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Letter from the President

My first important duty is to thank the outgoing President, Lynette Hart, for all her efforts on behalf of the organization during the last four years. Lynette has done a tremendous job of shepherding the Society through some difficult times, and I am personally grateful to her for leaving me with a much easier task as a result.

Special thanks are also due to the Society's Secretary, Penny Bernstein, for organizing and hosting this year's outstanding scientific meeting in Canton, Ohio. I managed to get lost on my way there from Philadelphia, but fortunately most people didn't and the turnout was excellent.

The new Membership Secretary, Garry Marvin, and new Treasurer, Steve Wickens, also deserve appreciation for sorting out various intractable membership and financial issues in the last couple of years, and Anthony Podberscek continues to do sterling work as Editor of the Society's journal, *Anthrozoös*. Sadly, Jo Swabe has decided to stand down after nearly five years as Newsletter Editor, but I'm happy to report that Kathy Gerbasi, who joined the Council this year, has kindly agreed to accept this important position. Thanks to both of them. I also want to welcome Marie Suthers-McCabe, our other new Council recruit.

Regarding the future, several important new developments are on the horizon. Tom Bacher, Director of Purdue University Press, attended the Council Meeting in Canton with a variety of ideas and suggestions, including plans to streamline production and distribution of the journal, and a proposal to take over the management of the Society's mem-

bership list and subscription renewals. A lot of constructive discussion resulted, and Council agreed, at least in principle, to the idea of the Press handling these tasks. More discussion and debate will need to take place before a final decision is made on this, but we hope that out of it will emerge a more reliable system for incorporating new members, and ensuring that all members receive their dues in an efficient and timely manner.

I am delighted to report that next year's meeting of the Society will take place in Glasgow, Scotland, on October 6 in conjunction with the 2004 IAHAIO Conference ("*People and Animals: A Timeless Relationship*"), and will be organized by Debbie Goodwin (University of Southampton) and Steve Wickens (Universities' Federation for Animal Welfare). Although this will be only a one-day meeting, there will be plenty in the main conference program (Oct 6-9) to interest ISAZ members, as well as abundant opportunities to present new studies and research findings.

I am also excited to announce that Katherine C. Grier will be organizing our next stand-alone meeting in late August 2005 at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. This meeting will be timed to coincide with the opening of a major new exhibition entitled "*Pets in America*" at USC's McKissick Museum featuring an extraordinary array of objects, images and artifacts documenting America's lengthy infatuation with companion animals. It would be difficult to think of a more appropriate context and setting for an ISAZ conference, so plan on being there!

James Serpell

The ISAZ Newsletter is currently published (electronically) twice a year, usually in April and November. The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is 15th March 2004.

All copy and announcements should be sent in electronic format to the new editor Kathy Gerbasi at:

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Official ISAZ Business

During the recent ISAZ elections, the following individuals were elected by acclamation as a slate, since none was running opposed.

President: James Serpell

Secretary: Penny Bernstein

Treasurer: Steve Wickens

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Journal Editor: Anthony Podberscek

Newletter Editor: Jo Swabe

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Stine Christiansen

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ISAZ/IAHAIO Distinguished Scholar Award

AWARD CRITERIA

The prize, in the amount of \$2,000, will be awarded to an individual scholar in recognition of a corpus of published work (books, journal articles, and/or book chapters) that is judged to have made a particularly significant or scholarly contribution to our understanding of human-animal interactions and relationships.

Eligible work(s) will have been published during the years between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2003 inclusive. Material published, or due to be published, outside of this time period will be considered ineligible. **Deadline for submissions of nominations is March 1, 2004.**

Submission materials should be sent to: Ms. Donna Pease, HSUS, 700 Professional Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, USA

Nominations for the award **MUST** include the following:

1. A formal letter of nomination by a person (other than the nominee) or organization familiar with the candidate's work describing the value and importance of the publication(s) being submitted in support of the nomination. **The letter must also include a clear statement confirming the candidate's willingness to be nominated for the Award.**
2. Legible copies of all articles or book chapters submitted in support of the nomination. In case of a book, only the title page (front and back), table of contents, and dust-jacket synopsis should be submitted initially (short listed candidates may be asked to provide complete copies of books at a later stage, if necessary). Additional materials, such as published reviews of a book, may also be submitted in support of nominations.
3. A copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae.

