Get Ready for Earth Week

What are you doing the week of April 21-28? That's Earth Week 74. It's a time when many Americans will be thinking about and acting on problems such as pollution, clean air, clean water and animals in danger.

Some young people will be cleaning up litter. Others will be planting trees. Still others will be looking around their homes to find ways to save electricity and heating oil.

This year, saving electricity, oil, and gas are very important. Here are a few ideas to help you save energy. Try walking and bike riding instead of using the car. Hang clothes out to dry instead of using the dryer. Eat a cold meal. Grow your own vegetables. Use your muscles instead of an electric can opener or mixer.

Can you think of other ways to save energy? Tell your friends!
Go Hunting - With a Lens

These three boys are getting ready to go hunting. But instead of using guns, they’ll be shooting with a camera or looking through a lens. Now that spring is here, there are lots of plants, animals and insects to see and hunt for.

Why don’t you give it a try? Just remember it’s a lot harder to sneak up and shoot an animal with your camera than it is to use a gun. But, that’s the fun of it.

If you’re using a magnifying glass, binoculars, or a telescope, remember to make notes. You might even want to draw pictures of your finds.

If you hunt animals, be sure to check the direction of the wind. Stay downwind of the animals so they won’t be able to smell you.

The first week in May is Be Kind to Animals Week. If you’ve been thinking about getting a kitten or a puppy, this is the week to do it.

Visit your local humane society animal shelter. They have lots of furry friends looking for good homes. Be Kind to Animals Week is also a time to remember the part that animals play in our lives. Visit the library and pick out a book about buffalo, whales, horses, beaver or beef cattle. Discover the important role one of these animals played in the history of our country.

Try and turn this special week into a way of thinking and acting all year.

Colors in Nature

Spring is here with its rainbow of colors. Find the color names in this puzzle. The names read across and down. Draw a line around each color name. The answers are below. Think of plants and animals with these colors.

ORANGEMNOT
PEBGREENSN
DDRLABBBPO
RXORYELLOW
AYWVQUAEN
ZCNZIYECFT
WHITEXWKAR

Answers:
ORANGE, BROWN, RED, YELLOW, WHITE, BLUE, BLACK, GREEN, GRAY

This is your page! We want you to send in puzzle ideas, jokes, riddles, and tricky pictures for this page. If we use your stuff, we’ll print your name with it.

Send your goodies to this address:
FUN
The Humane Society of the United States
Waterford, Virginia 22190.

From You

Have you got a pet peeve? Want a pen pal? This is your special column. Send your letters to: FROM YOU, The Humane Society of the United States, Waterford, Virginia 22190.

Dear KIND,

I love your group. This will now be my 3rd year. I’m going to put one of my younger friends in it for a present.

Cornelia Harrison

Thanks, Cornelia. It’s a good idea to enroll younger friends. It makes a swell gift. – Ed.
Dear Friends,

Earth Week couldn't come at a better time! We're right in the middle of one of our country's biggest problems. That's right. I'm talking about the energy crisis.

Hopefully the warmer weather of spring should cut down on some of our problems. The days are longer now, so we'll be using less electricity and heating fuel.

Lots of people are spending more time out of doors. They may get the itch to take a drive. I hope that doesn't happen. If you thought the lines at gas stations were long last winter, wait until all the drivers with spring fever start lining up. If your folks get the itch, try and talk them out of it.

Why not take a walk or a family bike ride? You'll get plenty of fresh air and exercise that way.

During Earth Week, I'd like you to take a close look at the ways your family uses energy — gasoline, electricity, and heating oil. Do you use an electric tooth brush? Do you let the TV run all the time? Do you leave the lights on when they aren't needed?

How about lawn mowers? Is yours gas powered or muscle powered? Hot water is made with electricity or heating gas or oil. Do you let the hot water run while you're looking in the mirror? But you get the point — don't you?

So long for now,