

Resist impulse to 'adopt' wild animals

by John Wilson
This is the time of year when a camper, hiker or fisherman is most likely to encounter young wild animals in the woods. The first impulse, in many instances, is a desire to "adopt" the baby skunk, raccoon, fawn or whatever.

But the best course of action, according to Joe Bruns, fish and wildlife's director of game management, is to leave baby animals, even when seemingly "orphans," where they are.

Although this advice may at first glance seem hard-hearted, it is actually sound in the long run for both the animal and the human involved. Mr. Bruns says:

In the first place, the baby animal may not be orphaned at all. A fawn, for example, that seems all alone in the big woods probably has an anxious mother waiting nearby, but she will not show herself while a human is in the vicinity.

The care and feeding of a young animal is demanding and complicated, and most of those taken from the wild will die unless they are given the expert care that only a knowledgeable person can provide.

And if the animal does survive past infancy, other problems arise. Unlike dogs or cats, which have been domesticated for centuries, wild animals seldom lose their "wild" nature. An adult deer, particularly a buck, can be extremely dangerous and a raccoon, even one raised in the house, starts thinking he can whip anybody in the house when he gets to weigh about 25 pounds — and he's right.

Wild animals raised in captivity can seldom be successfully returned to the wild, presenting their owners with the problem of what to do with an unmanageable adult fox, raccoon, skunk or deer. Often the animal must be destroyed, since it is almost impossible to get zoonosis to accept wild pets.

Then there's the problem of disease. Wild animals can carry and transmit to man several diseases, the most serious of which is rabies. Often, an animal which allows itself to be captured, diseased, and any animal which does not show a normal fear of man or displays signs of distress should be strictly alone.

Skunks are particularly dangerous, since they can carry the rabies virus for six to eight months before symptoms appear. Even a skunk brought from a pet store and certified disease-free could develop rabies months after it is purchased.

Skunks and foxes probably represent the most common reservoirs for rabies in the wild, although virtually all mammals are capable of carrying this disease and transmitting it to man. The danger of rabies, by itself, is reason enough to leave wildlife in the woods.

Finally, there's the legal aspect: To keep wildlife as pets, a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is required, and a permit will be granted only for those animals taken during the open season for that particular species.

Without a permit, the animal is subject to confiscation and the owner can be fined. A conservation officer, upon application for a permit, will check to see if the animal was obtained legally and if the facilities for keeping it are satisfactory and of adequate size. The officer will also make periodic checks to make sure the animal is being well cared for.

So for both animals and people, the best course of action is to leave wildlife in the wild. Although the thought of adopting a wild creature can be great, it's better to enjoy birds and animals in their natural surroundings than to subject both to themselves and you to unnecessary hardships.

Education bill signed

Gov. Julian Carroll signs legislation for educational improvements as Sen. Ed Ford, Cynthia (fourth from left) Superintendent of Public Instruction look on.

Dr. James Graham (on the Governor's left) and staff members of the Governor's Task Force on Education look on.

Free courses offered at Berea during June

Three summer programs for high-ability high school students will be offered at Berea College this June. Seventy students will be accepted for programs in creative writing, psychology and education. Applicants should have completed three years of high school.

Each four-week intensive course, from June 11 to July 8, offers four semester hours of college credit. There is no tuition charge, and full and partial scholarships are available for living expenses. In addition, each student will, like all Berea College students, work ten hours a week in a related job for pay which can be applied to expenses. Total fees are \$160.

The wildlife biology program, now in its fifth year at Berea, will accept 20 students. It offers a combination of classroom and laboratory experience in biology with field work in conservation and wildlife management in the 7,000-acre college forestlands.

The director is Dr. Claude Gentry, professor of agronomy and biology at Berea.

The psychology program, which accepts 25 students, is in its second year. Taught by two professors trained in the related fields of human and animal communication, the course examines the communicative behavior by which all organisms pass information by one another. Verbal language will be emphasized and there will be research on human and animal behavior in laboratory and natural-environmental settings.

The director is Dr. John Wright of Berea's psychology department.

Creative writing offers a seminar for 15 students. In addition to daily writing of their own, the students will discuss contemporary writing and attend to the problems facing the practicing literary artist.

The director, Dr. William Schafer, professor of English at Berea, will be assisted by two writers-in-residence, a poet and fiction writer who will each join the program for a one week.

All students will live in supervised college dormitories, take their meals at the college food service, and participate in all the college's summer cultural, recreational and social services.

Berea is a private four-year liberal arts college which also offers degrees in agriculture, business administration, home economics, industrial arts and

Free concert offered

MOOREHEAD — Moorehead State University's Symphony Band will present its annual Spring Concert Wednesday, April 26, in Donora Recital Hall. The \$15 p.m. program will feature works by Wagner, Dukas, Tchaikovsky, and Strauss. This Spoke Zarathustra, Opus 30.

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Playground fun
Young Susan Danasse was at the Nicholas Park park enjoying the sunshine Thursday when she struck up a friendship with the photographer. Susan declared she was a big girl, four years old, but hated she would like to be swung in the baby swing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Danasse of Carlsbie. — Jean Ann Kerr photo.

Kentucky reflections

by Elton
by George Street Boone

No student of the American scene expects politicians and newspapers to "lie down together," but sometimes the antagonism gets out of hand and significant social responsibility is demanded of the press.

