NOTE FROM THE CHAIR—JANET ALGER

Dear Friends,

We seem to be progressing well as the activities of our new section become increasingly institutionalized. This is the first year we will be allowed to give awards and, as you will see in the Newsletter, we had sufficient quality submissions to select recipients for the Distinguished Scholarship and Best Graduate Student Paper awards. Also, through the efforts of Leslie Irvine (Membership Committee) in obtaining the Jane Goodall fellowships, we are able to sponsor the membership of two graduate students in the ASA and Animal and Society section for one year.

At this meeting we will have a regular session as in past years but only one section session because our numbers are down. ASA allocates section sessions on the basis of numbers. One needs 300 members to have two section sessions as we did last year. At the time of allocation for the 2005 meeting, our numbers stood at 196, so we have our work cut out for us. Please be sure to ask your interested colleagues to join our section and remind those who have been members in the past to renew their memberships.

As you may know, ASA has published our Teaching Resource manual and it is available for purchase at the online book store for the modest price of $14 for members. Look for it under the title “Animals and Society, Teaching About: A Collection of Syllabi, Projects, Assignments, Web Sites, Articles and Bibliographies.” It will also be on sale at the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia. Please examine the Manual yourself and encourage anyone you know who may be interested in teaching a course on Human/Animal relationships to buy it. The guide will also be useful to anyone who wishes to incorporate materials on Animals and Society into their regular courses. For instance, this past Spring I incorporated a section on “species stratification” into my course on Wealth and Power in Contemporary Society and found the Manual quite useful for that purpose.

Please check our Newsletter for detailed information on our sessions at ASA 2005 as well as Animal/Society sessions included in other conferences. As you can see, there are more and more venues available for our work at various conferences and more of our work is becoming mainstreamed in standard sociological journals. We are definitely on our way.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Philadelphia in August and let us all thank Tracey for this second issue of our wonderful Newsletter.
ASA Annual Meeting—Animals & Society Sessions

At this year’s ASA, our section will have the following regular session and section session. Both contain excellent papers and we encourage all members to make every effort to attend and learn more about the exciting research going on in the area of Human-Animal Studies.

Regular Session — “Animals and Society”

Session Organizer and Presider: Jessica Greenebaum (Central Connecticut State University).

“Emotion Work by Animal Foster Care Providers” by Denise L. Roemer (University of South Florida)

“Guardians vs. Owners: Differing Styles with Pets” by Pamela L. Carlisle-Frank (FIREPAW) and Josh Frank (FIREPAW)

“Hunting, Meat, and Morality” by Linda Cornwell (University of Pennsylvania)

“The Dynamics of Friendship between Cats and Dogs in the Same Household” by Janet M. Alger (Siena College) and Steven F. Alger (College of St. Rose)

“The Rise and Fall of Horse Culture Among the Plains Indians in the Americas” by Shawn McEntee (Salisbury University)

Section Session — “Animal & Homo Sapien Interactions: Theory, Symbolic Interaction, and Policy”

Session Organizer and Presider: Rebecca F. Plante (Ithaca College)

"The construction of the meaning of animal in early sociological theory: Case of Edvard Westermarck" by Salla Maria Tuomivaara (University of Tampere)

"Commemorating Samson: Articulating Boundaries Between the Human Community and Wildlife" by Paul Colomy (University of Denver) and Robert T. Granfield (University at Buffalo)

"Meat for Our Table: Retro Frontier Masculinity and the War Against Alaska’s Wolves" by Sine Anahita (University of Alaska Fairbanks) and Tamara Mix (University of Alaska Fairbanks)

"An Analysis of Breed Discrimination of Domesticated Dogs" by Josh Frank (FIREPAW) and Pamela Carlisle-Frank (FIREPAW)
DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD & OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER


The American Sociological Association Section on Animals & Society Award for Distinguished Graduate Student Scholarship was presented to Samantha Kwan and Rachael Neal, University of Arizona for the paper, *Pathways to Meat Avoidance: Doing Vegetarianism and Counter-Hegemonic Politics*.

Please join us in extending congratulations to these award recipients for their outstanding research on animals and society.

ANIMALS AND SOCIETY ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the 2005 ASA elections are now final. Please join us in thanking all the members who ran and extend a warm congratulations to those elected.

Chair-Elect (2006-07):

Leslie Irvine

Council Members:

Jessica Greenebaum and Helene Lawson

Our section also voted in favor of amending our by-laws to reduce the number of elected council members from eight to six. This reduces the total size of the council from twelve to ten. This change makes it possible to continue to elect council members for staggered three-year terms, with two members rotating off each year; such a procedure was not possible with a council of eight.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The next issue of the Animals & Society newsletter will be published in November, 2005. The deadline for submissions is November 10th. Please send material to Tracey Smith-Harris.

