Cassettes of "Whale Fire" are available for predators, food chains, and pollination. For a pers and Press also offers additional games $8 each, including postage. (Discounts avail­
26th Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

NEW DIAIRY HELPS STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR ANIMAL AWARENESS

The Amateur Naturalist's Diary by Vin­son Broun will be helpful to students who want to record their observations of ani­mals. The diary provides plenty of blank, lined pages for individual recordings and in­cludes appealing black-and-white drawings plus month-by-month suggestions on what to look for in the outdoors. Teachers may want to help younger students fill out the pages of the diary as a group project—or older students may be interested in keeping their own nature journals as an alternative science project. The Amateur Naturalist's Diary is available through the publisher for $9.95 from your local book retailer or write to Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

SNAIL TURNS FILM STAR

Created by filmmaker Roberto Carlo Chiara, Snail and Friends portrays the story of a real garden snail who survives the insect onslaught and human indifference to find a friend in a little girl. Accompanied by musical background without dialogue, this ap­pealing film encourages appreciation for snails, insects, and other small creatures. For further information, write to R. Q. Todd Enterprises, 1438 Kruger Drive, Modesto, CA 95355.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Barbara Westerfield of the Central Cali­fornia SPCA and Debbie Corban of the Animal Protection Guild in Canton, Ohio, are two humane educators who are using "Whale Fire" to "get the word out" to students in their communities. Barbara reports that a new SPCA membership was received as a result of a school's education department. With a donation of $10 (approximately $4 per student) a class can become a member of the SPCA and receive a membership certificate as well as a subscription to *Kind News*. Through these classroom memberships, Barbara and the education department are able to offer many additional free educational materials to teachers as well as animal welfare. Among the speakers who addressed nearly 200 educators were Jeanette DiLorenzo, treasurer of the UFT; John Kimmis, assistant director of the New York City Board of Education; Robert Dryfoos, Director of the City Council of New York, and Kathy Savsky, director of NAAHE. Information was presented on the impor­tance of strengthening science and animal studies. The committee is currently offering audio­cassettes of Roger Caras's *Whale Fire* to benefit humane education ac­tivities in New York. The cost is $5 per cassette. To order, or to obtain more infor­mation about humane education in New York City, contact the New York City Board of Education, P.O. Box 445, New York, N.Y. 10028.

USEFUL BOOKLETS HELP ANIMAL EDUCATORS BECOME ACHIEVERS

Are you interested in improving your humane society's ability to set and attain goals? Are you having difficulty organizing your department, maintaining a "team spirit"? The American Society of Association Ex­ecutives (ASAE) publishes three booklets that provide guidelines to help you analyze your administrative needs and improve on­ the-job effectiveness. Titles are "Getting In­olved, Achieving Goals, and Moving For­ward." The price per booklet is $1.50 (includes postage). To order, write to ASAE, 1575 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

WILDFIRE RUBBER STAMPS MAKE GOOD IMPRESSION

Currently in vogue among students, rub­ber stamps also hold an appeal for many teachers who use them to make handouts, highlight reading assignments, or promote ideas. Humane educators who are on the lookout for rubber stamps of wild animals—as well as a few domestic ones—will enjoy the Na­ture Impressions catalog of rubber stamp designs. The catalog costs $1.40 and fea­tures a selection of realistic images designed to celebrate the earth and its non­human inhabitants. Write to Nature Impressions, 1007 Lenoe Place, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
story coloring book titled Lewis and Clark's Great Adventure. Written by Glenda Schaar and illustrated by Donna A. Nauck, the story is told from the viewpoint of Scam, the dog that accompanied Lewis and Clark on their famous expedition. The twenty-four page book includes numerous full-page pictures to color and emphasizes concern for all animals, including endangered species. Lewis and Clark's Great Adventure may be used by humane educators teaching about appreciation for all animals or by classroom teachers who wish to focus on endangered species and American history.

To order a copy, send $2 to the St. Charles Humane Society, P.O. Box 9, St. Charles, MO 63302.