Anthrozoological Visions

An Interview with

ANTHONY PODBERSCEK

Jo Swabe

This edition of Anthrozoological Visions features an interview with Anthony Podberscek, our very own editor of Anthrozoös.

Anthony Podberscek is someone who will be familiar to virtually all ISAZ members. If you have not met him at the annual meetings, you will probably have come across his work on animal behaviour in journals and would most definitely seen his name as the editor-in-chief of *Anthrozoös*. I too have come to know him well throughout my years with ISAZ, not just as a colleague but also as a friend. ISAZ (council) meetings in foreign climes have always led to our embarking on entertaining escapades together, such as the quest to find the final resting place of his favourite film star Montgomery Clift in a Brooklyn park, a visit to San Francisco's Castro and a trip on a giant Ferris wheel. During our last outing together while both in London for a conference, I took the opportunity to interview him for the newsletter so that you too may also get to know our seemingly unassuming, but truly multi-faceted journal editor a little better.

I started by finding out a little more about his background and how he got to where he is today. Although Anthony Podberscek has been based in Cambridge, UK for the past eleven years or so, he was actually born in the tropical north of Australia's Queensland in 1963. Indeed, this son of Slovenian émigrés grew up in sultry Cairns (which is some 1200 miles from Brisbane). After completing his schooling, he moved to Brisbane to study veterinary science at the University of Queensland.

When asked why he chose veterinary science in the first place, Podberscek's eyes light up and he animatedly begins to tell a most delightful tale that begins in his childhood. As a young boy, he recounts, was a great fan of the Enid Blyton mysteries, such as the 'Famous Five' and the 'Secret Seven'. He daydreamed about what it would be like to be a detective and solve great mysteries. By the time he had reached around the age of 13, Podberscek had graduated to the tales of James Herriot, which had inspired him to become a vet. In essence, he realised - certainly when he began to work during his

holidays with a local vet, his first mentor, after finishing school – that being a vet was indeed very much like being a detective. This set him on the path to becoming a veterinarian.

During his studies, however, Podberscek reached the conclusion that he did not really want to do the 'bread and butter' work of veterinary practice. He therefore began to look into alternatives within the veterinary world. He found his answer while following a course in animal behaviour at the University of Queensland, which at the time was the only undergraduate veterinary programme in Australia to incorporate a course of this kind. It was through this course that he came to meet his most important mentor and future doctoral supervisor, Judith Blackshaw. It was under her wing that he followed a year long research based postgraduate honours programme in animal behaviour.

Podberscek's first postgraduate research project concentrated on human-cat interactions. He spent much time visiting Brisbane's lawn bowling clubs to interview elderly people about their cats, in order to examine the differences between the elderly and young with regard to cat ownership and interactions with these felines. This was his first outing as a fledgling researcher in the fields of both animal behaviour and human-animal interactions, which gave him his first taste of what was to come. He was also awarded a first class honours degree for his efforts. His only regret, he quips, is that during this time he never actually learned to play lawn bowls after all the time he spent visiting these clubs!

Following this success, Anthony Podberscek decided to apply for a Commonwealth Scholarship to fund his planned doctoral research, which he was promptly also awarded. This doctoral research also explored various aspects of human-animal relations. Podberscek himself says that his Ph.D research, which he completed in 1991, was a bit of an odd-ball one. It was made up of five very different stories. Firstly, he

conducted a study into veterinary students' attitudes towards animal experimentation (though the results of this study did not appear in his final thesis). Secondly, he explored people's response to pet animal loss. Thirdly, he conducted a study on dog attacks in Brisbane and fourthly, he observed feline behaviour and interactions with people in a laboratory cat colony. Finally, the fifth component of his doctoral work dealt with whether daily handling reduced fear in group housed and individual rabbits, which is of course of great importance with regard to the welfare of laboratory animals. The research was, thus, a bit of a pot-pourri of animal behaviour, welfare and human-animal bond. As Podberscek himself admits, it would perhaps be a bit too eclectic for a Ph.D. today. However, he profited from great freedom in his research, the only constraints being money. In the meantime, he also tutored on the animal behaviour course at the veterinary school and occasionally lectured on cats and dogs.

