Today, hunting is losing its popularity. Once accepted as a popular sport, and almost a must for every boy on his way to becoming a man, hunting is losing its glitter. Many people are no longer getting a bang out of killing animals for fun.

One of the main reasons for this change in public feelings is the push and shove of people and animals for land. More new homes are built each year on farms or in wilderness areas. More land must be cultivated each year to feed our growing population. And some people feel the need to get away from city living. They want to live in the wide open spaces in the country. There is also more demand for parks and wilderness areas for hiking, camping and enjoying the Earth. And you can’t have shooting with so many people and homes around.

It’s a special pleasure to see wild animals living free in their native habitats. It is exciting to become a part of nature and learn more about wild creatures. But this doesn’t happen as often as some people would like when our parks and refuges are opened up for the hunting seasons.

People are getting tired of wars and violence. They want a world of peace and brotherly love. Killing animals just doesn’t seem to fit the picture of what many people want the world to be.

Game managers often justify hunting seasons as a method of controlling animal populations. The natural predators of many species have been overhunted. Because of this, the animals they ate have grown in numbers. The game managers feel that if prey animals were not hunted every year, many of them would starve to death anyway.

The real problem is the conflict of sports or trophy hunting and game management. The wolf, like most predators, hunted for the sick or injured or weaker animals in a herd. By killing the weakest, he kept the herd healthy. Only the strongest remained to continue the species. But the trophy hunter wants the biggest antlers, and the sports hunter wants the most fit. So, they need to kill the biggest and best animals.

Some animals will naturally overpopulate certain areas. When they do, some will starve, because there is not enough food for all. But this happens because man has killed off their natural predators and upset the balance of nature. The Humane Society believes that, if some animals must be
hunted to stop starvation, the killing should be done by experienced game managers. They are trained to spot the weakest or least fit members of a herd. By destroying the sick and injured animals, they would be doing the job that natural predators used to do. This kind of program will save the strongest of the species. And they will breed stronger and healthier young. In the long run the species will improve.

Rifle manufacturers spend thousands of dollars each year telling government officials that sports hunting is good recreation. They don't want our national parks and refuges closed to hunters. And they keep telling the tall tale that shooting a gun is a symbol of manliness.

Today we are running out of land where a gun can safely be used without disturbing or harming someone else. There is no other sport that needs as many acres of land for each so-called sportsman as hunting. The number of Americans who now hunt is getting so low that, in time, they must give in to the needs of the majority.

The National Wildlife Federation has been called the largest conservation group in the U.S. From time to time they have stood up for hunting in the pages of their magazines. It was believed by many that most of their members were hunters. The Federation recently took a poll of its members and discovered that there were fewer hunters among the membership than had been thought. Because of this new information, the Federation may change their position on hunting. During their last annual conference, the subject of sports hunting was discussed. It was pointed out to hunters that if they wanted to keep their sport, they had to recognize the needs of the majority of people for other forms of recreation in our wilderness areas.

Some animal welfare groups do not take a firm position on sports hunting. They may not want to offend hunters. So, they find themselves “sitting on the fence.” A booklet with the official position of many conservation organizations on hunting is now available. It is called “What They Say About Hunting,” and can be ordered from The National Wildlife Federation, 1075 Post Road, Riverside, CT 06878, for just 50 cents.

In a world where most people don’t want war and violence, we plead for an end to violence to animals. We think that every airport that has a large post office. (We want the pilot informed when a live animal is on his plane. Then, if the plane is delayed on the ground, he can open the doors to the cargo hold so there will be air for the animal to breathe. Lack of oxygen in cargo holds when a plane is delayed is one of the major causes of suffocation of animals.

We think that every airport that has a large number of animals coming through it should arrange for food, water, exercise space, and veterinary care of these animals.

We've asked that live animal shipments be given priority over all other freight that is within the same class. (Some other classes of freight already have priority, such as airmail for the post office.)

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We've also recommended that, if an animal isn't picked up within one business day, the airport can send it to a boarding kennel for proper care and bill the shipper for the boarding fee.

