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Humane Society Presents First Annual KIND Youth Award

Oak Brook, Ill. — “Wild Horse Annie once told me that, in her opinion, we would have no laws for the protection of America’s wild horses, had it not been for the youth of America...” These were the opening words of Dale Hylton, Director of The Humane Society’s Youth Division as he presented the first HSUS Annual KIND Award to the Charleston Raccoons. Lynn Wigley accepted the Award for all the Raccoons from Charleston, Illinois.

Lynn was beaming and the assembled crowd at The HSUS 20th Annual Convention was on its feet applauding. The Award read — This Award is presented in recognition of the Charleston Raccoons’ outstanding efforts on behalf of animals, which has had a major impact on the quality of life in their community.

The Charleston Raccoons began as a KIND Branch Club in 1971. They looked for an adult to help them, but none could be found. So, they did their...
The Raccoons asked KIND for information on organizing a local humane society. They wrote letters to their local government officials. And they turned in weekly reports about conditions at the pound. Soon, they were invited to be on a local radio talk show.

Following the talk show appearance, the dog warden was replaced. He was sent to work at the local sewage treatment plant. And he began to work with the new dog warden. He was sent to work at the local sewage treatment plant. He was sent to work at the local sewage treatment plant. He was sent to work at the local sewage treatment plant.

We're proud of the Charleston Raccoons. And we're proud of you, too. KIND members are doing good things all across the country. There are lots of people doing good things for animals, and people. That's why KIND has started its new KIND Awards program.

We're not talking about the Annual KIND Youth Award. This is another program. It's a year round Awards program. And you are going to give out the Awards. That's right. You. We want all KIND members to be on the lookout for acts of kindness toward animals and people. That's all it takes to win the new KIND Award. The details about this new program can be found on page 5.

Once again, congratulations to the Charleston Raccoons. Well done!
Here's a project that will help you learn more about animals and give you hours of fun and enjoyment. It's really three projects in one. It's a:

- Game
- Mobile
- Display

**Step 1** - Make 9 heavy paper cubes using the pattern on this page. Trace the pattern on the heavy paper by placing carbon paper between this page and the heavy paper or cardboard.

**Step 2** - Draw, cut out or photograph nine different animals in each of the following families:

- Birds
- Mammals
- Crustaceans
- Fish
- Reptiles
- Insects

**The Mobile** - Pick up a dead branch with several small limbs. Tape string to one corner of each cube and hang the cubes from the limbs. It will make an attractive room decoration.

**The Game** - Two players can play at any one time. Player 1 picks up all the cubes and drops them on the floor. Player 2 calls out a family name. Player 2 uses the clock to time player 1 as player 1 turns over all the cubes so that the animals in the family show on top. Then it's player 2's turn to drop the cubes. The one with the least amount of time after 5 drops wins.

**The Display** - Stack your cubes like a pyramid. Prepare small signs with the names of each family. Place one sign in front of the display with the correct animals facing out. Change your display every week.

Your picture must fit in the six 2 1/8" by 2 1/8" faces of the cubes.

**Step 3** - Glue one animal from each family on each of the six sides of each cube.

Many thanks to Mary Boyle and The West Rock Nature Center in New Haven, Connecticut for this project idea.

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**The Day I Met King**

KIND Reporter Cynthia R. Kalodner, age 11

Our sixth grade class went on a field trip to the Police Academy in Philadelphia. I really enjoyed the entire trip, but my favorite part of the experience was learning about the Police Dogs.

We all walked up onto risers to watch the demonstration. Then a K-9 trainer told us about his dog King. King was a German shepherd. He was mostly black, but shades of gray and white were on his beautiful coat of shiny, clean hair. The trainer showed us how they train these dogs and then showed us some tricks.

After the show, we were permitted to pet King. I love animals and wanted so much to pet this brilliant, kind, and friendly animal. I guess everyone had the same idea, because I couldn't get anywhere near King. I saw an opening near King's head, so I went there. Just as I got there I heard our teacher's familiar voice call: "Come on — time to leave". Everyone started to leave, and so did I. But just as I turned to go, King licked my hand. The warmth of that lick will always be in my mind, and I'll always love King for that wonderful gesture.

Editor's Note — Although police dogs are trained to attack, many are good pets and love children. The Humane Society has helped the National Park Police K-9 Corps learn techniques of rescuing injured dogs. We also gave them a dog.
Desert Animals
by Cindy Hamell, Ratcliff, Arkansas

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2. I am an animal with many names. Walking cactus and pincushion are just two of them.