1992 marked a significant turning point in Anthony Podberscek's life. It was in that year that he stumbled upon an advertisement in the *New Scientist* for a post-doctoral research position in Cambridge, UK. He had had no intention of leaving Australia, but the job studying aggression in dogs seemed so interesting that he decided to not pass up the opportunity. In the end, he never even had to undergo a proper face-to-face interview for this position since Cambridge did not have the funds to pay his travel costs to get there, so they decided to ask Judith Blackshaw to interview him on their behalf! Needless to say, he was also offered the 2-3 year post and found himself on a long-haul flight to England, never before having set foot outside of Australia.

Podberscek relates how this was a very exciting time for him, not only was he going to live and work in a strange country, but he was looking forward to meeting and working with Don Broom and James Serpell, of whom he had already heard. He says that he saw himself as a kind of 'Shirley Valentine', in other words a person who succeeds in turning their own life around all on their own. He also reveals with some amusement how he had had a very stereotypical vision of how Cambridge would be. He had an idea of a very genteel and serene place, but was instead greeted by streets clogged with traffic. Worse still, he had no place yet to stay and was to boot officially an illegal immigrant! Settling in and

finding a roof over his head proved to be a stressful time.

Still, he found himself within a new community of researchers and got to know people such as James Serpell, Elizabeth Paul, Caroline York, Mike Mendl, Andrew Jagoe and many others stationed at Cambridge at that time. It was stimulating to meet people with such a broad knowledge of human-animal relations and other disciplines such as psychology. This was also Anthony Podberscek's first true introduction to the burgeoning anthrozoological community. He says that it showed him how no single discipline had a monopoly on the study of human-animal relations. It also helped him develop a stronger interest in what people do, rather than just considering what makes animals tick. Open-mindedness is certainly a quality that Podberscek aspires to. For example, he jokes that he is very much a 'naughty scientist', who likes such things as tarot cards, horoscopes and alternative therapies. He sees great dangers in only seeing the world from one angle and argues that in science it is very easy to get closed off from other perspectives and possibilities.

Upon his arrival in the UK, Podberscek was instantly roped into both ISAZ and the Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS). In 1992, his horizons were set to broaden even further as he travelled to Canada for his very first major conference on human-animal interactions. In this way, he also started meeting more people who were already established in the field. By 1993, he had even been co-opted into the ISAZ council and was crowned as the newsletter editor from issue 4. He remained in this position for six years, until I myself took over his mantle in 1996.

Podberscek reminisces that it was always a major challenge to cajole people into submitting material to the newsletter. He would have to invite people far in advance to submit non-refereed articles to fill the newsletter's pages. Moreover, he also spent hours of tedious work photocopying, stapling and stuffing the finished product into envelopes. Nevertheless, he discovered that the newsletter editor's was a great position, for it allowed one to get to know people. Podberscek also enjoyed writing the editorials for the newsletter. Writing, he adds, is still one of his great pleasures, though with his current editorial work he finds too little time to do any.

His position as the current editor of *Anthrozoös* is not actually one that he had initially wanted.

However, due to a severe shortage of research funds at the time and with the encouragement and support of Andrew Rowan (the previous *Anthrozoös* editor), he decided to apply for the job and eventually officially began as editor in 1997. It was not long before Podberscek realised that this post may also be very insecure, for in 1998 he heard that Delta was seriously considering pulling the plug on the journal. Naturally, nobody at ISAZ wanted to see *Anthrozoös* go up in smoke, thus the quest for \$50,000 to cover the running costs of the journal began. ISAZ was also successful in getting Delta to reconsider scrapping the journal. In 1999, Podberscek had a contract to edit just two issues, which meant there was also little stability in his own life. It was at that time that Delta granted ISAZ the opportunity to buy the journal from them. With the help of \$10,000 from the Humane Society of the US and additional funds from IAHAIO and Purina this was achieved and *Anthrozoös* – and Podberscek’s position – were kept afloat. The future has thus been far more secure since the journal has been in ISAZ’s hands.

I was curious whether Podberscek has found it as difficult to get submissions to the journal as it was for the newsletter, particularly in view of potential competition from *Society & Animals*. He says it is partly still a question of hassling people to write stuff for the journal. Many people will tend to want to have their research material and results published in the major disciplinary journals, so they must be actively encouraged to still submit papers on parts of their research to *Anthrozoös* also. This is a symptom of the pressure to publish that pervades the academic world. In contrast to disciplinary based journals, Podberscek observes, *Anthrozoös* must also accommodate a wide variety of different disciplines. Indeed, he argues that ‘the disparate nature of the beast makes it a challenge.’ The way in which research is funded also to some extent determines the content of the journal. This is the reason why there is, for example, a significant amount of material on pets and health contributed and far less on cultural differences in attitudes towards animals. There is simply less funding for studies in particular areas and thus fewer papers submitted.

