

Do Animals Suffer When Kept Captive in Zoos?

Survey Shows That Treatment Given Them Compensates for Confinement



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NEW YORK—Another season is beginning at the zoo, but only a few of the thousands who will stand in awe before the monkey house or lions cage this summer will appreciate what amazing progress has occurred in this field of instructive recreation.

Numerous improvements have been made in housing and caring for the animals, collections have been added to, and facilities improved for the spectators.

The first zoo on record was in China as far back as 2000 B. C. It was financed and operated by the government and established as a means of acquainting the people with the wonders of the animal kingdom. Indian potentates and medieval kings frequently maintained zoos for the amusement of themselves and their royal households, but it has been only recently that municipally-operated institutions such as those in Chicago, Washington, New York, Cincinnati, Munich, London and Rome have flourished.

Excellent Care Given Them

One of the most outstanding developments in the operation of zoos has been the European plan of exhibiting the animals in the open instead of behind fences or in cages. Elephants are allowed to roam their compound without heavy chains, these being replaced several rows of spikes which ring the enclosure and prohibit the pachyderms crossing, yet allow the spectator a better view. Lions are also "turned loose," the traditional cage having been replaced by a circular moat which is at effective as bars since the king of beasts will not cross water.

Those who feel that it is cruel to keep animals in captivity fail to appreciate the excellent care given them. Comfortable quarters, the best food and constant medical attention make life much easier for them than if they were roaming their native habitats. Authorities on the subject are of the opinion that few animals resent their lack of freedom.

When it is considered that lions live from 20 to 25 years in captivity in comparison to a life span of about 10 years in the jungle, it is apparent that the struggle for survival takes the edge off their freedom.

Numerous zoos have increased their educational value by supplementing the usual identifying signs with posters which describe the animal and its habits. For the further edification of visitors, many zoos are now exhibiting the animals in quarters which are built up or painted to resemble their natural habitats.

Norris Anticipates Many New Small Forests

Asks Congress for \$2,500,000 to Help Farmers Plant Trees—Has Passed the Senate.

Washington.—Senator Norris of Nebraska believes his bill providing \$2,500,000 for federal co-operation with farmers in planting and growing of trees will result in many new small forest tracts throughout the nation.

The bill has passed the senate and Norris predicted its passage in the house. He said while some details were yet to be worked out, it was likely the government would furnish forestry trees to farms if they would sign an agreement to care for them.

Norris said his measure "is experimental to a certain degree" and "would put the individual farmer in touch with the forestry bureau."

"There are now 153 million acres in small tracts on individual farms," he continued. "Very little of this is getting attention. I think this will lead to a wonderful amount of forest education which will lead to the growing of a large number of small forest tracts."

Norris said in Nebraska, forestry men advised him 20 percent of the trees were lost last year.

"It is a lesson," said the senator. "It teaches us what kind of trees will stand the drought. The forestry service under this bill would decide the kinds. The country is forest minded now and would take pride in keeping up trees."

SOUVENIR FROM BULGARIA

Falls City, Neb.—King Boris of Bulgaria is sending Gus Phillips a souvenir which the Nebraska railroad engineer will receive thru the Bulgarian legation at Washington.

A letter from the king telling of the souvenir reached the Phillips home this week, at the same time as a picture of the royal family.

Phillips, a native of Bulgaria, met the king four years ago when he visited his birthplace. The king, chief executive of the Bulgarian railroad system, spent several hours talking railroading with the Nebraskan, and last year sent to Phillips a gift of 16 bottles of rare wine. Last January Phillips sent an electric toy train to the king as a birthday gift, and American dolls to Princess Marie Luisa, 4.

YORK PIONEER DIES

York, Neb.—Daniel Keefe, 79, native Indianan and York county resident since 1871, died at his farm home near here. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Feb. 24. Keefe had been in ill health three years. His widow, four sons and two daughters survive.

Dan Stephens Analyzes Burke Court Fight

Says That Senator Is Afraid Reactionary Justices Would Lose Their Supremacy.