**Bats are among the most maligned animals—and yet are also among the most beneficial to humans and to the environment. Many species of bats are endangered—largely as a result of human interference and ignorance. To address this problem, Bat Conservation International (BCI) is offering a sound-slide program titled Saving America's Bats. The program includes forty-nine slides by Dr. Merlin Tuttle, bat expert, and a nineteen-minute cassette tape. All proceeds from the sale of the slide show support bat conservation. The program may be ordered for $55 for nonmembers of BCI (or $35 for members) from Bat Conservation International, c/o Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

**SCIENCE KITS FOCUS ON ANIMALS**

Educators of primary students who want to blend humane education with scientific animal facts will want to know more about the Come With Me Science Series. Each set in the series integrates science into other curriculum areas like reading, math, spelling, art, and language arts for very young students. The sets cover such topics as insects, Sea Animals, Birds, Mammals of the Woods, Spiders, etc. Each set includes a collection of childlike, hand-drawn animal story pictures plus stories, songs, a matching picture game, and teacher's guide. Many of the sets also include an audioscopic tape that uses music as a reinforcement for learning and remembering science facts. The cost of a complete set is $13.50, but individual parts of the sets are sold separately. The Come With Me Science Series catalog includes many other educational science materials for kindergarten through sixth grade. For a catalog, write to Come With Me Science Series, 4221 Holiday Hill Court, Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

**DOG FUND RAISER OFFERED**

The Gaines Guide to America's Dogs wall chart has been revised and is now available, announces the Gaines Dog Care Center. Full-color illustrations of 133 breeds are shown on the new 25 x 38 inch chart. The chart also contains breed data such as average height and weight, color, and origin under each illustration. Folded copies can be obtained for $1.50 each, and rolled copies suitable for framing are available for $2.50 each. Humane societies and animal welfare organizations interested in obtaining the charts in quantity for resale at fund-raising events should write for special bulk rates to the Gaines Dog Care Center, 250 North Street, White Plains, NY 10625.

**COLORING BOOKS PROMOTE INSECT AWARENESS**

Readily accessible, insects can provide youngsters with valuable subjects for observation. What's more, insects are fascinating animals—as children will soon learn when they tackle the pages of Coloring Fun With Insects. From the cicada to the walkingstick to the dragonfly, the forty-eight page coloring book illustrates forty-eight insects with one or two lines of text describing each. A coloring key is included so students can color their insects as they appear in nature. With proper guidance, Coloring Fun With Insects can help young children overcome fears by improving awareness of the insects all around them. Order for $3 per book from the Entomological Society of America, 4653 Calvert Road, College Park, MD 20740.

Do your ideas and materials belong in Happenings? If they do, send them to us. Send sample materials, information, and, when available, black-and-white photographs to Happenings, HUMANE EDUCATION, Box 362, East Haddam, CT 06423.

**Special Children, Special Teachers: Blending Humane Education with Special Education**

**An Agent for Change**

Kathie Pontikes, a doctoral candidate, is in her sixth year of teaching learning-disabled/disturbed/disordered children. Her students range in age from seven to ten years. Kathie team teaches with Ken Solomon so that students may experience a more normal class size while benefiting from lots of teacher-student interaction. Kathie sees humane education as a natural avenue for both children but especially appealing to her students at The Miriam School in Webster Groves, Missouri.

"These kids have been the underdogs all their lives. They can relate to animals who are threatened with extinction," observes Kathie. "They know what it's like to be misunderstood and devalued. The suffering of animals gives these kids a cause. For once, the children can be giving help instead of receiving it. That boosts their self-confidence and helps animals." Humane education is a natural not only for the children but for Kathie as well. A member of numerous local and national animal welfare groups, she is a presenter for a local speaker's bureau concerned with treatment of animals. Kathie explains, "At first, when I began teaching a humane lesson in my classroom every week, people thought, 'Oh, that's just Kathie. That's her personal crusade.' The other teachers didn't see themselves getting involved at all. Kathie, however, always invited other classes to join hers for special events. When a new local referee in tennis was attracted by the school's humane education program, Kathie invited him to add a humane education component to his teaching. Kathie went on to follow Kathie’s example of adding a humane education component to her teaching and is now in her sixth year of teaching learning-disabled/disturbed/disordered children. Her students range in age from seven to ten years. Kathie team teaches with Ken Solomon so that students may experience a more normal class size while benefiting from lots of teacher-student interaction. Kathie sees humane education as a natural avenue for both children but especially appealing to her students at The Miriam School in Webster Groves, Missouri.

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