The lives of many animals could be saved if the FAA adopts the suggestions we have made.

New Jersey Has New Dog Law

New Jersey Governor Brendan T. Byrne has signed a bill that will protect pets, and save thousands of animals from being sold for experimental research. The law says that no animal may be released from a pound for research use. In the past, New Jersey's commercial dealers have contracted with dozens of towns to operate their animal control programs. The towns paid the dealers for picking up stray dogs. Then the laboratories bought these strays from the dealers. The dealers were making a double profit at the dogs’ expense.

The Humane Society has investigated these dealers over several years and collected evidence that helped support the need for the new law.
Walsh’s Animals - Your KIND of Program!

Finally, there’s a TV animal show that’s really an animal show. It’s called Walsh’s Animals. And the show tells it like it is! Your host is John Walsh. His co-hosts are dogs, wolves, snakes, tigers, turtles, rodents, lions, horses, and lots of other creatures.

Mr. Walsh is a field officer for the International Society for the Protection of Animals. He’s the man who coined the phrase “Extinct is Forever.” He’s worked with the Massachusetts SPCA, set up a special feeding program for starving huskies in Alaska, directed emergency rescue missions for animals and people during Peru’s earthquake in 1970, and he led the rescue mission that saved more than 10,000 animals threatened by the rising waters created by a dam in Surinam, South America.

The first show in the 10 part series will be shown on Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 pm on PBS, the education stations. (Be sure to double check your local listings, just in case the time has been changed in your area.)

The Latham Foundation for the Promotion of Humane Education is providing some of the funds that make it possible to show the programs. They’re doing this because they want you to know more about the creatures that share the earth with you. We’re telling you about the shows because we want you to watch them. And we want you to write and tell us about the new things you’ve learned. We want you to tell your friends about the programs. We think the programs will make you want to find out more about some of the strange, as well as the common, animals that you meet, courtesy of John Walsh.

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Help Ban The Steel Jaw Trap

During the last 12 months KIND members have contributed over $200 to the special fund to help ban the steel jaw trap. State legislators often ask representatives of The Humane Society to testify about the trap and the suffering it causes. Your gifts have helped send representatives to testify and to inform the public on these cruelties. Since new bills are introduced each fall, we’re starting the fund again this year.

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David Dickerson, X-10 Seminary Village, Louisville, KY

Pam Bolton and Lisa Lipskin decided to have a bake sale at school to raise money for the Ban the Trap Fund. They ordered leaflets from KIND on the cruelties of the trap. Then they sent out flyers, requesting donations of baked goods, and announcing the two days of the bake sale. Pam is shown preparing the goodies for the sale. On the two days they raised $54! This gift launches our Ban the Trap Fund in grand style.
Sloppy Sayings

We use animals' names in lots of sayings. Some of these sayings suggest that certain animals are smart or dirty or stubborn. All of the sayings have been used for many years. None of the sayings is really correct. But we continue to use them. So, stop horsing around and finish the puzzle.

ACROSS
1. As busy as a ________.
3. As stubborn as a ________.
4. Cry ________.
6. He's a ________.
8. A memory like an ________.
11. Dirty ________.

DOWN
1. A ________ in the hand is worth two in the bush.
2. A ________ in a china shop.
4. A ________ of a time.
5. As clever as a ________.
7. ________ in his pants.
8. ________ eyed.
10. ________ days.

ANSWERS

Memo Pads
Note Stationary

Animal Note Stationary

Note stationary is still available from KIND. Memo pads and note sheets are illustrated with different animals. You may buy a box or two at the member's price of $1.00 each or you can order in quantity for fund raising projects. Minimum quantities are 12 boxes. You may buy 12 boxes of any one style or mix and match for $9.60. KIND will pay the postage. Be sure to order by number only.

