

BOOKS RECEIVED

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Animals in Education: The Facts, Issues and Implications

Lisa Ann Hepner (1994). Richmond Publishers: Albuquerque. 311pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, PO Box 91683, Albuquerque, NM 87199-1683, USA (ISBN 0 9639418 0 1). Price US\$12.95 plus US\$2.75 postage.

This book is the result of the author's personal struggle to implement alternatives to animal dissection in education. She deals with the issues associated with dissection including the supply of animals, humane and environmental concerns, student opinion polls, attitudes of authority and the alternatives. One of the three parts of the book is dedicated to the implications of being forced to dissect and how student(s) may themselves instigate alternatives.

This book is for any individual concerned about animal dissection.

Animals and Human Society: Changing Perspectives

Edited by Aubrey Manning and James Serpell (1994). Routledge: London and New York. 199pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, UK (ISBN 0 415 09155 1). Price £35.00.

Various authors have come together to describe and understand the interaction of man and non-human animals both across time and across cultures. In their analysis of the diversity of attitudes they hoped to reach a sensible, yet sensitive approach to animals in the modern world. This book is for anyone interested in the history and current trends of man's interactions with animals.

Everything You Should Know About Elephants

Produced and published by the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS): Galt, USA (1993). 32pp. Paperback. Obtainable from PAWS, PO Box 849, Galt, CA 95632, USA. Price US\$3.50 plus US\$2.50 postage.

The introduction establishes the behaviour of elephants in the wild. The booklet then addresses the problems associated with elephants in captivity, particularly the school of thought that considers discipline and chaining the only means of controlling elephants. This idea results in cruelty, stereotypic behaviour, and even aggression by the animals. The authors recommend alternatives and cite examples for methods of handling and care of the elephants. The reader is given suggestions as to what they can do to encourage better treatment of elephants in captivity. There is a reference list.

People concerned about the welfare of captive animals and especially elephants, should find this booklet very informative.

Towards a Philosophy of Veterinary Medicine

Derek D Pout (1995). 45pp. Paperback. Published by the author.

This booklet is a personal attempt, by a veterinarian long experienced in both veterinary research and general veterinary practice, to explain the complex social, philosophical and ethical forces which are currently challenging and changing the profession of veterinary medicine.

Animals in Peril: How 'Sustainable Use' is Wiping Out the World's Wildlife

John A Hoyt (1994). The Humane Society of the United States. Avery Publishing Group: New York. 257pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the Humane Society of the United States, Attention Janet D Frake, 2100 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20037, USA (ISBN 0 89529 648 9). Price including airmail: one copy US\$17.25, two copies US\$22.25.

This book dismisses the feasibility of sustainable use, citing the cases of parrots as pets, whaling, fisheries and sport hunting. More than one third of the book is dedicated to 'The fight to save the elephants', as a major example of the failure of sustainable use. The book concludes with Ecotourism and appreciation of animals for their own sake, rather than in economic terms.

Health and Welfare of Captive Reptiles

Edited by Clifford Warwick, Frederic L Frye and James B Murphy (1995). Chapman & Hall: London. 299pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, 2-6 Boundary Row, London SE1 8HN, UK (ISBN 0 412 55080 6). Price £45.

This book is a product of relatively recent, vast improvements in practical methods of reptile care paralleled with increasing knowledge of reptilian biology. It aims to establish the importance of reptile welfare issues and to tackle the complexity of factors involved. Topics include physiology, anatomy, physical and psychological stress, diet, behaviour, veterinary issues and the value of informed design in husbandry and research. This book is intended for anyone involved in the care and/or study of reptiles, or in animal welfare issues in general.

Marmosets and Tamarins: Systematics, Behaviour and Ecology

Edited by Anthony B Rylands (1993). Oxford University Press: Oxford, New York and Tokyo. 396pp. Hardback. Obtainable from the publishers, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK (ISBN 0 19 854022 1). Price £55.

This comprehensive book is divided into three sections: systematics, behaviour and reproduction, and ecology. Based on a symposium entitled 'Adaptive Unity in the Callitrichidae: a Systematic Comparison of Species Differences in the Family', it is a collection of current research by international authors. The underlying theme to the book is a comparative approach to determine the extent of variations within species and genera, which is essential to understand the adaptive functions of behaviour and ecology in marmosets and tamarins. Such information could be invaluable for management strategies both of wild and captive animals, particularly where wild populations are endangered.