

Bear Gets New Home



Sue Pressman (left) supervises the unloading of Royshka's cage off the truck.

Royshka the bear was in trouble. His owner owed a lot of money. But the man had gone to prison. The bank decided to sell his bear to pay the debt.

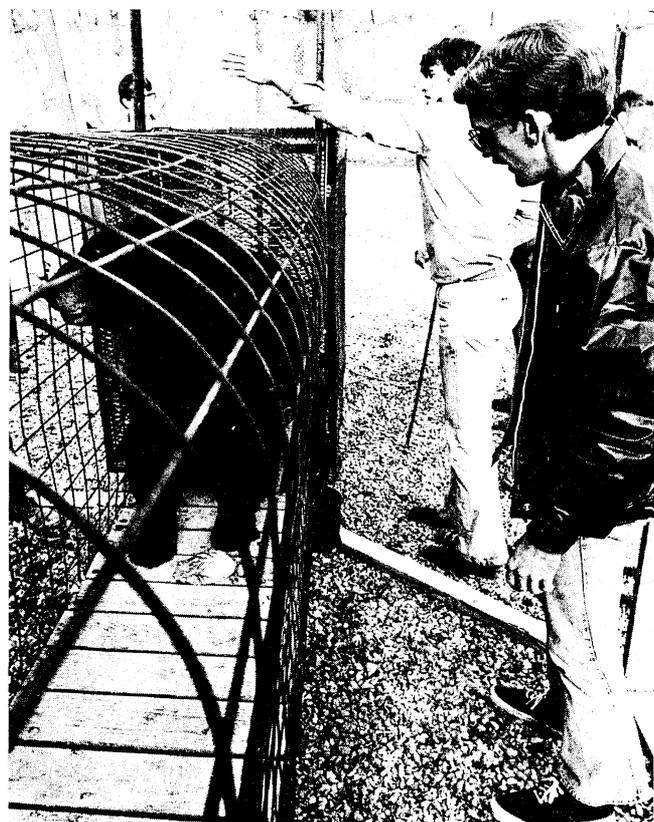
Randy Grobe saw an ad in the newspaper saying the bank was going to auction the bear to the highest bidder. Randy is the Director of the Sarasota, Florida Humane Society. But he didn't wait to check with his Board of Directors. He called the bank and told them they couldn't sell the bear to just anybody like that. Then he talked to the court. The bank agreed to give the bear to Randy if he could find a good home for him.

Randy called Sue Pressman, The Humane Society's zoo expert. She found

a wildlife refuge in Largo, Maryland that would give Royshka a good home.

It's over 1000 miles from Sarasota to Largo, near Washington, D.C. Randy had no one to help him drive the truck he rented to haul the bear in his cage. It would be dangerous to leave the truck parked while he stopped to get some sleep. Someone might bother Royshka. So Randy planned to drive all night long. It would take 24 hours to get there!

Your editor decided he could help. He flew to Savannah, Georgia, and Randy and
see Bear, page 2→



Randy Grobe (right) watches as Royshka walks right up the ramp toward his big new cage.

The Short Kind

Give a Hoot - - - Don't Pollute

That's the slogan of Woodsie Owl, who is America's newest campaigner for a cleaner environment. Woodsie replaces our old friend Smokey the Bear. His campaign was to help us prevent forest fires.

But there are so many other things that are just as important today that we must do to protect nature, that Woodsie has taken over the job. Smokey did a good job, but now he's retiring. Let's hope Woodsie will do as good a job, in helping us stop pollution. Do you give a hoot?



- Courtesy USDA/Witte

Bear *(continued from page 1)*



Your editor watches as Royshka is released into his new cage.

Royshka met him there about midnight. Randy slept while your editor drove until sunrise. Then they took turns driving the truck.

Royshka didn't seem to mind the trip at all. He slept most of the way. At each stop for gas he was given water to drink and some food to eat. He ate cabbages, lettuce, and monkey biscuits. The food he liked best was cantaloupe.