Note Stationary

Memo Pads

Dear KIND,
A stray cat came to our house and we fed him. He wouldn't come in the house for awhile, but finally he did. We named him Sonny. We finally had to give him to the Animal shelter. Here is a picture of Sonny.
Sincerely, Debbie Lavick, age 13

Dear KIND,
My friends and I had a backyard carnival with a refreshment stand and games. We're sending you what we made ($5.50) to help animals.
Cindy West, age 12, and friends

Dear Sirs,
Please put in your newsletters that everyone who owns a dog should have it checked by a vet for heartworms. The heartworm is very prevalent here in Bergen County, New Jersey.
Thank you, Barb Warmuth, age 14

Dear KIND,
Some kids destroyed a rabbit's nest and I ended up stuck with 4 starving one week old rabbits. I fed them condensed milk. A week later I began adding wheat germ in their diet. Soon they were eating grass and clover. I let them loose in a wooded area when they were full grown. I learned never to separate them, or handle them more than necessary. I saved those rabbits, but it was a one in ten chance that they would have lived.
Yours truly, Kirsten Reeves, age 12

From You

Dear KIND,
I would like to suggest that anyone who really wants to earn some money to donate to KIND, get a newspaper route (boy or girl). It only takes about an hour a day and for a 50-paper route you can earn around $33 a month where I live.
Yesterday my horse stepped on a bottle in the grass someone had carelessly thrown out. The cut is about 3 inches long and about 1/2 inch deep, putting him out of commission for a couple of weeks.
I wish people wouldn't throw out trash because a similar incident could happen to your own cat, dog, or any animals and the cut might be much worse.
Lynette Gildermaster, Ponchatoula, LA

Dear Sir or Madam,
I have been a member of KIND DEFENDERS for the past year and my membership has expired. I recently had a birthday and am now 15. I would like to continue being a part of KIND. First, though, I want to find out a little bit about what's going on in the ECOLOKIND group. Would you please send me any information you might have about this organization. I would like very much to become an active member. Thank you.
A friend, Robin Oanes

ECOLOKIND is part of KIND, which is part of The Humane Society. KIND members who graduate from one program to the next go right on helping animals. But as you get older, you're able to do even more. The ECOLOKIND newsletter deals with a little harder stuff than we do in DEFENDERS and suggests more difficult projects. I'm sure you'll like ECOLOKIND just as much as you enjoyed being in DEFENDERS. Hope you'll renew your membership, soon. -Ed.
Editor's Views

We live in an ever changing world — perhaps more so than ever before in history. Changes are occurring as some species of animals become endangered or extinct. We know we can’t keep killing whales or they will become extinct. We know we’ve got to stop polluting. And more and more, people seek peace and quiet and friendship and truth.

It will take some people longer to adopt new attitudes than it does others. The Japanese still refuse to believe whales are endangered. But the U.S. Congress is considering a bill to ban all Japanese products. If that bill passes, there will be great pressure from the Japanese themselves, to put an end to whaling.

Until a law is passed by Congress, The Humane Society’s Board of Directors has voted unanimously to advocate a boycott of Japanese goods.

Sometimes change doesn’t come about as rapidly as people want. We tried for years to get rid of the bad commercial dog warden system in New Jersey. A new Governor had to be elected before the system could be changed. But it proves democracy still works when the will of the majority of the people finally becomes the policy of the land.

Coyotes still aren’t faring too well. Some testing with poisons is being done, in spite of the President’s Executive Order to ban their use. It seems you can go ahead and do anything that has been outlawed, just so long as you are conducting an experiment. Now they’ve thought up another gimmick. Two universities are collecting coyotes to use as experimental animals. They feed them lamb, laced with a chemical that makes them very sick. The first reports say the chemical was so effective that a coyote cringed and trembled when a baby lamb was put in its cage. The idea behind the whole crazy scheme is to “educate” coyotes to believe that eating sheep will make them sick. Then they won’t bother sheep. This research project, and the $20,000 it costs is all based on sheep ranchers’ claims of sheep losses that they still can’t prove.

The Fouke Fur Company, that has a monopoly on sealskins from the Pribiloff Islands, now has asked for permission to import 70,000 baby sealskins from South Africa every year for the next 10 years. The Marine Mammal Protection Act bans such imports. That is why they need special permission. Write and ask that their request be denied. Write Dr. Robert M. White, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Robert W. Shoning, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, both at Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20235.

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