Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu’l-Bahá

Unless ye must,
Bruise not the serpent in the dust,
How much less wound a man.
And if ye can,
No ant should ye alarm,
Much less a brother harm.

Train your children from their earliest
days to be infinitely tender and loving
to animals. If an animal be sick, let
the children try to heal it, if it be
hungry, let them feed it, if thirsty, let
them quench its thirst, if weary, let
them see that it rests.
Briefly, it is not only their fellow hu-
man beings that the beloved of God
must treat with mercy and
compassion; rather must they show
forth the utmost loving-kindness to
every living creature.

Bahá’í International Community/Office of Public Information