IN MEMORIUM

JETHRO--GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR WOLVES
Dear friends,

A few weeks ago my friend, David, wrote and told me about meeting Clem and Jethro, the Goodwill Ambassadors for wolves. He told me about their dignity and good manners. David sent me some of these pictures that he took of Clem and Jethro.

Jethro was born in a zoo. Three different families tried to keep him as a pet, but wolves don't become pets. When Jethro came to the American Association for the Protection of Predatory Animals, it was to a new and strange life of service on behalf of his own kind. John Harris, its president, decided Jethro was such a trustworthy and honorable individual that he should be a Goodwill Ambassador for wolves. Wherever Harris went to speak to large audiences about the need to protect wolves, Jethro went with him.

Life as a public speaker is hectic. It means a lot of travel from place to place and sometimes losing sleep to be able to get to the next appearance on time. The very best behavior is required to appear on stage in front of thousands of people.

The stage lights are unbearably hot and bright. Then, after every speech, people would crowd around Jethro, petting, petting, hugging. It's hardly a good life for an animal that loves the quiet of the deep woods and prefers to live as far from humans as possible.

But Jethro and his friend Clem were destined for a very special mission, to help people understand and appreciate wolves and learn the importance of protecting them, so all other wolves could live free. Clem and Jethro seemed to understand their mission. Without losing wolf-like dignity, they signalled in wolf language, that they meant no harm to any person. They did this by lying on their backs and stretching their necks, so both their throats and stomachs were exposed. These are the areas an enemy would try to reach if he really wanted to hurt or kill a wolf. By exposing these vital areas, they were showing they trusted humans and had no intention of doing any harm. It is the signal wolves use whenever they meet a leader wolf. According to wolf law this signal is a way of showing respect without loss of honor or dignity.

Now the world has lost its Goodwill Ambassadors for wolves. They have died of strychnine poison, smuggled to them by a person who hates dogs. She has lived for 70 long years on Earth without learning to respect other forms of life. She claims to love cats, but with genuine love there is no room for hate for any other life form. Neighbors report she also dislikes children. The judge has ordered psychiatric care for her.

Wolves have their own special code of ethics. If people followed the code of ethics of the wolves, there would be no crime. Rocky, a nephew of Jethro's, will join John Harris on his lecture tour. But every speech to help people appreciate and respect wolves will now be given in memory of Clem and Jethro, the Goodwill Ambassadors for wolves. Rocky, too, will demonstrate to everyone that he means no harm to anyone. Perhaps, in time, by learning about the honor and laws of the wolves, we may learn to be kind and demonstrate in everything we do that we mean no harm to anyone, ever.

Your friend,
BE AN OUTDOOR DETECTIVE

FIND ANSWERS HERE
Bear Signs Raccoon
Beaver Work Otter Slide
Buck Deer Rub White-tailed Deer
Crayfish Chimney Owl Pellets
Fox Squirrel Porcupine
Gall Rust Scats (cottontail, Meadow Mouse)
Musk Rat Woodcock
Work of Black-backed, 3-toed Woodpecker

PROTESTS HELP SAVE WOLVES

Several months ago the U.S. Army needed to buy 277,502 jackets. They wanted parka hoods on them, each lined with wolf fur. They said wolf fur was needed to prevent ice from forming in cold climates. People who like wolves protested. Among them was Representative William Whitehurst, who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He asked the Army to test synthetic furs to see if one of them would work just as well. When they made the tests, they discovered that "untreated, undyed, modacrylic synthetic fur is an adequate alternate for natural fur." They even discovered that it costs less, and that they could save $1,100,000! Because of the tremendous amount of money that can be saved, we can now be assured the Army won't use wolf fur any longer, and there are greater chances for wolves to be protected.

ST. FRANCIS DAY

St. Francis was one of the teachers who treated animals as his brothers. He taught so much about being kind to animals that he influenced many people to remember to be kind. October 4 is the day we celebrate St. Francis. Learn something about him at your library, or do something kind on that day in memory of a man who taught many people to be kind.
Canada Kindness Club Members Help Robins

In New Brunswick, home of Mrs. Fleming, founder of the International Kindness Club, there are large blueberry farms. Last year in the Kindness Club members discovered the farmers planned to kill the robins, but no one knew about it at the time. This year Kindness Club members discovered the farmers planned to kill the robins again, and they protested. The government has decided not to issue permits to kill the robins. They will help the farmers find other ways to protect the blueberry crop from the robins. These are the same robins that migrate, and spend part of each year in the United States.

RETURNABLE BOTTLES

Oregon banned the non-returnable bottle last year. Now they report there is 80% less litter along the roadsides. Vermont has enacted a similar law. The State of Pennsylvania is considering a law to ban bottles. The U.S. Senate is also considering a law that would ban non-returnable bottles nationwide.

Dear ARAIKUN,

I carry a silver can and a Girl Scout Canteen filled with water with me. If I see a dog or cat that is thirsty, I give them some water.

Your friend, Sheila Carpenter, Indianapolis, Ind. age 11

ANSWERS TO "NATURE DETECTIVE"


To the Editor of The Times:

In reading the paper, I noticed that a pet shop is selling domesticated skunks. I don't think it is fair to sell domesticated skunks to people. How can the pet shop know if the skunk has a good home? How can the pet shop know if the skunk runs away from his home? It can be tragic; a skunk could meet up with a dog and that would be the end of the skunk. Why? Because he would have no odor in which to shoot out and protect himself. This is the only way a skunk has of defending himself, and without it he is helpless.

Besides, wild animals are not happy in captivity, and it is not fair to domesticate them.

Jane Bonnell
Glastonbury

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RECYCLING IS WORKING

According to the Aluminum Association, one aluminum can out of six is now being recycled. There are 1200 collection points in 43 states. It takes less than 5% of the energy to make aluminum from raw materials, to recycle aluminum cans. If you aren't already recycling aluminum, and want to learn where the nearest collection center is, write The Aluminum Association, Department of Public Affairs, 750 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017, and ask for their collection center directory.

NEW TEACHING UNIT

Teachers who wish to add interest to class discussions on pets and pet care may wish to order a new filmstrip/record teaching unit. Entitled, "A Pet Is A Special Friend," this ten-minute full-color filmstrip is narrated by Allen Ludden, accompanied by original music. A filmstrip guide, poster, resource guide, and 30 copies of a "Petiquette" booklet, on pet owning responsibility, are included in this kit. It is available for $5 from: Pet Food Institute, Attention: Mrs. Pat O'Keefe, 111 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60601

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