

## BOOKS AND VIDEOS RECEIVED

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### ***Reptile Keeper's Handbook***

Susan M Barnard (1996). Krieger Publishing Company: Malabar. 252pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, PO Box 9542, Melbourne, FL 32902-9542, USA; or for Europe and the Middle East, Plymbridge Distributors Ltd, Plymbridge House, Estover Road, Plymouth PL6 7PZ, UK (ISBN 0 89464 933 7). Price £53.50 plus postage.

This is a comprehensive practical guide to reptile keeping. There are brief notes on nomenclature, taxonomy, anatomy and physiology. Other chapters include: selecting, handling, transporting, housing, feeding and nutritional disorders, hygiene, health, medical and necropsy considerations, reproduction and egg incubation.

The Appendices consist of some 100 pages and include valuable information on the climates, habits, habitats and food preferences of all reptilian genera; maintenance of selected insect colonies (for food), composition of various foods, harmful plants, therapeutics and products available. For all reptile enthusiasts, amateur or professional.

### ***Managing Vertebrate Pests: Feral Goats***

John Parkes, Robert Henzell and Greg Pickles (1996). Bureau of Resource Sciences and Australian Nature Conservation Agency. Australian Government Publishing Service: Canberra. 129pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, GPO Box 84, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia (ISBN 0 644 35846 7). Price AUS\$24.95.

A comprehensive review of feral goats in Australia, including their history, distribution, biology, impact and use. Community attitudes to management are examined, and past and current management practices discussed. The authors set out strategies for control and point out deficiencies in knowledge and practice. Essential reading for policymakers, farmers and conservation reserve managers.

### ***Agricide: The Hidden Farm and Food Crisis That Affects Us All, 2nd Edition***

Michael W Fox (1996). Krieger Publishing Company: Malabar. 252pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Krieger Drive, Malabar, Florida 32950, USA (ISBN 0 89464 945 0). Price £29.50.

The author considers the negative consequences of large-scale agriculture in America both in terms of ecological damage and animal suffering. There are two new chapters in this edition, chapter 8 looks at the global situation and chapter 9 discusses the ramifications of genetic engineering. An epilogue considers 'Strategies for Change'.

### ***Agriculture and the Citizen***

Colin R W Spedding (1996). Chapman & Hall: London. 282pp. Paperback. Obtainable from UFAW; and from the publishers, 2-6 Boundary Row, London SE1 8HN, UK (ISBN 0 412 71520 1). Price £24.99.

The purpose of this book is to help people understand how agriculture operates, and the impact of agriculture on animal welfare, food safety and the environment. Seventeen chapters in all, the final chapter is devoted to 'The Future'. For students and teachers of the agricultural and environmental sciences, research scientists, policy makers and for those concerned with such issues.

***Keeping Ducks: Beautiful, Comical Things***

Tom Bartlett (1996). Farming Press Videos: Ipswich. Colour VHS/PAL, 48 minutes. Obtainable from the publishers, Miller Freeman Professional Ltd, 2 Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK. Distributed in North America by Diamond Farm Enterprises, Box 537, Alexandria Bay, New York 13607, USA (ISBN 0 85236 310 9). Price £14.95 plus postage.

A beginner's guide to duck keeping. Tom Bartlett, who owns and runs Europe's largest collection of domestic waterfowl, explains his own methods of feeding, housing and breeding ducks on the farm, and showing ducks. He talks about the various breeds and also about selecting the right pond.

***An Introduction to Keeping Sheep, 2nd edition***

Jane Upton and Dennis Soden (1996). Farming Press Books: Ipswich. 115pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK (ISBN 0 85236 332 X). Price £14.95.

The contents include buying, housing and handling sheep, care of the breeding flock, keeping records, common diseases, showing, and grassland management. This second edition incorporates more information on the many breeds found in the United Kingdom, and also covers recent legislation concerning the transport of sheep.

***The Exploitation of Mammal Populations***

Victoria J Taylor and Nigel Dunstone (1996). Chapman & Hall: London. 415pp. Hardback. Obtainable from UFAW; or from the publishers, 2-6 Boundary Row, London SE1 8HN, UK (ISBN 0 412 64420 7). Price £39.50 plus postage. A special price is available from UFAW for UFAW members.

A selection of peer-reviewed and edited papers based, in part, on a joint symposium organized by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) and the Mammal Society. The papers are presentations of various case studies and overviews of the exploitation of mammals for commercial gain, subsistence, conservation and control. The authors tackle the concept and practice of sustainable use and the welfare considerations for the animals concerned.

A valuable addition to the debate which will be of interest to biologists, wildlife managers, policy makers and campaigners.