Editing the journal is also extremely hard and unglamorous work, involving an awful amount of chasing people up, faxing people, photocopying and other such time-consuming activities. Nevertheless, it offers Podberscek the opportunity to

get to meet a very wide variety people and keep his finger on the pulse of what is going on in the anthrozoological world. One of the hardest parts though, he admits, is having to reject papers, for on the face of it it seems as if he is rejecting them personally. This is indeed the very furthest from the truth, given that the journal employs a completely ‘blind’ process where both reviewers and writers remain anonymous. If necessary, Podberscek will even call in a third reviewer where there is hesitancy about the suitability of a paper. He also says that he is very content with the *Anthrozoös*’s new format, though would like to receive more comments from readers about the format and content. Podberscek argues that it is great that Purdue Press has now taken over the production of the journal, but must still see how it all works out in the future. Getting the (back issues of) the journal on-line would certainly be a boon. But what of his future as editor? Does he wish to stay on indefinitely, or does he have other plans? Podberscek reveals that ideally he would one day like to get back into research and writing, though this is dependent on funding. He therefore cannot say how long he plans to remain at the spearhead of the journal.

One of Anthony Podberscek’s greatest triumphs was the three day conference that he organised, together with James Serpell and Elizabeth Paul, for ISAZ in Cambridge in 1996. The seed for this event was sown and germinated following a council meeting in 1994 at former ISAZ president Erika Friedmann’s home in New York. There was talk then of the necessity of holding bigger meetings, or perhaps two one day conference per year. Moreover, the issue of involving people from many different disciplines was also desirable, though the organisation was concerned about organising larger scale or more meetings while funds were running out. Podberscek & Co. decided to take on the challenge of organising the 1996 annual event. It involved an awful lot work, but in the end, the three day event that they organised proved to be a resounding success.

One of the fruits of the event was the book *Companion Animals and Us*, which was largely based on papers presented at this conference. Given that the contributions to the actual conference were so diverse, it was decided that only papers relating to pets would be published. The process of producing the book took several years and it was finally published in April 2000. As Podberscek points out, the time and effort that the editors put into

putting the volume together was worthwhile, for the result most certainly does not resemble a standard conference proceedings.

He is also particularly proud of the cover of the book, which has one of his favourite works of art depicted on it. The painting chosen was *Mädchen mit Katze II* (1912) an abstract expressionist piece by Franz Marc, who was a contemporary of Kandinsky. Podberscek's love and fascination with art clearly rises to the surface as we discuss this painting. He wonders, for example, whether it was because people found painting animals trivial that Marc never became as well-known and celebrated as Kandinsky. Once again, his fondness for children's classics also comes to the fore as he describes how he succeeded in using a quote from Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *The Little Prince* to open the introduction to the volume that he had worked so hard on.

Podberscek also reminisces with amusement that it proved extremely difficult to find a title for the book that had not already been used. He says that he was amazed by just how many books have been published on the subject. The topic of pets has become so popular since so many people have jumped on the bandwagon. He feared that the very proliferation of books on the subject might have put people off from buying it.

This naturally led me to my next question of whether Podberscek thinks that the study of human-animal relations might indeed be reaching a saturation point. To the contrary, he believes that the possibilities for the field are endless, although he does admit that in some areas such as pets and health it is getting increasingly more difficult to get a new angle on it. This means that there is a risk that some topics are done to death, while others remained completely under-researched. Another related problem he identifies is that some issues are not as clear cut as the media would lead us to believe due to their oversimplification of people's research results. As he notes, pets are not necessarily good for everybody, or with respect to every disease.

Looking to the future for anthrozoology, Podberscek briefly looks back at just how the field has evolved and considers how it may continue to do so. For example, he observes how the study of human-animal interactions was first initiated within the field of biology and how it then extended to encompass psychology and the study of people's attitudes towards animals. Yet, in spite of such an increase in scope and interest, the

cross-cultural study of attitudes towards animals, for example, remains under explored. Podberscek points out that there are so many new ways that the subject matter can be approached, for example, the study of animals in arts, how they are depicted in newspapers, the list can go on and on for ever.

