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Animal Kingdom

I know this isn't the usual newsletter. Sorry if I disappoint any of the readers but I just want to share a few thoughts about yet another impact of man on nature and the environment.

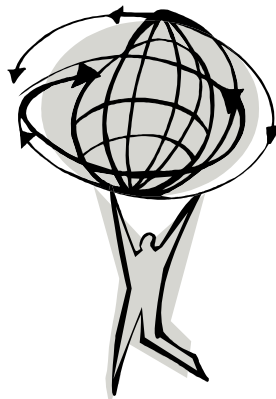
Every time I sit down to research more about nature and a way to educate audiences I am shocked by the information I read. Thinking about the value of pets and the amount of money people are willing to spend on domestic animals yet our very existence is destroying the habitat of so many more animals.

Now I'm not against domestic animals. Cows are one of my favorite animals! I respect the love for pets of all kinds. Yet I also want to rise the bar on public awareness about the animal kingdom. It may not be in our backyard where our collective efforts are felt. It may be the polar bears in the Arctic or the elephants in India.

When we think about the all the agencies trying to make a difference in saving species from extinction of saving a rainforest, are we thinking about the real impacts we

have? When we hear about the coral reef disappearing or about the golden toad's extinction are we asking why? Are we thinking about how the chemicals we apply on our bodies daily is polluting the water? How the water systems are impacting the oceans? How are the oceans impacting cetaceans? Is their food supply being eliminated by our need for fuel? Are we contaminating nature's way of cleaning the earth? Why have some organizations been around for forty plus years yet we still have the same problems if not bigger problems?

I care about this place called earth. I care about babies that are yet to be borne.



I want the beauty of a sunset to be seen for thousands of years. I want an elephants trumpet to be heard by a child in Brooklyn, New York or in Spain.

Smart Living Tips

Understanding the correlation and importance of nature in our world is critical to caring about how human activity without checks and balances is



destroying much of what we value. Tourism for instance has a economic benefit for businesses in tourist areas yet is negativity impacting nature. Just as an art exhibit may need temperature control so not to harm the work or medium used, we need control on human activity to not upset the balance of ecosystems. Too many humans in one location has adverse impacts on the ecosystem of that location.

We need to step back and think about what may be harmed by our footprint, our breath, our hygiene habits. How are we adding to the benefit and not the destruction.

How can we make a difference? How can we insure a healthy planet for the next generation. Our own health may benefit from concentrating on our own activities and use of all we touch.

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Did You Know?

Three of the seven sea turtle species are now endangered species. Sea turtles play an important part in ocean and coastal ecosystems.

They are transporters of food as well as nutrients for other sea and land animals. Coming onto land when laying eggs then the babies are part of the ocean food chain and land for birds of prey.

Seven of the thirteen whale species are endangered.

Not sure how these creatures impact our earth but rest assured they have a purpose in the existence of earth and man or they would not be here in the first

place.

This is one of five different species of elephant. This is an African elephant and the most plentiful elephant on the planet yet they too are in danger. Poachers kill to remove the great tusks to be sold on illegal ivory markets.

These beautiful animals are kind and gentle to their young. Let's hope those relegated to zoos are not the only ones left in fifty years.



We have the whole world in our hands. We can make a difference, one earth friendly act at a time.