

## BOOKS RECEIVED

*The following notes have largely been collated from the publishers' publicity material. A Report or full Review may appear in a subsequent issue of Animal Welfare.*

### ***Complete Guide to Ferrets***

James McKay (1995). Swan Hill Press: Shrewsbury. 160pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 101 Longden Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 9EB, UK (ISBN 1 85310 433 7). Price £12.95.

Ferrets are popular as pets and working animals, although they are still largely misunderstood. This book aims to cover every aspect of ferrets and ferreting, including details of their origins. There is advice on selection of an animal, housing, handling, feeding, breeding, working, showing, racing, ailments and first aid, and genetics. Appendices include a glossary of terms and organizations to contact.

Anyone interested in ferrets will find this book packed with information.

### ***The Horse: General Management***

Julie Brega (1993). J A Allen: London. 150pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1W 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 85131 588 7). Price £7.95.

This is the first book published in a series of six under the general heading 'The Horse' which form the basis of a course offered by The Open College of Equestrian Studies founded by the author. *General Management* is concerned with the care of the horse at grass and in the stable. Included are stable construction, pasture management, nutrition, feedstuffs and rationing. One section details internal parasites and suggested methods of control, the final section deals with horse behaviour as a herd animal and in the stable.

The information is clearly presented and invaluable for anyone concerned with horses.

### ***The Horse: Physiology***

Julie Brega (1995). J A Allen: London. 208pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1W 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 85131 607 7). Price £7.95.

Newly printed, this is the second book in the series of six under the general heading 'The Horse'. *Physiology* begins with the skeletal structure, muscles, tendons and ligaments of the horse, and how the resulting conformation of the animal can affect its performance. Other chapters are entitled by the various body systems: nervous and sensory, circulatory, respiratory and urinary. Each of these include the cause, treatment and prevention of disorders which can occur in that the system. The concluding chapter lists causes of physiological malfunction, drugs used in treatments and notifiable diseases.

Neatly packaged horse physiology for the student and the horse owner.

### ***Wild Otters: Predation and Populations***

Hans Kruuk (1995). Oxford Science Publications: Oxford. 290pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK (ISBN 0 19 854070 1). Price £30.

A study of the populations and behaviour of the otter, *Lutra lutra*, in the wilds of Scotland. This book includes valuable scientific information on spatial organization, social behaviour, diet, fishing behaviour, thermo-insulation, population dynamics; and the inevitable chapter concerning otters and man, and means of conservation.

Suitable for the scientist and the wildlife enthusiast.

***The Monkey Wars***

Deborah Blum (1994). Oxford University Press: Oxford. 306pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK (ISBN 0 19 509412 3). Price £18.50

This book tackles the controversy surrounding the use of primates in research, from both sides of the fence. However, Deborah Blum also gives voice to those scientists and activists who are willing to work within the middle ground; the only way forward for animal welfare. For anyone concerned about animal welfare in research.

***Laboratory Animals: An Introduction for Experimenters, 2nd edition***

Edited by A A Tuffery (1995). John Wiley & Sons Ltd: Chichester. 392pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Baffins Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UD, UK (ISBN 0 471 95257 5). Price £39.95.

This new edition details all the major practices that are essential for scientific research using laboratory animals, within the current legislation. The key issues such as handling, feeding, housing, dosing, anaesthesia and surgery have been updated. This second edition also incorporates the contemporary topics of experimental design, ethical issues, animal welfare and alternatives to the use of animals. A reference guide for experimenters.

***The Horse Shoeing Book: A Pictorial Guide for Horse Owners and Students***

Martin Humphreys (1995). J A Allen: London. 113pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1 Lower Grosvenor Place, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 85131 617 4). Price £14.95.

A comprehensive book by an author qualified both as a veterinary surgeon and a farrier. Starting from the basic principles of the hoof and the foot, and horse shoeing, this book leads on to surgical shoes, hoof and foot care, and the necessity of shoes and specific types of shoe for showjumping, eventing, driving, showing and racing. The final chapter covers dealing with your farrier.

A book for any horse owner.

***Saved from the Sea: Tales from Sea Life Centres***

Mark Oakley (1995). Whittet Books Ltd: London. 96pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 18 Anley Road, London W14 0BY, UK (ISBN 1 873580 19 3). Price £5.99.

A collection of stories of sea creatures rescued by Sea Life Centres around Britain. The creatures range from dolphins and turtles, to sunfish and barnacles. The stories include the rescue, treatment and recuperation of the animals, and in some cases their return to the wild.

***Whose Eden? An Overview of Community Approaches to Wildlife Management***

Produced and published by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED): London (1994). 124pp. Paperback. Obtainable from IIED, 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD, UK (ISBN 0 905347 74 9). Price £14.95.

This report advocates and outlines the principles for the participation of local communities in the conservation of wildlife. Problems with the current situation are discussed, leading to recommendations for the inclusion of local people by three alternative means: passive participation, active participation and community-led approaches.