The main problem with the development of anthrozoology, as Podberscek has personally experienced, is that for the majority the study of human-animal relations remains more of an intellectual interest than a career possibility. While there is an increasing interest in developing university courses that deal with a variety of aspects of human-animal interactions, range from (applied) animal behaviour and animal welfare to seminars on animals in society and animal law, the real jobs in the field are severely limited. Podberscek argues that the only way in which the field may truly get moving is if a high profile professorship for human-animal relationships would be created, which would demonstrate that it is a legitimate area of study. Perhaps, one day, he may also be a suitable candidate to fill such a chair.

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People Profiles

Boria Sax

I first became interested in animals around the end of the 1980's, not terribly long after I had obtained my Ph.D. in German and intellectual history. I was feeling frustrated in my search for an academic job and even the study of literature. By accident, I came across an encyclopedia of animals that had been written in the early nineteenth century. There, without any self-consciousness, was a new world of romance and adventure, filled with turkeys that spoke Arabic, beavers that build like architects, and dogs that solve murders. Within a few months, I had junked my previous research and devoted my studies to these texts.

Today, I shudder how nervy the switch was for a destitute young scholar, who, despite one book and several articles, had not managed to obtain any steady job except mopping floors. But soon I had managed to publish two books on animals in literature, *The Frog King* (1990) and *The Parliament of Animals* (1992). Around 1995, I founded Nature in Legend and Story (NILAS, Inc.), an organization that combines storytelling and scholarship. It was initially a rag-tag band of intellectual adventurers who loved literature but could not find a niche in the scholarly world. We put together a few conferences, which generated a lot of excitement among attendees but little notice in academia or in what they sometimes call "the real world."

From fables and anecdotes, I moved to mythology, and published *The Serpent and the Swan* (1997), a study of animal bride tales from around the world. This was followed by many further publications including an examination of the darker side of animal studies, *Animals in the Third Reich* (2000), and a sort of compendium, *The Mythical Zoo* (2002). My most recent book is a cultural history of corvids entitled *Crow* (2003).

When I embarked on the study of animals in myth and literature, even graduate students in the field did not have to mention a few dozen books just to show that they had read them. In barely more than a couple

decades, the literature on human-animal relations has grown enormously in both quantity and sophistication. NILAS, I am proud to say, has become a well established organization, which has sponsored two highly successful conferences together with ISAZ.

But as the study of animals, what I like to call "totemic literature," becomes more of a standard feature of academic programs, I fear that something may be lost. It is now just a little too easy to discourse about the "social construction" and the "transgression" of "boundaries" between animals and human beings. Even as I admire the subtlety of such analysis, I sometimes find myself thinking, "So what?"

Having been there close to the beginning, part of my role is now to preserve some the sensuous immediacy that filled the study of animals in literature when that was still a novelty. That poetry is not simply a luxury in our intellectual pursuits. With such developments as cloning, genetic engineering, and the massive destruction of natural habitats, we face crises so unprecedented that traditional philosophies, from utilitarianism to deep ecology, can offer us precious little guidance. The possibilities are so overwhelming, that we hardly even know what questions to ask. But neither, I am sure, did the fugitive who once encountered a mermaid in the middle of the woods.

Boria Sax



Centres of Research

People-Pet Partnership (PPP)

Center for the Study of Animal Well-Being, College of Veterinary Medicine
Washington State University

People-Pet Partnership (PPP) is a public service organization within the Center for the Study of Animal Well-Being at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University (WSU). Founded in 1974 by Dr. Leo K. Bustad, PPP's mission is to research and educate the public about the proper treatment of companion animals, and the Human-Animal Bond (HAB) and its applications. Dr. Bustad was an outstanding educator, scientist, humanitarian, and pioneer in the field of HAB research who believed that all people benefited from an awareness and appreciation of the sanctity and interrelatedness of all living things. PPP promotes Dr. Bustad's philosophies through community service, education and research.

PPP directs the Palouse Area Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) program, a community service project that provides recreational, therapeutic horseback riding for people with emotional, physical and/or mental challenges. Horseback riding gives individuals with disabilities a chance to strengthen and relax muscles, increase joint mobility, and improve balance, posture, and coordination in a way that makes learning fun and interesting. Acquiring these skills fosters the development of confidence and self-reliance while riders learn the basics of caring for a horse. Additionally, PATH offers opportunities for WSU students as well as people from the community to interact with people with disabilities in a normative context. PATH is one of only three university-based NARHA Premier Accredited Centers in North America.

