

## Vote For America's Birthday Animal

Next year the U.S. will celebrate its 200th birthday. It's a time to remember our past. But we think many people have forgotten how animals have helped our country grow.

So, we're holding an election. We want you to vote for an animal you think did a lot for America. The animal you elect will be called **America's Bicentennial Animal**. 'Bi' means two and 'centennial' means hundred.

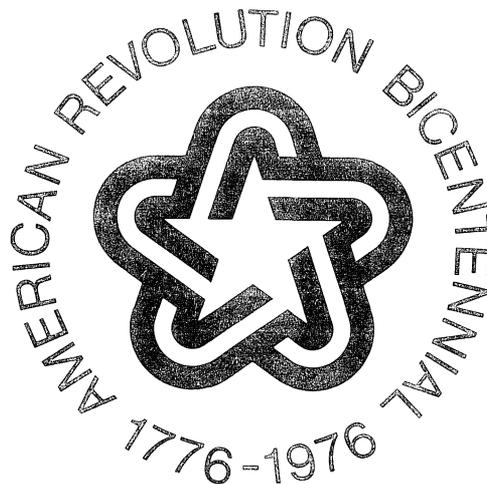
We've listed some important animals. If the animal you like isn't on the list just write it in. Mark your ballot (see back page), cut it out, and send it to KIND. It must reach us by July 4, 1975.



**BEAVER** — Trappers explored the wilderness trapping beavers for their skins. Once they broke a trail, other people followed. That's how people moved west so quickly and settled this great country. The beavers dams and ponds helped animals and people. Beavers help others and harm no one.



**BUFFALO** — Indians depended on buffalo for food, leather, and fur. White hunters killed so many buffalo they almost became extinct. But some people saved a few buffalo. It was the first American animal saved from becoming extinct. The buffalo's picture was once even on our nickel.



**BALD EAGLE** — Chosen as our national symbol, this bird gave Americans hope that our country would be strong. It was a special symbol of freedom. And that is why most settlers came to America. Today, the bald eagle is in trouble because of the wrong deeds of people. But we can solve these problems so the bald eagle will always be with us.



**CATTLE** — Early settlers brought milk cows from Europe. When a female was born it was raised to produce milk. Male calves were raised for beef. If a farmer didn't have a horse, sometimes a cow or bull also had to pull a plow. The Texas Longhorn was a special breed. Dairy and beef products are still important.



**COYOTE** — Settlers killed coyotes for fear they would kill their animals. Poison traps are still put out for them. They are one of the most persecuted animals in America. But they still survive. Indians knew coyotes helped Nature's balance. They said: "Next to God, Brother Coyote is the smartest man on Earth".



**GRIZZLY BEAR** — We understand very little about this animal. It stays in wilderness areas, and must have large open spaces for living. Today it is found in only three parks. Bear fur kept settlers warm. Bear fat was used to make soap. We must protect bears so they will not become extinct.



**DEER** — Settlers learned quickly from Indians to depend on deer meat as a staple food. The White-Tailed Deer was the first one the settlers used. Venison was salted and smoked and stored for food in winter. They learned how to use deer hide for leather. Deer fed the settlers who opened up the frontiers.



**HORSE** — The only way to travel was by horseback or in a wagon pulled by horses. Paul Revere rode a horse when he warned the British were coming. Horses were used in defending our freedom. Indians had wild horses. Horses carried mail for the Pony Express. Now we have pleasure horses to ride.



**MULE** — Mule power helped build and operate the Erie Canal. It opened up shipping so people could get supplies they needed. Mules pulled the barges on the canals. Mules pulled plows. They pulled the trees cut down to clear forests. Mules did much of man's work when America was young.



**PASSENGER PIGEON** — We'll never see this animal again. It was once so numerous that flocks darkened the sky when they flew over. People thought they were a nuisance. So they killed them by the millions. The last one died in 1914. It taught us a lesson. We must never let another animal become extinct.



**SALMON** — Coastal Indians depended on salmon for food to last through winter. Now we've dammed the major rivers to generate electricity. Salmon can't return upriver to spawn, so there aren't as many as before. We're learning ways of helping this animal. If we learn quickly, it can be saved.



**WHALE** — Many coastal cities grew to process whale products. Fishing fleets also came to these ports. This brought new wealth to the struggling country. Now, however, whales are in danger. America has taken the lead to try to save them. An animal that helped us to grow must not become extinct.

