

## BOOKS RECEIVED

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### ***Endangered Species***

Edited by Craig Donnellan (1995). Independence: Cambridge. 40pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, PO Box 295, Cambridge CB1 3XP, UK (ISBN 1 872995 52 7). Price £5.95.

This is volume 1 in the series 'Issues For The Nineties' which addresses contemporary social issues. *Endangered Species* is a collection of articles from government reports, newspaper and magazine articles and literature from lobby and charity groups, examining the decline of animals and plants, and possible solutions to the problems. The editor encourages critical evaluation of the information and search for further information. Intended for educators and students.

### ***Touching Horses: Communication, Health and Healing Through Shiatsu***

Marion Kaselle and Pamela Hannay (1995). J A Allen: London. 192pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1 Lower Grosvenor Place, London SW1W 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 85131 579 8). Price £19.95.

Shiatsu is a system of healing and health maintenance by touch. The authors explain how and where to use finger pressure on the horse to stimulate the body's natural healing ability. Benefits include: early recognition and treatment of problems; stimulation of the nervous, circulatory and immune systems; and an improved level of relaxation and communication between patient and practitioner.

For anyone dealing with horses.

### ***Wildlife Mammals as Research Models: In the Laboratory and Field***

Edited by Kathryn A L Bayne and Michael D Kreger (1995). Scientists Center for Animal Welfare (SCAW): Greenbelt. 60pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 7833 Walker Drive, Suite 340, Greenbelt, MD 20770, USA. Price US\$20.

This is the proceedings of a half-day seminar held at the annual American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) conference in San Francisco. Papers include management of non-human primates and other species in the laboratory, studying reproduction in wildlife, methodological and ethical considerations of manipulating animals, ethics of keeping marine mammals in captivity, and the use of positive reinforcement techniques to enhance care and research.

### ***Mammal Detective***

Rob Strachan (1995). Whittet Books Ltd: London. 128pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 18 Anley Road, London W14 0BY, UK (ISBN 1 873580 20 7). Price £7.99.

A guide to detecting the presence of British wild mammals by their field signs: tracks, hair tufts, droppings, feeding remains, snuffle holes, eyeshine and frequencies of bat echolocation. Also included are trapping surveys of small mammal populations and radio tracking.

***The Development of Brain and Behaviour in the Chicken***

Lesley J Rogers (1995). CAB International: Wallingford. 273pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8DE, UK (ISBN 0 85198 9241). Price £45.

A review of research on the development of the brain and behaviour in the chick. Comparisons are made to other avian species and also to mammalian species. The cognitive abilities of birds are discussed and related to animal welfare implications.

This book will interest workers in animal neurophysiology and behaviour, experimental psychologists and poultry scientists.

***Equus caballus: On Horses and Handling***

Jan May (1995). J A Allen & Co Ltd: London. 122pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 1 Lower Grosvenor Place, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 85131 616 6). Price £15.95.

The author presents a new approach to the technique and problems of handling young horses and re-educating older ones, without the use of fear or aggression. Humans need to think like a horse to understand when a horse feels secure. Central to the method is the use of the 'war bridle'. For all horse-handlers.

***Animal Welfare: A Cool Eye Towards Eden***

John Webster (1995). Blackwell Science Ltd: Oxford. 273pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0EL, UK (ISBN 0 632 03928 0). Price £17.99.

This book aims to clarify the human role in caring for animals. Welfare can be assessed on scientific grounds by understanding the needs of animals. Welfare can be improved by further research, education and legislation. Anyone wishing to improve the quality of life for animals will find this book inspiring.

***Elephant: The Animal and Its Ivory in African Culture***

Edited by Doran H Ross (1995). University of California Press: Berkeley, USA. 415pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720, USA (ISBN 0 930741 26 9). Price US\$49.

A beautiful book for the coffee table, examining elephants and their place in African culture throughout history. The book is packed with beautiful photographs of elephants in their natural environment, of ivory art and elephant symbolism. The final chapter deals with the future of elephants.

***Issues in Agricultural Bioethics***

Edited by T B Mepham, G A Tucker and J Wiseman (1995). Nottingham University Press: Nottingham. 413pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Manor Farm, Main Street, Thrumpton, Nottingham NG11 0AX, UK (ISBN 1 897676 514). Price £70 plus £2.50 postage.

This volume is the proceedings of an international conference held in September 1993. It covers a range of ethical issues concerned with agriculture, food and the environment, via a variety of disciplines: ranging from philosophy to economics; animal, plant, environmental and food sciences to farming and industry. The target audience is anyone concerned that new agricultural and food biotechnologies are used appropriately and sustainably.