PPP designs a variety of educational materials for the general public and for veterinary students. Recently, PPP created a new and innovative educational website called *Learning and Living Together: Building the Human-Animal Bond Online Curriculum*. This web site educates youth by promoting science and general

education, encouraging the proper treatment of companion animals, and building leadership skills through relationships with companion animals. The project is composed of Internet-based educational modules that involve complex tasks based on challenging problems. The activities of the website are aligned with the USA's National Science Education Standards (NSES). Since the spring of 2003, the first three sections (K-3) of the PPP curriculum have been available online and are free of charge (<http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-pppp/online.asp>).

Veterinary students learn about the HAB and related topics through two classes designed, in part, by the Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Animal Well-being and Head of People-Pet Partnership, Dr. François Martin. *Professional Orientation and Ethics* presents veterinary students with opportunities to experience and embrace important concepts, ideas, and models that, while recognized as integral to the practice of veterinary medicine, are generally not addressed in the more didactic portions of the curriculum. For example, in this class students are encouraged to explore the balance between the science and the art of veterinary medicine as it relates to important issues like pet loss and grief, self care, the impaired professional, ethical decision making, legal issues, animal rights and animal welfare, human-animal bond, etc. *Professional Orientation and Ethics* offers students a chance to grow as people, leaders and compassionate caregivers amid the other demands of the curriculum. A second course, *Reverence for Life*, investigates connections between living things, especially those between humans and animals. Students are asked to participate in discussions and debates on various topics related to the use of animals in Western societies, veteri-

nary education, and social issues related to veterinary medicine.

Finally, PPP conducts research aimed at generating scientific knowledge on the HAB and its applications. PPP explores how animals can participate in the well-being of people. Specifically, Dr. Martin and colleagues published findings on the effects of therapy dogs on social behavior of children with Pervasive Developmental Disorder in therapeutic context (Martin and Farnum, 2002). Recently, PPP's research team reported a connection between the importance of the HAB to veterinary students and the career paths they chose (Martin, Ruby and Far-

num, 2003). Dr. Martin and colleagues are currently conducting research on identifying major factors and practices influencing euthanasia satisfaction for small animal clients, staff, and students at a veterinary teaching hospital. This study will be completed this fall. PPP aims to conduct research that will result in identifying, promoting and facilitating the HAB.

For more information about People-Pet Partnership at Washington State University and a complete list of research publications, please visit our website at <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/depts-pppp/>



Books *etc*

Hot off the Presses

A Nietzschean Bestiary: Becoming Animal Beyond Docile and Brutal

Christa Davis Acampora and Ralph R. Acampora (eds) (2003)

344 pages. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. ISBN 0-7425-1427-7 (paperback)

Inspired by the ancient and medieval genre, *A Nietzschean Bestiary* gathers essays treating the most vivid and lively animal images in one of the philosophic tradition's greatest bodies of work. Leading scholars treat specific animals--such as the prowling beast of prey, Zarathustra's laughing lions, and the notorious blond beast--to ingeniously reveal how these creatures play a prominent role in the development of Nietzsche's philosophy. Numerous essays explore the nature of human animality and our relations to other animals.

Contributors shed new light on Nietzsche's conception of power, freedom, and meaning. Research tools, including discussions of Nietzsche's influence on important twentieth-century philosophers and the most extensive index of animal references in Nietzsche's corpus, make this an essential volume for scholars and students alike.

List of Contributors: Christa Davis Acampora; Ralph R. Acampora; Babette Babbich; Debra Bergoffen; Thomas H. Brobjer; Daniel Conway; Brian Crowley; Brian Domino; Peter Groff; Jennifer Ham; Lawrence Hatab; Kathleen Marie Higgins; Vanessa Lemm; Paul S. Loeb; Nickolas Pappas; Richard Perkins; Gerd Schank; Alan D. Schrift; Gary Shapiro; Tracey Stark; Charles S. Taylor; Jami Weinstein; Martha Kendal Woodruff

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Stories Rabbits Tell

A Natural and Cultural History of a Misunderstood Creature

Susan E. Davis, Margo DeMello (2003)

320 pages, Lantern Books, ISBN: 1590560442 (Paperback)

Revered as a symbol of fertility and sexuality, beloved as a children's pet, and widely represented in the myths, art and collectibles of almost every culture, the rabbit is one of the most popular creatures in the animal kingdom. Ironically, it has also been one of the most misunderstood. Indeed, the rabbit is the only animal that our culture adores as a pet and idolizes as a storybook hero, yet also slaughters for commercial purposes.