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WINNERS OF THE 2005 JANE GOODALL FELLOWSHIP

The winners of the 2005 Jane Goodall Fellowship in Animals and Society are Richard Bravo (Department of Sociology, University of Arkansas) and Keri Brandt (Department of Sociology, University of Colorado).

Richard’s work focuses on reducing euthanasia rates in animal shelters. In particular, he is examining ways to increase public awareness of spaying and neutering, along with other issues related to responsible guardianship.

Keri’s research examines women’s relationships with horses. She is especially interested in how women use their bodies as means of communication with horses, and how interaction with horses increases women’s sense of empowerment.

RESEARCH NOTES FROM THE WINNERS OF THE 2005 JANE GOODALL FELLOWSHIP

Richard Bravo

Greetings to all members of the Animals and Society section of the ASA. My name is Richard Bravo and I am new member of the Animals and Society section. I became a member because of my interests in this fascinating area of knowledge and research concerning animals and society. I am also one of the recipients of the 2004 Jane Goodall Fellowship. I sincerely appreciate being selected for this fellowship. I would also like to let you know how happy I was to receive a personal letter from the founder of the Jane Goodall Institute. It made my day to receive something from someone who I admire because of her work, what she stands for, and what she continues to do.

Currently, I am a Masters Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. My areas of interest are in the environment, society and animals, human behavior, and a variety of other topics. I am currently completing the last phase of my thesis research which is titled: Role Strain and Emotional Labor: An Ethnographic Study of Animal Shelter Workers. The importance of this study is two fold. First, to contribute to the growing body of literature relating to the animal shelter workplace. Secondly, it further explores the demands placed on animal shelter workers with regard to both euthanasia procedures and public interactions.

I believe that past research and essays regarding the effects of euthanasia and coping strategies are outstanding (Reeve Et al. 2005, Arlute 1991, Rollin 1986). However, I also believe that they did not recognize or perhaps overlooked the influence that public encounters have on compounding the negative psychological impacts of euthanasia on shelter workers in a kill shelter environment. These negative effects become especially pronounced when employees must negotiate interactions with surrenderers who contribute significantly to the pet overpopulation problem at shelters (Patronek & Glickman 1994).

If we examine 'Emotion As Lived Experience’ and its impact on the moral self, as Denzin suggests (1985), we may conclude that surrender issues during shelter experiences may very well contribute to and increase the overall level of anxiety and stress associated with this line of work. In the case of surrenderers, whether intentional or not, many of them are the deliverers of a message of hopelessness that shelter workers perceive as a never ending stream of animals continue to enter shelters throughout this nation on a daily basis.

Another interesting issue to examine within the animal shelter environment was brought up by Carla Johnson’s piece on ‘Compassion Fatigue’ (1992). Though she deals with nurses and how they react and cope with the stress nurses experience on the job, the cognitive approach and processes in dealing with highly emotional situations remain the same for people regardless of whether we are dealing with humans or animals.

Once again I would like to thank you for the award and I look forward to publishing my work to share it with everyone upon completion. Any comments or suggestions are greatly appreciated.
Keri Brandt

I recently completed my dissertation, “Intelligent Bodies: Women’s Embodiment and Subjectivity in the Human-Horse Communication Process,” at the University of Colorado at Boulder. My dissertation draws from three years (2001-2004) of ethnographic research of in-depth interviews and participant observation of women working with horses. I focused specifically on women because of the cowboy’s longstanding stranglehold on the label of expert in human-horse relationships, which has effectively silenced women’s voices and rendered their experiences with horses non-authentic. Central to my dissertation is an exploration of the human-horse communication process to illustrate how the two species co-create an “embodied language system” to construct a world of shared meaning.

My research problematizes the centrality of verbal spoken language and the mind in theories of subjectivity, and maintains that the privileged status of verbal language has left untheorized all non-verbal language using beings, human and non-human alike. Through the lens of human-horse communication, I bring questions of embodiment—in particular women’s embodiment—to the center and examine how lived and felt corporeality shapes human subjectivity. I illustrate how the women’s experiences of embodiment when working with horses contributed to a positive understanding of themselves as female embodied. I therefore argue for an understanding of embodiment not as deterministic but as a lived process that has a meaningful impact on how individuals understand themselves and others. Further, the women’s experiences of embodiment when working with horses propose a way to subvert oppressive dominant constructions about female bodies as inherently flawed and allow for a re-imagining of women’s bodily comportment.

