

also encourage the resumption of consumptive and non-consumptive wildlife utilization by local communities, so the welfare of affected animals requires consideration under such circumstances.

This is a clear, well-presented document which should provide guidance and be of interest to organizations working in or providing support to wildlife management projects and local communities; also to individual researchers and policy and decision-makers. However, animal welfare concerns should also be considered together with the recommendations from this report.

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Whose Eden? An Overview of Community Approaches to Wildlife Management. Produced and published by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED): London (1994). 124pp. Paperback. Obtainable from IIED, 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD, UK (ISBN 0 905347 74 9). Price £14.95.

Farm animals in research

In August 1995 the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Training (ANZCCART) held a two-day conference in Wellington, New Zealand on *Farm Animals in Biomedical and Agricultural Research*. The 14 papers together with their edited discussions – see advertisement on page 338 for details – have now been published. The material ranges from a keynote address on farm animals in biomedical and agricultural research, through to an ANZCCART student award paper on *in vitro* fertilization technologies in animals and humans, to discussions on consciousness and awareness in farm animals and on human accountability regarding animal use.

This is a well-produced, interesting and important book which will be of great value to those responsible for the use and care of farm animals used in biomedical and agricultural research.

Farm Animals in Biomedical and Agricultural Research: Proceedings of the Conference held in Wellington, New Zealand, 18–19 August 1995. Produced and published by Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART): Glen Osmond (1996). 98pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, PO Box 19, Glen Osmond, SA, 5064, Australia; or from UFAW (ISBN 0 646 26379X). Price £12.

Wild bird welfare

Considerable interest is currently being taken in the treatment of injured or diseased wildlife. The general public feels that something ought to be done to relieve the suffering. As a consequence various voluntary wildlife rehabilitation and treatment centres have been set up, veterinary surgeons have become skilled in treating wild animals and a substantial number of both serious and semi-popular publications on the subject have come on to the market.

Marian Small had published in 1994 (reported in *Animal Welfare* (1995)4: 147) her most useful booklet on the treatment of the diseases and injuries of wild mammals. This has now been followed by a similar booklet on wild birds. It covers the capture, housing, feeding,

first aiding and releasing of several groups of birds including waterfowl, other swimming and sea birds, waders, gamebirds, birds of prey, owls and other birds (largely garden birds). This volume, which has been sponsored by Intervet (as was the 1994 mammals book), will be a most useful source of information and practical advice for those who have to attend to wild bird casualties.

Wildlife Welfare (Birds). Marian Small (no date indicated but 1996). Intervet UK Ltd: Cambridge. 28pp. Paperback.

The welfare of cats

Each year the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) holds an Animal Welfare Forum. The subject of the 1995 meeting was the cat, and the full text of the eight papers presented at the Forum have now been published as part of Volume 208, Issue 4 (15 February 1996) of the *Journal of the AVMA*. The themes ranged from the origin and nature of the domestic cat (Joan Miller) to feral cats in the United Kingdom (Jenny Remfry). There were also contributions on feline behaviour and welfare (Gary Landsberg), new developments in feline vaccines (James Richards), population medicine and infectious diseases (Johnny Hoskins), cats and their people (R Lee Zasloff), surgical neutering and nonsurgical alternatives (Mark Bloomberg) and animal shelter issues (Carter Luke).

As was to be expected much of the material had a veterinary slant but there is still much for those who have a general interest in the welfare of the domestic cat.

AVMA Animal Welfare Forum: The Welfare of Cats (1995). Reprinted from the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* 208 (4): 497-527.