In *Stories Rabbits Tell: A Natural and Cultural History of a Misunderstood Creature*, journalist Susan Davis and anthropologist Margo DeMello present the first-ever comprehensive look at the rabbit as an animal that is both interesting in its own right and fascinating as a cultural icon. In so doing, the book explores how one species can be simultaneously presented as a symbol of childhood (think Peter Rabbit and Goodnight Moon), worshipped as a symbol of female sexuality (i.e., Playboy Bunnies, whose roots extend back to ancient pagan cultures), dismissed as a "dumb bunny" in domesticity, and loathed as a pest in the wild.

"They look like cute, fluffy, not-so-bright animals," DeMello says. "But both wild and domestic rabbits are intelligent animals who display complex social needs and behaviors. Moreover, their image has carried a multiplicity of meanings throughout the centuries: from symbols of virginity to models of perverted sexuality; from bearers of good luck to harbingers of doom; and from innocent child's pet to witch's familiar."

The authors analyze these stereotypes and counter them with analyses of real rabbit behavior, while exploring current debates on animal emotions, intelligences, and welfare. In what *Publisher's Weekly* has described as a "clear-eyed review" of conditions in commercial rabbit industries, the authors also present the first-ever investigation into conditions in the rabbit meat, fur, laboratory, and pet industries.

"In the course of our research we discovered that many people who have been raising rabbits commercially for years don't know much about rabbit behavior, needs, or even anatomy," notes Davis. "We also learned that rabbits that are to be slaughtered in this country are accorded fewer legal protections-in terms of the way they can be killed-than beef cattle or even chickens. This has led to some very unfortunate practices in the rabbit industries."

Stories Rabbits Tell provides invaluable information and insight into the life and history of an animal whom many love, but most barely know. "With colorful anecdotes..." *Publisher's Weekly* concluded in its review, "this absorbing book opens the door on the realm of all things lagomorph."



David C. Anderson's Bibliographic Column

The section of the previous column, "Books from 1999 Onwards", actually included only books *not* previously listed in *Humans & Other Species*. We now include those books as well.

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News from the Net

ISAZ Newsletter Archive

As promised some time ago, the ISAZ newsletter archive is now available on-line!! All issues dating back to issue number 18, which was published in November 1999, may be viewed and downloaded in PDF format.

A table of contents has also been provided to help you find the articles or interviews you were looking for at a glance. It is hoped that the remaining 17 issues, dating from 1991 onwards, will eventually be added to the site.

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New Human-Animal Studies Listserv

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Animal Behaviour

A useful source of information for those looking for new challenges and opportunities in the field of animal behaviour is the *Animal Behavior Society's* website

www.animalbehavior.org/

Here you will not only find details of everything that is going on in the ethological world, but can also find information on job openings, travel grants and so forth.

Meetings of Distinction

**Advances in the Science
and Application of Animal Training**
*The 13th Annual Conference of the
International Society for Anthrozoology.*
(Held in conjunction with the Universities
Federation for Animal Welfare).
Satellite meeting to IAHAIO 2004
6th October 2004, Glasgow

First Announcement and Preliminary Call for Papers

Aims

Humans use animals in many ways – they are farmed, kept as pets, used as experimental subjects and exhibited within zoos. An integral part of any successful relationship with these animals requires their ability to integrate into their captive, anthropocentric, environment and to behave in a way that conforms to our expectations. Failure to adapt to this environment can have a profound impact on the welfare of the animal, and may result in its ill-health, rejection or death.

Training has long been recognised as an important component in the successful adaptation of companion animals, their inclusion in sporting events and other recreational activities. An extensive folk literature exists relating to the training of these animals. Knowledge and practice based upon scientific principles, such as classical conditioning and instrumental learning may also be employed. Less recognised is the contribution relevant training can have on the management and husbandry of other animals *eg.* on farm, in zoos and the laboratory.