3. I am the largest lizard found in the U.S.

4. People who live in desert countries use me to carry cargo. I can go for a long time without water.

5. I am a reptile whose strong shell can resist almost any enemy.

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7. I am a rare lizard that is found only in southern Arizona.

8. A bird that is usually found chasing a lizard down a dusty road.

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ANSWERS

Answers: A: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9; B: 4, 6, 7, 10

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Sincerely, Barbara Swagerty, age 12

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1. I am a DEFENDER and try to get kids in my class to get their dogs or cats spayed. Most kids will or have had their bitches spayed but kids with male dogs say that it is someone else’s problem. I try to influence them by telling them the facts on how really bad it is. Could you send me some suggestions on the problem. I own a Sheltie bitch and my mom owns a mixed breed bitch and they are both spayed.

Thanks, Allison Howard, age 11

Anyone who owns a pet is responsible for what that pet does. If a male dog is responsible for another litter of puppies being born, his owner is guilty of contributing to the surplus animal population. He is just as guilty as the owner of the bitch that produces the puppies. I expect new laws about this to appear soon in many communities, because of the seriousness of the problem. — Ed.

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Dear Kind,

The enclosed article says some pet food comes from diseased or dying animals. It says there is danger to your health in using a can opener on pet food, then using it to open food for humans. Don’t animals have the right for their food to be inspected, both for you or your pet. If you’re still concerned, keep a separate can opener for your pet’s food, and wash it each time, too. — Ed.

B

Strays

People don’t care about the poor homeless strays. “They’re only animals,” they say. But I think that we are no better than they. They’re hungry, cold, and starving to death. But what do some people care — they’re only animals, just pets.

They are out on the streets getting run over by cars or in a dirt dog pound, behind metal bars. Some are lucky just for awhile. Fed, in a warm house, and in a veterinarian’s file. But when they do go wrong by the people’s sight, they are kicked out into the cold, lonely night. No place to go, nowhere to sleep. They’ve lost their family, they’ve lost their home. So please everyone, take care of God’s animals, and strays.

They love you, too, in their own small ways. A morsel of food, and pat on the head.

Remember God sees the smallest sparrow fall dead.

Shelly Sarver of Phoenix, Arizona sent us this little beauty. See if you can find these animals: APE, CAT, DEER, ELEPHANT, EMU, GIRAFFE, GNU, GOAT, OX, RAT, TOAD, TOUCAN, YAK, ZEBRA. They read up, down, across, and diagonally.

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For more than five long years we’ve dreamed of having a National Youth Award. Now it’s a reality. And now that it has been started, some KIND member or Branch Club will be given special recognition each year. You can help by sending us reports of what you or your club are doing. We like to report your successes in the newsletter, anyway. And your reports will keep us informed, too, so we can make a wise selection of the candidate for next year’s Award.

A new year brings with it a chance to make new starts. Someone once said that today is the first day of the rest of your life. It’s true. Starting a new year with new resolutions is a great idea. Decide how you want to be a better person, and begin making habits that lead you there. Decide to be more cheerful. Infect others with happiness. Be ambitious to help people. Start each day with a smile. You’ll be a happier person yourself, once more people begin smiling back at you.

We’re making new resolutions at KIND headquarters, too. We’re determined your club will be better than ever this new year. We’re still recruiting lots of new members. Soon people everywhere will know about KIND.

One of the ways we plan to make KIND better is with articles KIND members have written. Cynthia Kalodner’s story about meeting King, just as she wrote it, is an example. If you have a true experience like hers, write it up and send it in. We’ll print the best articles written by KIND members. The number of words Cynthia used in her article is just about right. We’ll use photographs sometimes, too, so share your stories and photos with KIND.

KIND is making another fresh start with this new year, too. When you receive this newsletter, we’ll be in a new office. The Humane Society and KIND have both moved into the same building. Now we can report the successes of The Humane Society in helping needy animals, just as soon as it happens. Be sure to use our new address whenever you write. It is: KIND

2100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

We want reports from you, too. It’s your newsletter, so what you contribute that we can share with other KIND members is special. It can be a puzzle, an illustration, a poem, an article about animals, a photo, or a report of what you’ve done to help animals. See what you can send.

R. Dale Hylton
Editor