

## BOOKS AND VIDEOS RECEIVED

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### ***Penguins***

John A Love (1994). Whittet Books Ltd: London. 128pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 18 Anley Road, London W14 0BY, UK (ISBN 1 873580 16 9) Price £7.99.

This book is informative while easy to read. It covers many different aspects of the world's 16 species of penguins, including the interactions of penguins and man over the centuries, distribution, behaviour, ecology and some interesting points of physiology and anatomy. The information refers to historic accounts and scientific studies, all written in an easy style. The text is interspersed with excellent illustrations of different species of penguins in a variety of behavioural postures. This book will be of interest to the naturalist and scientist alike.

### ***Stray Dog Control***

Stray Dog Control (1994). World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA): London. Practical guide 49pp and video 35 minutes. Obtainable from WSPA, 2 Langley Street, London SW8 1TJ, UK. Guide £4.50 plus £2 postage overseas and colour VHS video £12.50 plus £2 postage overseas.

This material is a supplement to the 'Guidelines for Dog Population Management' (1990), a joint publication by WHO and WSPA. Stray Dog Control provides background information into the causes and effects of the stray dog problem and gives practical information on how to establish humane control programmes. Advice ranges from suggested legislation to tips on dog catching and kennelling plans. The guide and the video are intended for governments, local authorities and animal protection professionals.

### ***Care of the Wild, Feathered and Furred***

Mae Hickman and Maxine Guy (1994). Robson Books Ltd: London. 137pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, Bolsover House, 5-6 Clipstone Street, London W1P 7EB, UK (ISBN 0 86051 898 1) Price £7.99.

This is the UK version of a book originally printed in the United States (1973; 1994). It is a practical and informative guide to help humans help wildlife recover from injury or disease and return to the wild. Although based on American fauna, with an emphasis on birds, the time-proven ideas and treatments are universal. From diets to treatment for oil spills this book includes a variety of problems that may be encountered. It will be of interest to anyone concerned about wildlife.

### ***Management and Diseases of Deer. A Handbook for the Veterinary Surgeon, 2nd edition***

Edited by T L Alexander and D Buxton (1994). Macdonald Lindsay Pindar: Loanhead, Midlothian. 255pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the Veterinary Deer Society, British Veterinary Association, 7 Mansfield Street, London W1M 0AT, UK (ISBN 0 9510826 1 2) Price £18.50 (UK), £22.50 (overseas).

This is an essential reference source for all veterinarians involved with deer and for those concerned with deer management. The first edition proved very popular, and this second edition as well as providing more up-to-date information, includes the management of wild

populations. The book is divided into four parts: deer farming; management; diseases, which are subdivided by the various body systems and also include trace element deficiencies and poisons; and appendices, which provide more detailed information. The majority of contributors work in Great Britain but information is included from New Zealand, Australian and Kenyan authors.

*Wildlife Welfare (Mammals)*

Marian Small (1994). Illustrations by Lynne Mustard. Intervet UK Ltd: Cambridge. 40pp. Paperback. Obtainable free from the publishers, Marketing Department, Unit 26, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 4FP, UK. Limited availability.

This is a quick reference guide for British wild mammals. The book is indexed by the type of mammal, and each section includes; a description of the species, breeding and other points of behaviour, method(s) of capture, food preferences, accommodation, basic first aid, release back into the wild and references where more detailed information may be found. The amount of first-aid information varies depending on the animal concerned. Temperature and weight charts are also included. This guide is suitable for anyone concerned with wild mammal rehabilitation.

*Dolphins*

Peter Evans (1994). Whittet Books Ltd: London. 128pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, 18 Anley Road, London W14 0BY, UK (ISBN 1 873580 13 4) Price £7.99.

This is the companion volume to 'whales', and includes the true dolphins and all other small cetaceans such as porpoises, pilot whales and killer whales. It is a very readable summary on the variety, distribution and design of these Odontocetes with information on communication, sociability, feeding and their life history, including the mysteries of strandings. Chapters on 'dolphins and man' and 'dolphin future' comprehensively report legends surrounding dolphins, interactions with humans and current scientific research. This book will be popular with anyone interested in dolphins.

*The Vegetarian Choice*

Edited by Craig Donnellan (1994). Independence: Cambridge. 40pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, PO Box 295, Cambridge CB1 3XP, UK (ISBN 1 872995 40 3) Price £5.95.

The 'Vegetarian Choice' is volume 19 in a series called 'Issues For The Nineties' which addresses contemporary social issues. This volume is a collection of articles written by a variety of groups or individuals expressing their view on the vegetarian question. Contributors include the 'Meat and Livestock Commission', 'The Vegetarian Society' and also authors with more neutral views. The publishers introduce these articles with a note encouraging the reader to critically evaluate the information. The volume is completed with a list of organizations to contact for further information. This book is intended for educators and students interested in this current debate.