

BOOKS RECEIVED

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Puffin at The Cabin

J N P Watson (1994). The Book Guild Ltd: Lewes. 160pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Temple House, 25 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2LU, UK (ISBN 0 86332 937 3) Price £10.95.

This is the sequel to the author's *Gannet, The Story of a Terrier* (1990). *Puffin at The Cabin* charts the life of Gannet's son, Puffin, a Jack Russell terrier. The story is set in rural surrounds and narrated from a dog's perspective, dealing with many issues relating to animal welfare and conservation. Watson was on the editorial staff of *Country Life* for nine years: his latest book will appeal to all interested in the countryside, conservation, and the canine world.

Hedgehogs

Nigel Reeve (1994). T & A D Poyser Ltd: London. 313pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Foots Cray High Street, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5HP, UK (ISBN 0 85661 081 X) Price £20.

Reeve covers the natural history of the world's 14 or so species of hedgehog in depth. He reviews the international literature to detail areas of the animals' biology ranging from their defensive adaptations to their feeding, breeding and hibernation. Chapters include 'Home range and territoriality'; 'Nest construction and use'; 'Hibernation and energetics', and 'Demography, disease and death'. The book contains many figures and colour plates, and will be of interest to wildlife enthusiasts and non-specialist academics alike.

Why Animal Experiments Must Stop: And How you can Help Stop Them

Vernon Coleman (1991; reprinted 1994). European Medical Journal: Lynmouth. 107pp. Paperback. Obtainable from EMJ Sales, 234 Summergangs Road, Hull HU8 8LL, UK (ISBN 0 9521492 1 4) Price £6.95 post-free.

The author condemns vivisection as worthless, inaccurate, wasteful, uninformative and dangerously misleading. He describes the alternatives to animal experiments and offers a plan for readers to help ensure that vivisection is stopped.

The European Rabbit: The History and Biology of a Successful Colonizer

Edited by Harry V Thompson and Carolyn King (1994). Oxford University Press: New York. 245pp. Hardback. Obtainable from OUP distribution services, Saxon Way West, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN18 9ES, UK (ISBN 0 19 857611 0) Price £65.

This publication reviews extensively the biology of the rabbit as a successful invader and colonizer, summarizing many long-term scientific studies and the history of efforts to control it in Britain, continental Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The origins, evolution and taxonomy of *Oryctolagus cuniculus* are given, together with details of its natural and assisted spread. Rabbit reproduction, population dynamics and control operations are described, and the publication ends with a comprehensive review of myxomatosis.

Farm Livestock, 3rd edition

Graham Boatfield (1994). Farming Press: Ipswich. 144pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK; distributed in North America by Diamond Farm Enterprises, Box 537, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, USA (ISBN 0 85236 274 9) Price £8.50; US\$18.95.

Farm Livestock provides a concise and readable outline to the breeding, feeding, health and management of pigs, sheep and cattle as found on British farms today. Subjects covered include routine care and housing, animal health and disease and the production of meat. Colour photographs of several common breeds are included. The final chapter is devoted to the underrated skill of stockmanship.

This book provides a working basis for general and specialist livestock courses at introductory levels, and will also be of use to the general reader wishing to learn about modern farm practice.

Showing Dairy Cattle

Bill Telfer (1994). Farming Press: Ipswich. 72pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG, UK; distributed in North America by Diamond Farm Enterprises, Box 537, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, USA (ISBN 0 85236 272 2) Price £12.95; US\$29.95.

This is a practical, straightforward guide to rearing, preparing and showing dairy cattle, aimed at the newcomer to the ring. Illustrations cover all major breeds shown in the UK. Among the areas highlighted are housing and feeding for condition; training calves; pre-show preparation and timing, and clipping and grooming.