

one dozen golden rules...

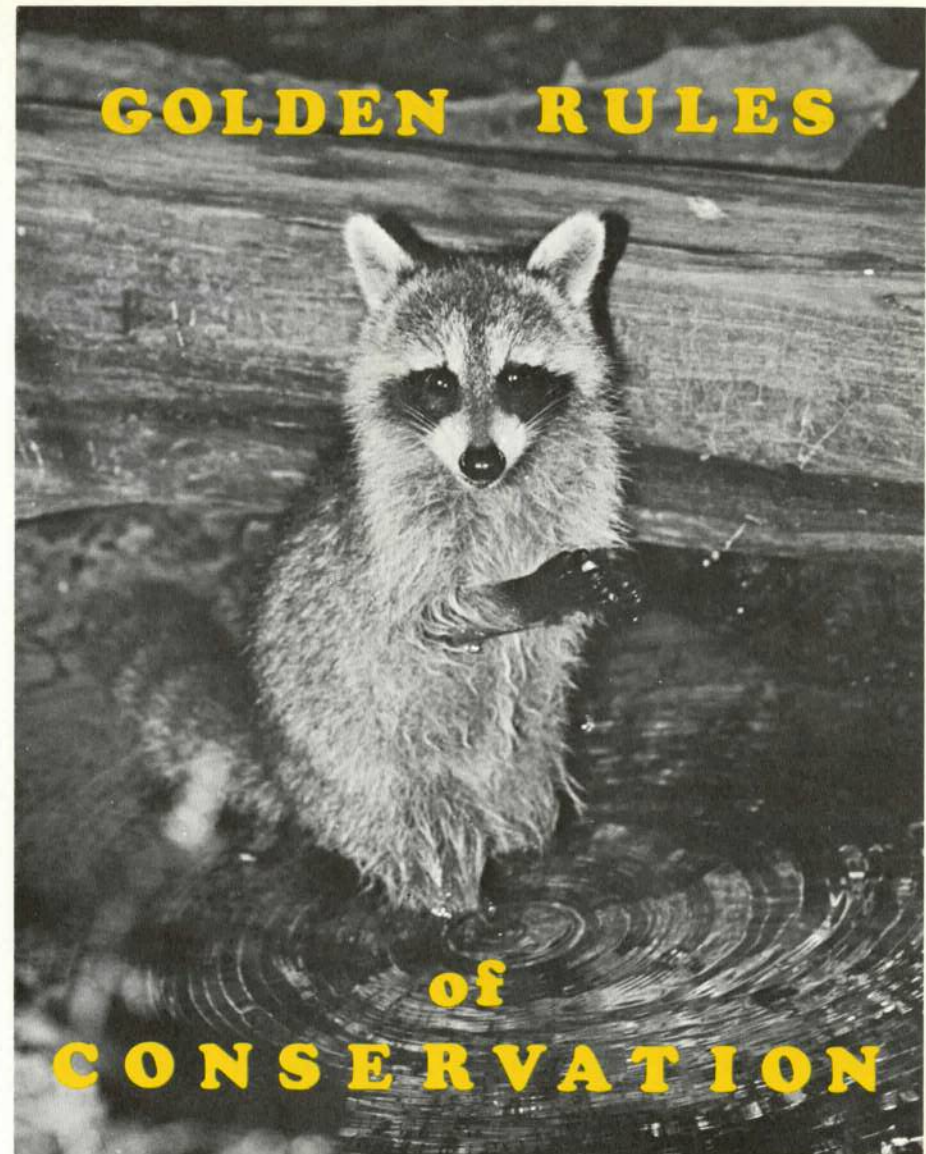


GREY SQUIRREL—photo by Alfred A. Francesconi

- Leave all wild animal babies, including birds, where they are in woods or fields. The parents are usually hiding close by or are off searching for food.
- Preserve the forest by leaving flowers on their stems, shrubs and trees standing, and by being responsible with fire.
- Learn to know snakes. Harmless species far outnumber poisonous ones, and even poisonous snakes bite only if provoked.
- Take empty cans and bottles home or leave in proper containers, thus avoiding risk of animals getting heads caught in cans or feet cut on broken glass. Remember — animals go barefoot!
- Respect and protect homes of animals — dens, nests and food supplies.
- Throw scraps of food far from highway so that animals may eat it without getting run over.
- Ask drivers to slow down in wooded sections, keeping a sharp eye out, so they may yield to animals their right-of-way.
- Get professional help when trying to rescue an injured animal.
- Keep pet dogs and cats under control so that they will not chase wild animals.
- Prevent pollution of the environment by doing without poison sprays, refusing to throw trash into streams, and speaking out to remind others.
- Insist that wildlife refuges be “places where animals are safe or protected” — not shooting galleries.
- Hunt with a camera — as YOU would like to be hunted.

“Take nothing but pictures; leave nothing but footprints.”

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RACCOON — Photo by Alfred A. Francesconi

“I will not kill or hurt any living creature needlessly, nor destroy any beautiful thing, but will strive to save and comfort all gentle life, and guard and protect all natural beauty upon the earth.”

— John Ruskin



FEMALE WOOD DUCK — photo by Alfred A. Francesconi

Conservation has come to mean many things, but one of its best meanings was expressed by John Ruskin when he vowed not to kill or hurt any living creature needlessly, or destroy any beautiful thing.

The first rule in approaching animals is to treat them with respect. They are travelers with us in our space ship, Earth, and they share with us the things that Earth provides.

The new science of Interspecies Communication teaches that the Golden Rule should be applied to our fellow animals, not only on Earth, but wherever we may find them. Man expects to meet nonhuman, intelligent beings outside Earth. He should ask not only, *What kind of beings are they?* but, *What kind of being am I?*

Though animals and man have lived together for thousands of years, we know very little about animals. We need to learn more, and to practice being good neighbors. Dr. John Cunningham Lilly, who is trying to understand the language of dolphins, says: "I would advise any being, greater or lesser than we are, not to contact us." We're not ready yet; but we can get ready.

The world around us is full of mystery and beauty, waiting to be explored — our planet Earth with its rich treasure of Life. As we explore and learn we will become men whom other animals can trust.

Practicing the Golden Rule is not always easy, but it is always right. The Golden Rules of Conservation on the next page are ways in which we can practice. As we understand animals better, we may discover new rules.

In Africa, the following sign is posted just outside one of the national parks:

"We, the wild animals of the Kruger National Park, appeal for your sympathy and friendship. You have been our bitter enemies for so long that it takes time to make us understand that a new and happier era has begun for us. Do not betray our trust in you."



GREY FOX — photo by Hope Sawyer Buyukmihci