Dan V. Stephens enigmatically on his demand for the resignation of Senator Burke, and his views on the supreme court of the United States, in a statement issued Wednesday. He recites the history of the court from the time it was instituted with three members, tells the struggles of Lincoln and Grant against its authority, and maintains that its only legal power is to make decisions between litigants. Any further power, such as that of passing on the constitutionality of acts of congress, he declares to have been usurped.

As to Senator Burke's opposition to Roosevelt's proposal to increase the present membership of nine by appointing six additional justices, Mr. Stephens says the only object to be attained by a larger court is to liberalize the court, which has dried up. He continues:

"But what is wrong with 15 judges? Only one thing is wrong for Burke and his crowd, and that is the fact that the president would appoint the six new judges if the old fellows refuse to quit. Why don't the old reactionary judges quit like gentlemen? The answer is the crowd Mr. Burke trails with and whose views he represents want the four reactionary representatives they have on the bench to stay there and represent them, as some of them have since they gave up their corporation salaries. These special interests would be hopeless if they lost these members of the court. It is because of these vast special interests that the court becomes such good hunting. They know the president is next to their 'racket' and will sooner or later win for the people the right to rule themselves as the constitution provides. But he can't do it any more than Lincoln could win the war, till he had a court in sympathy.

"No matter how the country votes at the elections, the tricksters know how to defeat its objectives. Chief Justice John Marshall issued a mandamus to compel Jefferson to issue some judicial commissions Marshall had failed to deliver before midnight the end of Adams' term as president. He and Adams had an elaborate court system and appointed many judges, among them Marshall himself as chief justice. It was a notorious act and the country resented it and later repealed it.

"President Jefferson threw the chief justice's writ in the wastebasket and branded his act for what it was, a rank attempt of the court to act as overlord for the president and congress.

"Up to that time no one dreamed that the court could nullify an act of congress. But old John Marshall knew his abortive attempt, which President Jefferson stopped, would soon be grabbed upon by scheming judges to take over the rule of the people in defense of the constitution, which has come to pass.

"If I were Roosevelt I would toss in the wastebasket every decision of the court nullifying acts of congress in violation of the constitution. That is what Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln did, and they were great men and knew where they were going all the time, and their spirits are still marching on. The constitutional rights of the people should be preserved."

MRS. GRAY IN NEW YORK

New York.—Among the thousands of sons and daughters who will make their annual pilgrimage on Sunday, Mother's day, will be two sons of Mrs. Carl Gray of Omaha, and their wives. But, instead of going to Omaha, they will come to New York to see "Mother Gray" receive the silver medal symbolizing her election as the "American mother of 1937."

Gray, who married the nation's model mother 50 years ago when she was only 17, arrived here Wednesday night from Washington and will remain thru Sunday. Carl Raymond Gray, Jr., their oldest son, who is president and general manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad, will arrive with his wife Sunday morning. Russell D. Gray, the second son, and Mrs. Gray will come over to Manhattan from nearby Bronxville Saturday. Dr. Howard Gray, the youngest son, whom Mrs. Gray calls "my doctor boy," is in Paris.

WALTER R. MARTIN DIES

Bellevue, Neb.—Walter R. Martin, postmaster here from 1925 to 1934, died at his home of heart disease. A World War veteran, he is survived by his widow and three daughters. One daughter, Bernice, is attending University of Nebraska.

SHAW RENAMED MAYOR

Los Angeles.—Frank L. Shaw was re-elected to his second four-year term as mayor of Los Angeles with a plurality of more than 25,000 votes over Supervisor John Anson Ford.

