



# KMAD News

May/June 2008

## Mission of the Month

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to turn off lights, televisions, etc when you leave a room so that you're not wasting electricity and in the long run helping to save our planet.

## Crisis of the White Tiger by Anh V



With a pink nose, grey-mottled skin, ice-blue eyes, and white fur, the white tiger is one of the rarest species of all animals. What really makes a white tiger? It's all because of the genetic condition that nearly eliminates pigment in normally orange fur. In order to survive in the wild, they have special adaptations such as the stripes on the body which help them to "camouflage" in the tall grass and trees, extremely strong jaws and teeth, a keen sense of smell, and sharp eyesight. There are many animals with such coloring in captivity, but almost all of them are descendants of a wild male named Mohad that was captured in India in the 1950s. Since that time, no animals with such coat were registered in the wild. Bengal and all other species of these animals are on the brink of extinction due to habitat loss, poaching, and a lack of food. These animals are able to live and hunt in remote regions, but as civilization comes closer, these animals are forced out of their habitats. In addition, as small groups become separated, which leads to inbreeding, several genetic disorders are brought up as well. There are estimated less than 3,000 Bengal tigers left in the wild nowadays and even fewer white tigers. They increasingly compete with expanding human population and industry for land and food, and many are killed by poachers who sell their skins and body parts as ingredients for traditional Chinese medicines. If these trends continue, the white tiger may evolve from being an endangered species to an extinct species. A few of the remaining ones may survive only in zoos, but others will only live in past stories and pictures, never again to roam the earth.

## Presidents Pick of the Month

### Petfinder (TV show)

This is a great show, which airs on Animal Planet, about families trying to find the perfect pet and learning proper care for their pet.

## ★ Want to win a prize! ★

Complete the Turtle Crossword puzzle and send it in to KMAD. Everyone who sends it in will receive a turtle pin and one lucky person who gets all the answers correct will win a turtle gift basket.



## Paris' Message



Keep your pets safe this summer.

Draw a picture of your favorite endangered animal.

Please send us your picture by June 20th and you could see it in the July/August newsletter.

**Show your dog you care!**  
**Homemade Dog Biscuits For A Cause**  
“All money goes to animal shelters!”  
\$5 for 7 large or 15 small  
Comes in the flavors of Peanut Butter,  
Bacon, Cheese and Original  
Made by Elli B., KMAD New  
Hampshire Representative  
For more details email her at:  
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### Eco Tip

When buying florescent light bulbs, look for two labels/markings, the energy star label and the letters “UL” in a circle.

**Are you interested in “using the legislative process to speak up for animals?”**

Then visit [www.humaneteen.org](http://www.humaneteen.org) and sign up for online Humane High School Class. It’s free, fun, and very educational for all animal advocates.



### Did you know?

- Today, there are 7 species of turtles.
- Some sea turtles can live to be up to 80 years old.



**Congratulations to Anh!** She completed the word search from the last newsletter and out of everyone who mailed them in, her name was drawn to win a \$15 gift card to Border’s.

### Question and Answer with Wendy D., a Marine Biologist at Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute.

1. What does it feel like to release a rescued dolphin back into the wild? **Incredibly rewarding. It is truly a joyful moment. You work so hard and if you are really lucky you might see a handful of animals released back into the wild. It reminds you why you really got into this field.**
2. During what season do most of the strandings occur? **In our study area bottlenose dolphin strandings occur more frequently in the summer (within the estuary), but mass strandings more typically occur in the winter.**
3. What is your favorite marine mammal? **That's a hard one. There are so many amazing species, but I am probably most invested in the bottlenose dolphin. Not very exciting, I know.**
4. What would you say to kids who want to become marine biologists? **You can do anything you put your mind to. Study hard, try to volunteer with a marine biologist to see what it will really be like. This will help you determine if being a marine biologist is really the field for you.**

### Going Green: Did You Know? by Anh V.

During Earth Day week, I went "green" by taking faster showers and turning off the air conditioning and opened the windows for fresh air. For dinner, instead of having green vegetables bought from the supermarket, my dinner comprised of green vegetables grown in my garden, such as mint and a bunch of other Vietnamese green veggies. Also, did you know that every year, 3,740,000 trees are cut down only in the US to make receipt paper? Not only does this cost our earth the beauty and carbon monoxide reducing benefits that trees provide us, but also 1,529,660,000 gallons of water, 101,860,000 gallons of oil, 129,140,000 pounds of air pollution, 673,200 cubic yards of landfill space, and 896,940 kilowatt hours of energy for the process.

**Our New Store!**

If you have not already noticed, on our website, there is a new page called "Shopping with a Cause." Finally after a lot of hard work the store is open for business. All money benefits injured, endangered, and homeless animals along with the environment. Check it out at [www.kmad.org](http://www.kmad.org)!

**President's Note:**

*Welcome New Members:*

**Remember:** If you would like to submit poems, pictures, articles, or an idea to our newsletter, write or email us at:

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Suite 500 #106  
Grapevine, TX 76051

Or

[President\\_kmad@verizon.net](mailto:President_kmad@verizon.net)

◆ Don't forget to visit our website! We have new blog which I try to update weekly, so check back regularly.

[www.kmad.org](http://www.kmad.org)

**Have friends interested in joining Kids Making A Difference?**

\*Share your newsletter with them! Then have them visit our website, fill out an application, and send it in.

**Upcoming Events:**

- May 1 Save a Rhino Day
- May 4-10 Be Kind to Animals Week
- May 16 Love a Tree Day
- May 19 Bike to Work Day
- May 23 World Turtle Day
- May 28 Whale Day
- June 5 World Environment Day

~Tell us by mail or email how you celebrated one of the above days and you could see your story in next newsletter.



**Kids Making A Difference**  
Membership Application

***Make a Difference become a Member Today!***

Join in the fun! As a member you'll receive our newsletter and learn how you can make a Difference, enter contests and so much more.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your registration to us at the address below:

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