Finally, my dissertation research represents the promise of human-animal studies to deepen our understanding of the human and non-human animal experience by offering new and different pathways for the creation of knowledge. I graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder this spring. In the fall I begin my “dream job” as an Assistant Professor at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

2006 Jane Goodall Fellowships

Animals and Society announces the 2006 Jane Goodall Fellowships. An anonymous member of our section has given the generous gift of two student memberships to the ASA and the Section. The fellowships are to honor Jane Goodall’s work in broadening our awareness of the capacities of non-human animals. The awards will be made to two graduate students in the form of fellowships that will pay their membership fees for one year. Those selected as fellows will be asked to contribute a research note on their own work or a short book review on an appropriate volume for publication in the Section newsletter. To apply for these fellowships, the section requests that graduate students send a brief letter of application (no longer than one page) describing their interests in the study of animals and society, along with a letter of nomination from one professor of their choice under separate cover. Send application materials to Leslie Irvine, Department of Sociology, 219 Ketchum, 327UCB, University of Colorado, Boulder CO 80309-0327. Application materials must be received by December 1, 2005. Winners will be notified before the ASA’s annual renewal deadline.
Steve and Janet Alger gave a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Washington, DC in March entitled, “Friendship, Influence, and Personality in Multi-Species Households. In July they are presenting at the ISAZ Conference. That paper is entitled “The Impact of Relocation on the Culture and Social Stratification of a Cat Shelter.”

David Blouin is teaching a community-based research course on human and animal relations at Indiana University, in Bloomington, during the fall and spring semesters. The class will be collaborating with the Monroe County Humane Association and local animal shelter to design and carry out a study of local county residents’ attitudes and behaviors regarding their dogs and cats. The research will be designed to help improve local efforts to curb pet overpopulation. Substantive aspects of the course will include study of various animal welfare issues, animal rights, and historical and cultural variations in human’s attitudes and relationships with animals. Please contact David, at dblouin@indiana.edu, if you have questions or interest in the course.


Finally, FIREPAW’s analysis of research on laboratory animals and its efficacy titled, “Technological lock-in, positive institutional feedback, and research on laboratory animals” is forthcoming in the Journal of Structural Change and Economic Dynamics.

Jenny Hoobler, University of Illinois and Teri Domagalski, Florida Institute of Technology have scheduled a caucus at the upcoming Academy of Management conference in Honolulu this August. The caucus is titled, “It’s just a dog .. or, is it? New visions of family in the 21st century”. They are looking to initiate a dialogue in the management discipline that addresses the themes of domestic animals & work-life issues, employer sponsored pet benefits, paradigmatic differences across cultures in how domestic animals are perceived, and the employment of animals for enhancing human quality of life (e.g. assistance dogs for the disabled, therapy dogs etc.). To their knowledge, the field of management has been silent on issues related to the link between domestic animals and employment. No published work exists on the subject in the management literature. They hope that the caucus will serve to introduce a new stream of literature.
MEMBER’S NEWS, CONTINUED...

Catherine A. Faver (Department of Social Work at the University of Texas Pan America) and Elizabeth B. Strand (Veterinary Social Work Services at the University of Tennessee have the following article in press (2006): “Unleashing compassion: Social work and animal abuse.” In F. R. Ascione (Ed.), International handbook of theory and research on animal abuse and cruelty. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press.

Jessica Greenebaum, Department of Sociology, Central Connecticut State University has been promoted to Associate Professor and will be teaching “Animals and Society” in the spring session of 2006.

Ali Hatch, University of Colorado at Boulder is presenting the paper, “From the Other End of the Leash: A Look at Animal—Assisted Therapy from the Animals’ Perspective” at the International Social Sciences Conference in Hawaii on June 16th.

Holli Kendall and Linda Lobao are studying public attitudes toward animal well-being and their determinants. Their research is part of the Social Responsibility Initiative in Food, Agriculture, and the Environment at Ohio State University. This is a new university initiative which among other topics, contains a focus on the public’s views about treatment of farm animals.

Adam Lauricella, SUNY New Palz will be presenting at an open refereed roundtable at the ASA. His paper is entitled “Addressing Anthropocentrism: The Move Toward a More Compassionate Society”.

Tracey Smith-Harris, Department of Anthropology & Sociology at Cape Breton University, was awarded tenure this spring. She also had her report entitled, “Linking Violence: An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Relationship between Violence against Nonhuman Animals and Humans” published in Society and Animals (13: 2).
TEACHING MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

A new teaching resource manual on animals and society is now available from the ASA Online Bookstore ($14 for members). “Teaching About Animals and Society: A Collection of Syllabi, Projects, Assignments, Web Sites, Articles and Bibliographies” includes both under-graduate and graduate course syllabi. It also includes various teaching resources for people currently teaching Animals & Society courses, such as: print and web resources, relevant films, and articles on establishing and teaching an Animals & Society course. The manual was compiled and edited by the following section members: Janet M. Alger, Tracey Smith-Harris, Shawn McEntee, and Kim W. Stallwood.

UPCOMING ISAZ CONFERENCE FEATURES SEVERAL SECTION MEMBERS

The 14th Annual International Society for Anthrozoology Conference entitled “Exploring Human-Animal Relations” will be held on July 11-12, 2005, Niagara Falls, NY. Clif Flynn will be giving the keynote address entitled “Women, Children and Animals Last: Connections between Animal Abuse and Family Violence.”