This meeting aims to discuss recent developments in learning theory and related fields, in the methodologies and techniques of training. It will also consider the application of these for practical training of animals. It seeks to bring together veterinarians, animal scientists, ethologists, psychologists, animal trainers and others who work with animals to share knowledge and good practice. It hopes to encourage a wider consideration of the ways training can be used to improve the husbandry, management and welfare of animals.

Details

The meeting will be held on 6th October at Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, **Glasgow**.

No. 26, November 2003

The provisional layout for the meeting is as follows:

Invited papers from keynote speakers, plus submitted abstracts from recent research studies addressing the following areas

1. The science of learning, including recent developments in learning theory – behaviour systems theory, mathematical principles of reinforcement, and holistic integration of biological and psychological approaches to training.
2. Advances and innovations in training and conditioning techniques (welfare based integration of positive and negative conditioning in training, shaping, jackpotting and clicker training).
3. Applying advances in theory and technique to the practical training of animals, including companion, farm, zoo, aquaria, laboratory, shelter and assistance animals and those used in sporting events. The role of the carer/owner in successful training programmes.
4. Welfare and ethical implications of training: use and abuse. The role of the trainer, clinical animal behaviourist.

Call for Papers

We are inviting submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations. If you would like to present a paper at the Symposium, please indicate your intention by filling in the form available on our website and **sending a proposed title as soon as possible and by 1st December 2003 at the latest. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30th January 2004.**

It is intended that the proceedings of the Symposium will be published as a special edition of the journal *Anthrozoös*; the deadline for receipt of full papers selected for inclusion will be 6th October 2004.

For further details on the submission of abstracts and registration, please visit the ISAZ website: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/isaz.htm>

ISAZ Newsletter

Conference on Animal-Assisted Interventions in the Treatment of Adolescent Mental Disorders,

Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society
March 28, 2004

With the support of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society at the University of Pennsylvania is hosting a one-day conference on animal-assisted interventions in the treatment of adolescent mental disorders, which is scheduled to take place in Philadelphia, PA on Sunday, March 28, 2004.

Registration for the conference will be open to the public, and the program will include presentations from practitioners and scholars utilizing animal-assisted interventions in the treatment of adolescents with a variety of mental health diagnoses.

Speakers will include: Aubrey Fine, Maureen Fredrickson, Ben Granger, Aaron Katcher, Pamelyn MacDonald, Gail Melson, and Tamara Ward. For further details or to pre-register for the conference go to: ww2.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/cias/conferences.html or email Kathy Kruger at kkruger@vet.upenn.edu.

Animals and the Global Community: Integrating Animal Welfare into the Legal Systems of the World
International Animal Law Conference
California Western School of Law
San Diego, California, United States
April 2-4, 2004

The purpose of this conference is to bring together legal scholars, attorneys, government officials and leaders of local organizations from throughout the world to improve conditions for animals and to evaluate the status of animal welfare in the global community. It will address cutting edge issues from a variety of perspectives, taking into account cultural differences and political realities faced by those advocating to effectuate change for animals across the globe. This will be the first of what will be many steps to establish an international network of individuals working on these issues, with the goal of the adoption of domestic legislation and perhaps an international

treaty dealing with the conditions of animals around the world.

For more information, please visit: www.internationalanimalwelfare.com/pages/1/index.htm

Animal Behaviour Society
Oaxaca, Mexico
June 12 – 16, 2004

The 41st Animal Behavior Society Meeting will be held in Oaxaca, Mexico, June 12 – 16, 2004. For the first time, the Animal Behavior Society will hold its meeting outside English-speaking North America with the vision of becoming a more geographically diverse society.

For more information, please visit www.ecologia.edu.mx/abs2004/.

ISAE 38th International Congress
Helsinki, Finland
August 3-7 2004.

The 38th International Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology will be held in Helsinki, Finland, August 3-7 2004. More information can be found on <http://www.isae2004.org/>

**People and Animals:
A Timeless Relationship**
10th IAHAIO International Conference
Glasgow, Scotland
6th-9th October 2004

The theme for the 2004 conference, to be held at the SECC, Glasgow, will be the examination of the timeless relationship between people and animals, focusing especially on evidence of the health, therapeutic and educational benefits this relationship offers to people at all stages of life. Education and training will be highlighted, particularly the development of training programmes for veterinary, medical, social work and the teaching professions.

For additional information, please visit <http://www.glasgow2004ad.com>