals are born in the spring. It is a time of renewal of all life. Migrating birds build their nests and raise their young. Each bird stakes out his own territory. They usually do this with their songs.

Spring is the time to plant a garden or plant some trees. It's a fine way to help keep nature's balance. Plants and trees give off oxygen. This helps control pollutants in the air. It takes about 20 trees to counteract the gasses given off by one family car.

If you live in the city, you must depend on forests to counteract your family car's fumes. That's why forests and parks and family gardens are so important.

Plant a garden this spring and observe the growth of the plants. It's fun if you plant some vegetables. You might even help produce for your own family table. And because you've grown them, the vegetables might even taste better than what your mother buys in the supermarket.

Dear Mr. Hylton,

Please warn KIND members about tapping the sides of fish bowls or tanks. Water is a good conductor of sound and this might scare the fish or even hurt their hearing.

Pam Willms, age 14
Carlton, OR

Dear Mr. Hylton,

Our school in Madison, Wisconsin, has a wildlife club and I am secretary. We have sent over $50 to help produce a film on the killing of seals so more people will learn about this cruelty. We are now raising money for John Harris to come and lecture at the schools in Madison, with his wolves. We are also going to help the zookeepers repaint and fix up our zoo.

Amy Sheldon, age 13

Good going! By the way, did you know that clubs like yours are eligible to become KIND branch clubs.—Ed.

LETTERS TO KIND

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FIND THE PETS
There are eleven pets in this puzzle. Their names read across and down. Draw a circle around each animal name. Check your answers below.

RDOGERBILIP
AXYOZABC
GJOBDLHCATEFN
BREDERGUPPY
ISAFIWOXYKCTQRIMOLT
LXAHAMSTERLUTL
PSUHORSE
TDF

ANSWERS: DOG, GERBIL, CAT, TURTLE, PONY, RABBIT, GUARDIAN

MARCH CALENDAR
7 Luther Burbank's Birthday
10-16 Girl Scout Week
15 Buzzards Return To Hinckley, Ohio
17-23 National Wildlife Week
19 Swallows Return To Capistrano, California
21 Spring Begins

BRANCH CLUB NEWS
The fifth grade class at Belle Morris School in Knoxville, Tennessee earned money at various odd jobs during the Christmas holidays. They brought their earnings to school. They sent a total of $30.00 to KIND to help needy animals. Each year at Christmas Mrs. Britton's class sends a contribution to help needy animals as a project in their citizenship lessons.

The class also rescued a litter of six abandoned kittens and took them to the animal shelter. And they adopted a homeless puppy, that now lives with their teacher, Mrs. Bill Britton.

BAN THE TRAP
KIND members have donated a total of $91.30 to the campaign to ban the steel jaw trap. If you want your gift to be used to help ban the trap, be sure to tell us if you send a gift.

BACK TO THE LAND: Part 2
The cabin site was rather steep. Some people might hire a bulldozer to level the land. But they do a lot of damage. So I decided to build the cabin right on the sloping hill. One open place looked ideal. There was only one small pine tree there. I transplanted it to another spot on the hillside.

My foundation holes had to be dug below the frost line so we went down 30 inches. If a building is built on top of the ground, it might move in the spring. I didn't want uneven floors or cracks in the walls.

Every corner of the cabin had to be square. First one corner was wrong and then another. I had dreamed about this cabin so long I wanted everything absolutely perfect. My friends didn't think it would matter that much. I got mad at them and lost my temper.

We stopped work and I climbed to the top of the hill to cool off my temper. I didn't have the right to treat my friends like that. After all, they were volunteering to help just because they liked me. They were working hard.

From the hill I could see in every direction. It was so good to see the glory of so much unspoiled earth. I thought of the Psalm that said: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." I knew then that my hill would always be a source of comfort and strength whenever I needed it. Every person needs a special place he can use as a thinking place where he can find peace. My hill was my thinking place.

I apologized to my friends. They understood how important the cabin was to me.

"I'll be telling you more about my adventures in the months ahead.

Dale Hylton, Editor
EDITOR'S VIEWS

There's been a lot of talk about saving our endangered animals. The first law that Congress passed was good, as far as it went. It did ban the export of any endangered animal or its parts out of the U.S. And it banned the importing of any endangered animal or its parts into this country.

But it did nothing to prevent destruction of habitat of endangered animals in the U.S. It had no provision for helping any endangered species to build its numbers back to safer levels. When there are too few of a species, any disease or natural disaster could wipe them out.

The new law requires the states to establish programs protecting the endangered animals within their boundaries. It requires they help the population of endangered animals grow back to safer levels.

While humans are overpopulating the earth, some animal populations are steadily declining. We hope the states' programs will discover some of the reasons for their decline, and, hopefully, some solutions.