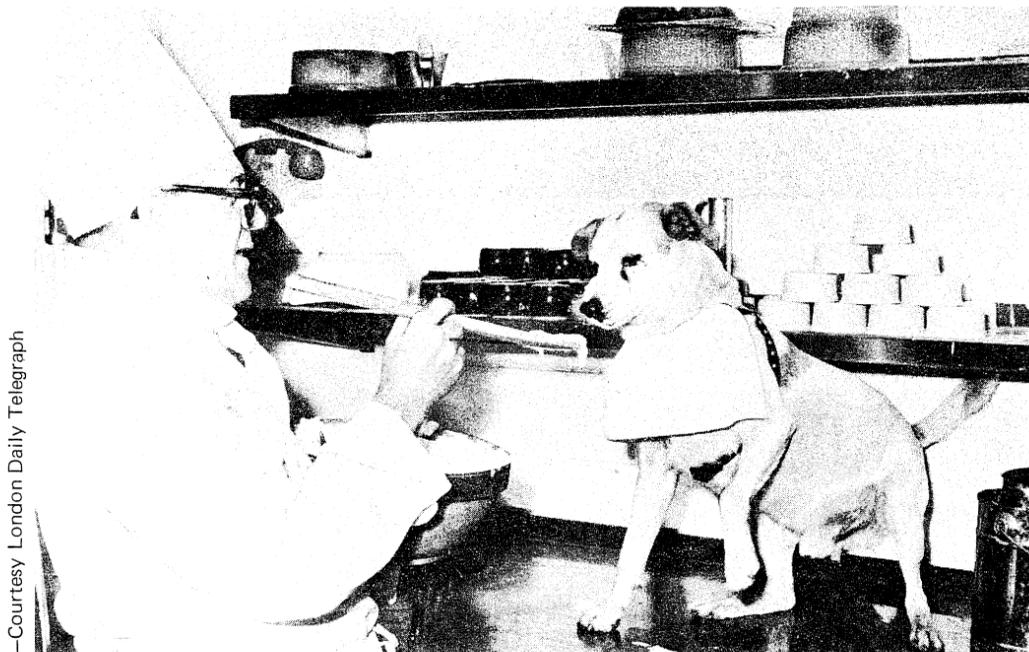


**WILD TURKEY** — Settlers depended on the turkey for much of their food. So did Indians. Settlers probably learned how the Indians copied the turkey's call to attract the bird. The wild turkey is a true American bird. Benjamin Franklin had hoped it would be chosen as our national symbol, but the bald eagle won.



**WOLF** — Many bad things have been told of the wolf. Most are not true. We have very few left — they've escaped to the wilderness. Wolves obey the rules of the pack. They help the balance of Nature. They only prey on sick animals. Eskimos call wolves the 'saviour of the caribou'.

## The Short Kind



—Courtesy London Daily Telegraph

## Popol The Gourmet

Charlotte Griswold, KIND Reporter

Popol is a mixed breed dog. He belongs to no one. He lives in the basement of a hotel. His territory is an area of Paris he likes the best.

He walks his route each day, checking his territory. To cross a street, he uses the pedestrian bridge, and always obeys the traffic lights. At one street with no bridge, he goes into the subway, under the street, coming up on the other side.

Popol visits the friends he has made

along his route. They save food snacks for him. He's a lucky dog, because he knows some of the finest chefs in French restaurants.

He's a very proud dog and doesn't like to be touched. He seems to dislike policemen and always avoids them. He's never forgotten the day a new policeman put him in the dog pound. This was too much of an insult to the dignity of the proud dog who eats at the finest restaurants in Paris.



—HSUS/Dommers

## The Animals' Week

Yes, there's a special week for animals. It's always the first full week in May. This year it is May 4-10.

Plan a special project for this week. It may be telling others how important it is to be kind. It may be making posters to tell people about this special week. It's your great chance to tell people how important it is to help animals — all year.



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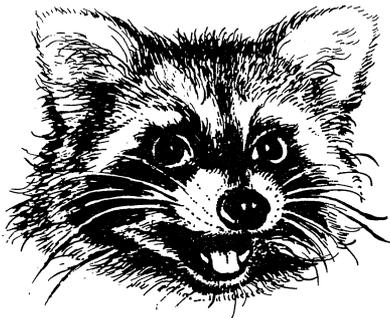
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# From Me



Dear friends,

Lots of our projects are just for KIND members. But voting for America's Birthday Animal is for everyone under 18.

You can take your newsletter to school. Show it to your teacher. Ask if all your class can vote.

Each student can make his or her own ballot. We want every young person in our country to have a chance to vote.

This will be a fun election. Who knows what animal will win? We don't. Do you?  
your friend,

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Clip out this ballot, vote for an animal, and send to KIND today!

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Vote for one. Send your ballot to KIND before July 4, 1975.

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