The justification for the constitutional protection granted the press is that freedom of publication is essential to responsible public action in a democratic society. A respected political scientist observes, "The press is not an end to itself, but a means of securing higher values, particularly individual rights and the viability of popular government itself."

A difficult and delicate problem is for reporters and editors to maintain a detached and alert, even a suspicious, attitude in the reporting of government affairs and still to avoid a distorted view of reality. A political writer describes the function of responsible editors as seeing life steady and setting it whole. In these complicated times, reporters and editors carry an ethical burden of avoiding ideological and social bias and the quality of fairness can be an elusive one.

The ferocious demand to maintain an audience encourages catering to popular fears and prejudices, the entertaining of a group rather than the enlightening of them and the providing of villains and heroes to feed a public hunger for good drama.

A recent press target, Bert Lance, who served briefly as Director of the Federal Office of Management and Budget, recently told the American Society of Newspaper Editors that he did not feel he had been driven from office by a plot within the media but he did complain that "journalism is getting more and more like the Red Queen's progressions: First the judgment and then — maybe then — the evidence."

It is interesting to observe press handling of Gov. Carroll's use of a state plane for a family vacation in Florida and the Bahamas. Livingston Taylor, highly regarded correspondent, reports in the Courier Journal that there are indications that use of the plane to go to the Bahamas was not intended to be made public.

The Fairchild F-27 turbo-prop which can carry up to 19 people has made two trips to Florida. William Bradford, the Governor's Deputy Press Secretary, has defended the use of the plane as customary. "The use of the plane as clear that he uses the airplane as necessary to spend as much time as possible with his family," said Mr. Bradford.

Mr. Taylor's original story estimated the cost of the use of the plane as at least \$10,000 for air travel alone and Charles Lambert, Deputy Finance and Administration Secretary, said he would "not debate" the question of whether the trip would have been cheaper by using commercial flights.

"The way I look at it, with what he (the governor) puts up with, he's entitled to it (use of the plane)," Mr. Lambert said.

Political opponents level in on the governor. Kentucky Republican Chairman Lee Nunn heaps scorn on the administration for its purchase of a 10-passenger plane, calling it "an outrageous misuse of tax dollars" and State Auditor George Atkins says he also plans an audit of the use of all 13 of the state's aircraft, charging that the governor's vacation in Florida and the Bahamas has cost the taxpayers about \$50,000.

Describing the governor as an exceptionally hard-working public official, the Courier Journal editorially suggests that the best defense it can make for the trip is the vicarious pleasure Kentuckians may draw from the pomp and circumstance of the gubernatorial trip. At a minimum, the press seems to be keeping the public well informed in this area.

Court news

from Nicholas County

District Court
Traffic

Robert Lyle Sutton, Williamsburg, Ohio, speeding 72 in 50 zone, admits fine \$24 and costs \$17.50.

Joseph Claude Finney, Lexington, speeding 70 in 55 zone, prepay fine \$12.50, costs \$17.50.

Charles Edward Commodore, Mayfield, speeding 60 in 50 zone, prepay fine \$8.50, costs \$17.50.

Jack Carr Alexander, driving under influence blood guilty fine \$100, costs \$27.50.

David R. Hardwick, speeding, plead guilty, fine \$10, costs \$27.50.

Edgar Willis Daulton, speeding, plead guilty, fine \$50, costs \$27.50.

James Ronald Anderson, inlayover start from parked position, plead not guilty, found guilty, having trial before court, fine \$20 and costs \$27.50, appealing to higher court.

District Court
Miscellaneous

William Watkins, spoliation with gun in possession, nonpayment of fine, summoned, fined \$50, costs \$14.50.

John Spencer Jr., public intoxication, plead guilty, fine \$25, costs \$27.50.

James H. Greene, fishing without license, produced valid license, case dismissed.

William Earl Feeback, criminal trespass, plead guilty, fine \$15, costs \$27.50, 60 day jail sentence.

Dave Gallagher, plead by deception, failure to appear, fine \$27.50, fine \$10, warrant for Fleming Co. #7, cold check \$9.87.

Bill Ledford, maintaining a public nuisance on his property (septic tank), Probation corrected before court date.

Annual coal conference set

The annual Industrial Coal Conference will be conducted at the University of Kentucky Carlsbie Hall, University Center, 1701 Newton Park, Lexington, Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, and the first session at 9:15 a.m.

The purpose of the conference is for the exchange of information and ideas between people who deal with fuels. Speakers will be those experienced in modern conversion equipment, coal and energy conversion equipment, storage and handling of fuels, and the economics of operations.

Conference sponsors are the UK College of Engineering and University Extension in cooperation with the National Coal Association, Kentucky Coal Association, National Association of Power Engineers, Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, and the fuel divisions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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Speeding fine chart explained

(Editors note: This chart is the official state rate card used in charging speeding fines. To read the chart, look at the speed zone table across the top of the chart then find the number of miles driven above the speed zone column running lengthwise. For each mile over the limit the speeder is charged \$4. For example, 64 over a 50 zone driving 4 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. speed zone the amount of miles over the limit would be 4 and the charge would be \$4. If the fine is prepaid the cost is \$17.)

SPEEDING FINE CHART
The fine for speeding in violation of KRS 189.398 and 189.391 shall be:

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Registration for the intersession will be held May 1-3, and classes will meet from 9:15 to 11:25 a.m., Monday through Friday, from May 15 through June 9.

Applications for the packets should be made to the dean of admissions (for undergraduates) or to the dean of the graduate school.

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