

1. The children trained to be kind to animals grow up soft and gentle in their habits, and learn to think for themselves.

2. They realise at an early age that it is their duty not only to be kind to dumb creatures; but to protect them from harm.

3. It is only fair to the children that they should have the chance and opportunity of understanding the beauties of nature surrounding them, and of learning all the wonderful things which natural history can tell them.

4. The children, knowing the habits and needs of the animals around them, learn to know how to treat them humanely.

5. The children reaping the benefits of the knowledge and instruction given to them at their "Band of Mercy" grow up strong and wise in the ways of preventing cruelty of any sort to either humans or animals, and they have not to wait to be grown up to realise the responsibilities which, being "a child of God," brings with it towards the weak and sensitive creatures to be found in both these kingdoms of life.

6. Children, encouraged by the "Band of Mercy" to which they belong to cultivate the traits of loving kindness, tenderness, and consideration towards the helpless, the sensitive, and the weak, not only increase the happiness of animals, but also the happiness of their human friends. The children who are tender and kind, and thoughtful, are the greatest blessing; to