Young People Help Raise Guide Dogs

4-H members Debbie Boufard and Bonnie Crum say good-bye to Gillis and Opal.

Have you ever seen a blind person with a guide dog? It takes a lot of time and schooling to train those amazing dogs. Retrievers and German Shepherds are the most popular guide dogs. One of the groups that trains dogs to work for the blind is called Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Did you know that young people just like you are helping Guide Dogs for the Blind? That’s right, 4-H members are taking young guide dogs home with them. Each member adopts a puppy. The 4-H’er must feed and care for the puppy, housebreak it, and pay for its shots.

Guide Dogs for the Blind says a puppy needs a child just as much as a child needs a puppy. Puppies raised by 4-H members are friendly dogs.

Each blind person who is given a guide dog must go to school. The blind person learns to work with a guide dog. The person must promise to give the dog good care and treat it kindly. And, it must be examined by a veterinarian three times a year.

Guide Dogs for the Blind even checks each blind person’s home to be sure that the dogs will be given good care. Helping blind people to get around in the seeing world is one of the best ways dogs have helped man.

Miss McCleary with Efrem, both graduates of the Guide Dogs for the Blind training school.
Happy Birthday Johnny Appleseed!

Johnny Appleseed is an American legend. He was born 200 years ago on September 26, 1774, in Massachusetts.

Johnny Appleseed spent his life helping others. He carried apple seeds west from New England to the new frontiers. He planted them as he went so settlers would someday have apples. He wore no shoes and carried his cooking pot on his head.

Johnny Appleseed was deeply religious. He always carried his Bible with him.

Once Indians found him lying ill in the deep woods. There were tracks of many animals on the ground all around him. The Indians said the animals didn’t harm Johnny because of the Holy Book he carried.

Johnny never carried a gun. He talked to the animals in the forests. Settlers welcomed him into their homes. Children loved to hear his tales of adventure. And he loved to make them laugh.

He ate no meat, because as he said, “It means the taking of life.” Johnny Appleseed lived a life of service. He brought hope and cheer to many. Today apples still grow where Johnny first planted seeds.

Rules for Branch Clubs

Helping animals is more fun when you work with others. Tell your teacher about KIND. Maybe your class can join. Get your friends to join. Ask an adult to help you.

Select the name of a bird, fish, or other animal for your club. Send the name to KIND for an official charter.

Elect officers. Carry on all business by voting. Your advisor can help you. Decide on projects to help animals. Report projects to KIND. Maybe others will copy your KIND ideas.

From You

Branch Club News

KIND members of the Junior Humane Society of Lebanon County (PA) are the active kind. When a kitten got stuck in a sewer pipe, Christopher Royer sat by the opening all day. He finally got the kitten out when it came for food.

Christopher holds the kitten, now named Christopher. Denise and Michael Royer and Connie Graci helped. Patrolman Karl L. Kern pitched in, too. A lady who was lonely adopted the kitten.

Pen Pals

Patty Kessler is 8. Write Patty at 1879 Church Road, Baltimore, MD 21222.

Amy Melley is 10. Write Amy at 812 Northampton Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903.
Dear Friends,

National Dog Week is September 22-28. It’s a time to honor our dogs and check how we care for our pets. Loose dogs can cause trouble, especially on the school playground. Your dog should be a school drop-out.

American Indian Day is September 27. 4-H Week is October 6-12, and Child Health Day is October 7.

Share this newsletter with your classmates as you go back to school. Your teacher may wish to write for information about KIND class clubs!

Do you like your newsletter? Are the stories interesting? What would you like to read about in future issues? It’s your newsletter! We want to hear what you want. Use the boxes below to tell us what you want. We’d appreciate hearing from teachers, too! Send to KIND.

I like the stories
I know the words you use.
There are enough pictures.
I like the red color.
I like the shorts.
I like the fun.
I like to read about KIND members.
I like the letter from Arahkun.
I’d like more projects.
The newsletter is the right size.

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