

At this point, every agency that has anything to do with animals is issuing new regulations, many of which are either redundant or conflicting. Furthermore, a single agency with an advisory council would be less likely to leap before it looks.

This is the most severe threat that we have faced to date, but let it be a lesson to you. No matter in what capacity you deal with animals, this is not the end. Remember the common interests of others and be prepared to act. Federal and local governments are becoming increasingly restrictive and only through unity can we prevent future threats, or at least modify them so that they are livable.

Mr. Meyers pointed out to me that one of the most powerful groups in the country is the National Rifleman's Association. They have enormous political clout. He is of the opinion that if all of the animal hobbyists of this country join together, we would have as much clout. It's pretty exciting to think that no agency of the government would ever dare to do this kind of thing again without consulting (and listening to) the hobbyists. Let's face it, not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has some kind of animal.

Our government is designed to listen to us, but it is unfortunately true that we often have to shout in its ear. So raise the flag and keep reminding them that it is a dangerous thing to "TREAD ON ME" ■

Fledgling's Corner

by Judy Jennings



EGG DECORATING

Many countries of the world decorate eggs for the sheer pleasure of creating an intricate and interesting art piece. Romanians are among the most famous egg painters.



You can do it, too! And its even more fun for a family that raises birds, as they have different kinds of eggs available.

You need only fine-tipped marking pens or watercolors and a fine brush, water (vinegar optional), and some paper towels.

1. Carefully clean the egg's surface.
2. Puncture the top and bottom with a pin. Enlarge the lower hole to about 1/4-inch, then blow through the smaller hole on top. This will force out the contents.
3. Carefully draw the outline of the design on the side of the eggshell, erasing any extra marks.
4. Add color!
5. (Optional) Spray with clear plastic to protect water-base paint from moisture in the air or on the hands.

Patience is a virtue with this project, but the finished product is well worth the time and effort. Painted eggs portray a variety of subjects. Geometric patterns lend themselves well. Many are of beautiful birds. You might do your favorite ■

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