



The Sea Cow

Saving Every Animal Changing our World

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Did you know?

- Bats are the truly only flying mammals.
- Bats depend on sonar to navigate.



Don't forget to enter the contest for your chance to win a mini digital camera by Global.

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Just a Thought

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

— Mahatma Gandhi



HuManatee Quilt Auction is success!

We successfully raised over \$1,600 for injured and endangered marine mammals in the HuManatee Quilt auction. Congratulations to Stacey, who had the winning bid. When asked what interested her in the quilt, she said she has always loved manatees and collect things with manatees on them. Her favorite square is the big giant manatee painted in the middle, and her second favorite is the square designed by actor, Scarlett McAlister.

Enjoy the quilt Stacey!



Shop Online?

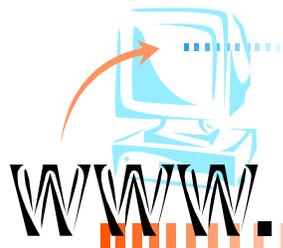
Along with GoodShop, now you can shop through Yellow Brick Mall and Kids Making A Difference will earn a percentage of your purchase.

www.yellowbrickmall.com/kmad.php

Do you like to write? Do you want to see your animal artwork in our next newsletter? All you have to do is send us your article or picture to us by mail or e-mail. All submissions will receive a complimentary gift.

CHARITY OF THE DAY!

The search engine, GoodSearch and its partner GoodShop will be featuring Kids Making A Difference as charity of the day on Tuesday, **January 12th**. Help us spread the word, tell your friends to check out both websites on January 12th.



Don't forget the next time you search or shop on the internet to go through GoodSearch and GoodShop.

Together we can make a difference!

Pet Spotlight: Oscar the Yorkie

Name: Oscar

Born: June 2009

Favorite pastime: chasing Luna, the cat

Favorite movie: Wizard of Oz (I like to pretend I am Toto)



Best Feature: My large ears

Favorite Sport: Tug of war!

Favorite Treat

K-9 Meatballs

1/2 lb ground beef

1/2 c. cooked brown rice

1 carrot (shredded)

1/2 c. frozen chopped spinach (thawed & drained)

2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley

2 tablespoons Parmigiano Reggiano cheese

1 large egg

2 teaspoons ground turmeric

Pre-heat oven to 400F. Grease a muffin pan or cookie sheet. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl. Then either fill each muffin tin 1/4 full or form balls with mixture and place on cookie sheet. Bake until thoroughly cooked, around 15 minutes. Let cool.

*From www.rachaelray.com

Note: Always check with your vet about which foods are appropriate for you to can share with your pet.

Oscar gives this recipe 4 paws up



*if you would like to spotlight your pet, please send us info and a photo about your pet to president_kmad@verizon.net. You could see your pet in the next newsletter.



A Green New Year's Resolution

A new year is a time for new resolutions. What do you hope for in this new year?

With global warming and endangered animals, going green is something to consider for the new year.

Simple tasks can make a huge difference. Instead of buying plastic water bottles, simply buy a reusable one. Not only will you save money, but it helps the environment. Packing lunch in a reusable bag with everything in reusable containers is also saves money and the environment.

Meatless Monday. If becoming vegetarian is not possible for you or

you don't think you could make the change. Try cutting meat out of your diet one day out of the week, meatless Mondays. Its good for the environment and your health.

What are your New Year's Resolutions? Let us know, email us at president_kmad@verizon.net



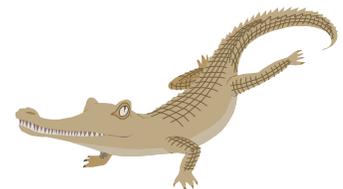
Alligator

- Their snout is "U" shaped and rounded.
- Their upper jaw is wider hiding their lower teeth.
- They are in the family alligatoridae.

Alligator vs. Crocodile

Do you know the difference?

They are both reptiles.



Crocodile

- Their snout is "V" shaped and pointed.
- Their jaws are the same width.
- They are in the family crocodylidae.

Matching Game

Draw a line to match the animals to their correct name.



Cheetah

Lion

Tiger

Don't forget to check out our website to:

- answer the latest polls
- see what K MAD is up to
- read the newsletter before it is mailed out
- Learn fun facts about animals

www.kmad.org

Brevard Zoo

By Stevi

Although the Brevard Zoo in Melbourne, Florida is small in size there is so much to do and see. They have programs that you can sign up for including feeding a Rhino and kayaking. There are two different kayak tours, one around the African part of the zoo and the other through Florida wetlands. You get to see a lot more animals on the Africa kayak tour, but both are really fun experiences that you don't get to do at most zoos. At the zoo I even got to see an otter training session, which was really cool. There are not a lot of large animals (lions, tiger, bears, etc). Of large animals they do have giraffes and rhinos, and they are getting cheetahs. My favorite part of the zoo, besides the kayak tours, was the South American section of the zoo. The monkeys were so much fun to watch. There was even a parrot that said "back to work." Overall, this is one of my favorite zoos. I would recommend it to everyone.

For more information visit www.brevardzoo.org



*if you know of a cool aquarium, send us your review and you could see it in the next issue of the SEA COW. Don't forget to send us some pictures too.

Tigers!



The tiger is one of the largest members of the cat family. There are 8 subspe-

cies of Tigers, but unfortunately 3 have become extinct since the 1950s. Tigers used to live as far west as Turkey, but now live in a much smaller area. Their habitat varies, but they tend to live in areas with dense cover, access to water, and large prey. Tigers primarily hunt at night, eating mostly deer and wild pigs, but sometimes they eat small prey including monkeys, birds, and fish. They have been known to attack young elephants and rhinos. Tigers are solitary, but not anti-social. Occasionally a male can be seen feeding with a female and cubs. Sometimes they

travel in groups.

Conservation of Tigers: The biggest threats to tigers include poaching, loss of habitat, and lack of prey due to over hunting. Today, Tigers only survive in scattered populations across Eastern Europe including Russia, China, and Sumatra, and from Vietnam to India. In most areas, tigers are protected, although they are still killed illegally for their skin and use in traditional Chinese medicine. There are various projects to monitor their population, and identify the needed conservation methods. In some areas, anti-poaching task forces have been set up. There is also an international campaign to educate the users of traditional Chinese medicines



about the role they play in the tiger's declining population.

How you can help: Organizations like the World Wildlife Fund work to protect tigers. Through the organization you can donate to "adopt" a tiger. There are also animal sanctuaries all over the United States that care for rescued tigers.

Websites to check out:

www.wwf.org

www.bigcat.org

www.savethetigerfund.org



What if Kids Making A Difference earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Kids Making A Difference as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

Important Dates:

January 12th- KMAD Charity of the Day on GoodSearch and GoodShop

Presidents Pick of the Month



DoSomething

www.dosomething.org

DoSomething is an organization dedicated to making a difference.

Mission of the Month



Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to bring your own lunch to school in a reusable bag and use reusable containers.

Here is how to send in your story for the next issue of the SEA COW.

Snail Mail: Kids Making A Difference

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or

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