Refuge people shook their heads sadly when they saw the tiny cage where

Royshka had spent most of his life. Royshka walked right into his big new cage, where he will spend the winter. In the spring he and seven other bears will be given 80 acres of land to enjoy all to themselves. People will be able to drive through the refuge, visiting the bears where they live in a natural habitat, almost like living free.



- Courtesy Washington Star News/Schmick

Royshka, contentedly taking a drink of water, just after entering his new cage. It's a good sign he likes his new home.

Fun

How Many Words in Elephant?

Our big friend here has a lot of little words in his name. How many can you find? Use the lines to write down as many as you can.



From You

Dear KIND,

When we first moved here a stray collie, who was all beat up kept coming around and sleeping on our front porch. We wanted to keep him, but we had two dogs. My Mom said no way. Then she read a newspaper article about what happens to strays with no homes. She took a second look at him. She put an ad in the paper and a lady came over and said we could have him, that her boy, who was 10, was always mean to him. The dog had been gone three months and wouldn't stay at home. She gave us his registration papers—he was a purebred collie! My Mom took him to the vet to be treated and to be neutered.

Sincerely, Teresa Gildemeister

Dear KIND,

This may seem like a stupid question, but would it be kind to buy a horse? I mean, a horse must go through a rather cruel breaking in training so it will let people ride it. I do want a horse so badly!

Also, what is a relief map for a whooping crane?

Yours Truly, Carie Lanaghen, age 9

Some horses are 'green broken' by very cruel methods. But most horses are broken to ride with gentleness and firmness. They respond better to this kind treatment. Be sure when you buy a horse that it has been broken with kindness and gentleness.

A relief map is a map that has been built up so it shows the mountains and the valleys and the rivers. You can make one with papier-mâché. They're fun to make. — Ed.

Branch Club News

Dear KIND,

We have a Kindness Club at our school. It is very fun. We always get to do activities. Mrs. Willson, our teacher, helps us with our work. But there's one thing I can't understand. It's people who keep killing whales when they are becoming extinct. I just can't understand it.

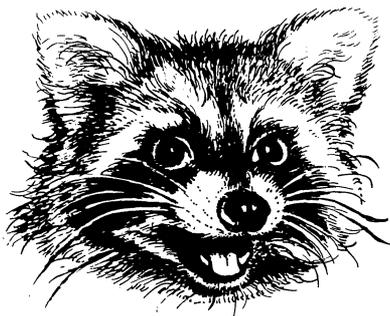
Sincerely yours, Debby Flynn

We don't understand it, either, Debby. I think it's because they are greedy, and just don't care about whales. Hope you and your class will write the Japanese and Russian Embassies and ask them to quit. — Ed.

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From Me



Dear friends,

It was an exciting experience to help rescue Royshka. But, believe me, I was scared, too. After all, that is the first time I had ever been that close to a bear! Even if he was securely locked in his cage!

It was a very tiring trip, but it was surely worth it when Royshka was finally unlocked from that tiny cage. He followed the bear biscuit trail right into his new home. And the first thing he did was to take a long drink of water, as you can see in the photo on page two. That surprised all of us, because he had always refused to drink out of a pan, but drank water from a hose, instead. I'd like to think it was a good sign that showed he liked his new home.

Some of the things that people said

about him were awful. They talked about shooting bears, or told about bears in roadside zoos. One woman got very excited and said, "Wouldn't that make a beautiful rug!" I still wonder if she was somebody's mother.

That wildlife refuge where Royshka now lives is beautiful. I want to go back again and see all the animals living in natural areas. It certainly beats looking at them through cage bars at the old type zoos.

Why don't you join us on the trip we took, bringing Royshka all the way from Sarasota to Largo? Look these places up on a map. Find Savannah, too, where Randy picked me up to help drive. List the states we had to go through, and the major cities along the way. (We used highway I-95). What kind of country do you think it is? How different is it from where you live? You'll enjoy learning about a different part of our country.

your friend,

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