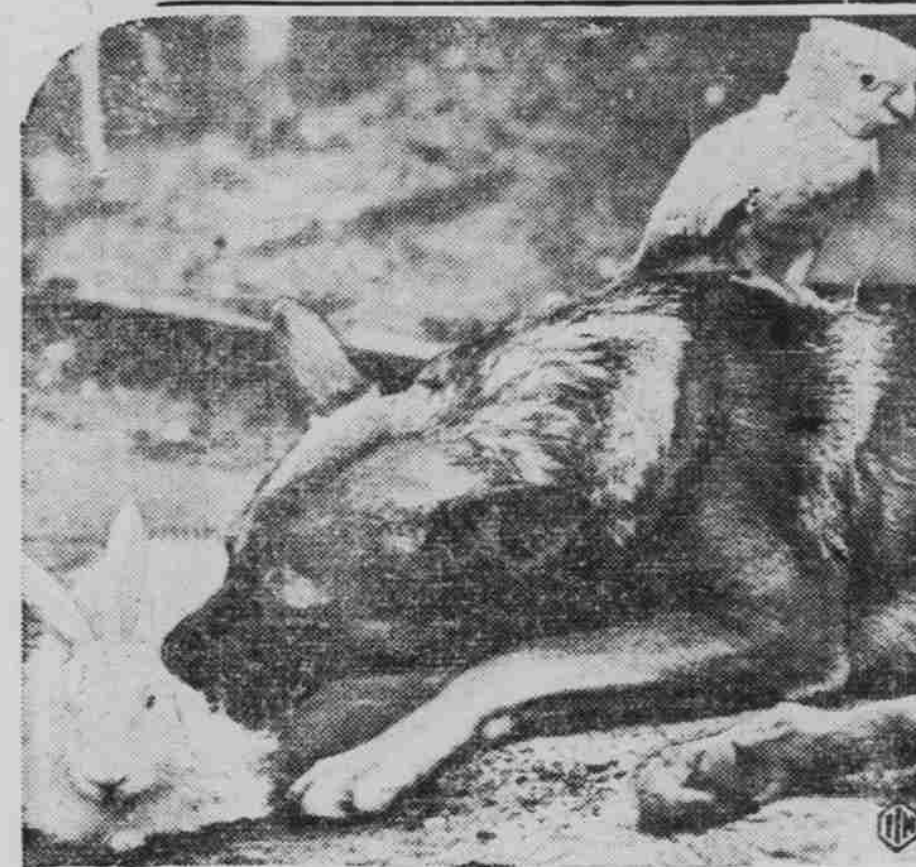
URGES CARE IN EXPANSION

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See the goods you buy. Catalog descriptions are alluring enough, but how about the goods when you get them?

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Oddly Enough, They're Friends



If this Alsatian wolfhound followed his natural instincts, he would probably make a meal of the Angora rabbit, but the two of them and the tame cockatoo, all owned by an Australian pet fancier, are close friends and have become an inseparable trio.

State Plants Trout in Lakes at Louisville

Eighteen Hundred Brook and Rainbow Trout, 8 to 22 Inches, Dumped Saturday.

Eighteen hundred Brook and Rainbow trout were dumped in the state owned lakes at the State Recreation ground here Saturday. The specimens were raised at the Gretna Hatchery and when dumped ranged in sizes from 8 to 22 inches in length. Anglers are permitted to catch them and are invited to enjoy the sport of fishing for these game fish.

April 24th, 12,000 bullheads from the Sandhill lakes near Hyannis were brought in and dumped in the local lakes. Bullheads will be brought in quite regularly during the coming months, but because trout are raised at the hatcheries another stocking will probably not take place before fall.

Sportsmen from the surrounding territory have been enjoying some fine catches of crappies during the past three weeks and many have reported very nice catches.

The fine fishing here is due in part to the excellent work of Superintendent Merritt of the Gretna Hatchery. Mr. Merritt has been in charge of the Gretna plant for several years and during this time has had much success in raising trout which have been distributed to the lakes and streams. As long as Superintendent Merritt continues to have this success, the fishermen will be assured of much sport and good fishing in the Louisville lakes.—Louisville Courier.

Will Open Season Soon

Those interested in the kitten or soft ball games are notified that on May 18 the season will be officially opened in Murdock, when there will be three rattling good games for you to witness. Keep the date in mind and come out and root for your favorite team to win.

To Repair Standpipe

Last winter when the standpipe and the tank at the top thereof froze up, making necessary the building of a fire to thaw it out and save it from serious damage, it was quite badly smoked and the paint burned off making it look badly. Ed Ganaway was washing it off and the standpipe will be repainted in a short time, thus putting it in good condition again.

New Town Board Organized

With the re-organization of the town board following the recent spring election, Otto Miller was re-named as chairman, Charles Schaefer as treasurer, Henry A. Tool as clerk and Ray Gamlin, street commissioner. Messrs Miller and Schaefer were re-elected at the late election while Ray Gamlin is a new member of the board.

Not Feeling So Well

Mrs. W. T. Weddell, who has not been in the best of health for some time past, was taken to a hospital in Lincoln for an examination and clinical checkup last Wednesday. She

Tax Structure Analyzed by Commissioner Smith

Tax Load in 1936 was 58 Percent of Total Value of All Crops—Assistance Program Perplexing

The total value of all crops grown in Nebraska in 1936 was \$133,719,000 but the total tax load borne by Nebraskans, from all sources, was \$58,059,953 or 58.15 percent of the value of the crops was the statement made by Tax Commissioner Smith before the Lincoln Real Estate board.

In an analysis of the tax structure of the state Mr. Smith emphasized as wise the provision forbidding bonded indebtedness and said that Nebraska was one of the three states, Nevada and New Hampshire being the other two, that had not resorted to so called "new forms of taxation."

The indebtedness of subdivisions of state government have dropped from \$113,000,000 in 1929 to \$79,000,000 in 1936.

He warned that the state assistance program is one of the most perplexing problems facing the state and said it will continue to be in the future. The total of \$5,937,874 paid out up to March 1, 1936 was greater than that used to maintain all state activities, the university and normal schools, the state institutions and departments, during a like period.

In an analysis of the taxes for the year 1936 Mr. Smith presented the following figures:

Total \$41,941,727.
Schools \$19,170,642, or 45.7 percent.
City and village taxes \$9,337,261, 22.3 percent.
County taxes, \$8,815,938, 21 percent.

The division of the tax dollar was as follows:

Judiciary	6.6 cents
Executive	7.2 cents
Administrative	3.6 cents
Miscellaneous	6. cents
Education	40.3 cents
Penal and charitable	36.3 cents

The average value of the Nebraska land per acre in 1936 was \$24.34, \$38.60 in 1929; \$31.30 in 1913 and \$29.60 in 1908. Assessed valuations have dropped as follows:

1921	\$3,312,737,091
1931	\$3,045,793,706
1936	\$2,060,835,168

SHORT OF CCC QUOTA

Omaha.—CCC enrollment for the seventh corps area is 5,586 below its 60,000 quota, it was announced at area headquarters. Figures released in Washington showed national enrollment 35,000 short of the 350,000 quota at the end of the last recruiting period.

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MURDOCK ITEMS

A. J. Batur visited with friends and relatives in Lincoln the greater part of last week.

Norman Schewe, who is a student at the University of Nebraska, visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schewe, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Craig and Miss Orland Pariott were in Lincoln last Monday evening, where they looked after business matters and visited friends.

George Menke, who is farming the Stroy place, has purchased a tractor and plows and will use the newer power methods in doing his farming this year.

Water has been installed in the home where Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean reside. Heretofore they have been dependant on a well, for their water supply.

Julius Reinke has been having a new roof placed on his barn at the farm north of town. The severe winds of a few weeks since caused considerable damage to the old roof, which had been on for a long time.

Mrs. Harriett Sawyer of Los Angeles, Calif., writes to her parents, H. H. Lawton and wife that she is enjoying the weather there, the climate being warm and mild and all vegetation and garden stuff well advanced.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, who conduct the cafe, were guests at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jensen, of north of Avoca Sunday and later in the day went over to Nehawka for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bohlsen of Omaha and the kiddies were guests at the home of Grandfather and Grandmother Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kupke, where notwithstanding the rain they all enjoyed a very pleasant visit for the week end.

Mrs. Fred Stock, Sr., and son Jess were over to Lincoln to see Fred, who was so seriously injured when the buzz saw cut off his thumb and mangled the remainder of the hand. Roy also took Mrs. Stock over to be there at the time of the dressing of the wound.

Rev. F. C. Weber took his son Earl to Rochester, Minn., for an examination in the Mayo clinic for an ailment hard to find and locate by home and Lincoln physicians. Earl has been failing and losing weight for several weeks and the matter became rather alarming to the parents.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our neighbors and friends who so kindly helped in dismantling the old church building. This kindness was greatly appreciated.—The H. F. Schlueter Family.

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