The following papers will also be of interest to section members:

“Sociological Approaches to Human-Animal Interactions and Relationships” by Clinton R. Sanders

“No Longer “Us” and “Them”: Sociological Insights into the Connections between Humans and Animals” by Leslie Irvine

“The construction of the meaning of animals in early sociological theory” by Salla Tuomivaara

“Exploring human-livestock relations: a division of (emotional) labour?” by Rhoda Wilkie

“Serious Leisure and Animal—Related Volunteerism: Why Greyhound Adopters Just Can’t Quit” by Sarah Richardson

“The Throw Away Society and the Family Dog: An Exploration of the Consumption and the Disposition of Companion Animals” by Jessica Greenebaum

“The Impact of Relocation on the Culture and Social Structure of a Cat Shelter” by Janet and Steven Alger

“Animals as a Tourist Attraction?” by Lynette Hart

To view the entire program or for registration information, please go to http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/isaz2005.html
REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS


My colleague Rhoda Wilkie and I are currently compiling the above multi-volume collection of writings on human-animal relations, to be published by Routledge in 2006. It will be the first multi-volume work comprehensively to map the exciting and dynamic field of human-animal studies. It will reproduce already-published key pieces on the diverse range of human-animal relations from perspectives across the social sciences, including sociology, anthropology, psychology and economics. It will also have an introductory essay by the editors which will map out all the various contributions that the social sciences have made to the comprehension of the relations between humans and animals. The work should be a highly useful resource for teachers and researchers in the human-animal studies field, in that it will bring together for the first time crucial writings in the area which hitherto have been scattered in many different locales.

As sociologists, we are particularly keen to include in the set those articles which sociological researchers feel are absolutely crucial texts for understanding human-animal relations. Therefore we would like to ask you to suggest to us which sociological (or other social scientific, or indeed humanities) texts you feel should be reproduced in these volumes. These could be pieces which you feel have made an outstanding contribution to the field and are bona fide ‘classics’. Or you could suggest texts which you feel best demonstrate contemporary and cutting-edge work in the field. You can suggest either journal articles or particular chapters from books. Please note that we are not seeking submissions from authors of new, unpublished work. We are seeking suggestions as to which previously published work to reproduce in the volumes.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to play a part in shaping what we believe will become the key reference resource for human-animal relations scholars in the next decade and more. If you have any thoughts about what you would like to see in the volumes, please contact me, David Inglis, by email at d.inglis@abdn.ac.uk.

Many thanks in advance!

David Inglis, Department of Sociology, University of Aberdeen, UK.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue of the Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries:
Human-Animal Connections: Impacts on Society and the Biosphere

For its fourth issue, JSEB requests submissions pertaining to human-animal social interactions and concerns relating to the humane treatment of other species. Along these lines, this edition of JSEB seeks to provide a forum for the discussion of a number of issues of importance across disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences, humanities and biological sciences. Some possible areas include (but are by no means limited to):

human-animal symbolic and social interaction; use of animals in a medical setting and as companions to improve human health; issues regarding which animals are chosen for pets and how humans and animals are served by such relations; comparative studies of attitudes towards animals in differing ethnic groups or societies; issues of anthropomorphism and the study of thought processes and emotion in animals; humane treatment of animals used for work and sport, such as draft animals, thoroughbred race horses, grey hounds, etc.; issues in the humane treatment of animals in factory farming and mass production slaughter; issues regarding which animals are chosen for food in different societies and/or the vegetarian alternative; ethical treatment of animals and their use as research subjects; animal liberation movements, their tactics, and their social impact; eco-tourism and its impact on animals in their natural habitat; zoo and animal performance as spectacle and issues in humane treatment; zoos and their impact on understanding of animal’s environmental coexistence with human societies issues of human speciesism and continued co-existence of humans and animals in the earth biosphere.

Those interested in submitting are encouraged to send a title and abstract in advance. Submissions should be electronic, sent as an e-mail attachment in either OpenOffice.org format (.sxw) or Microsoft Word format (.doc), to the guest editor, Judith Warner, at jwarner@tamiu.edu or the managing editor, Dan Mott, at jseb@tamiu.edu or dmott@tamiu.edu. Style should conform to APA guidelines. **Deadline: September 1, 2006.**

JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED—Animal Law and Ethics

The Journal of Animal Law and Ethics has recently been approved as an unofficial journal at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, to be run by students with the support of a faculty advisory board. JALE seeks to provide a scholarly forum for cross-disciplinary engagement of issues of animal law and ethics. Animal law scholarship and practice have increased steadily in the past decade, and there remains only one other journal on the topic in the country. We feel that this is an area that is still vastly underrepresented within the legal and intellectual community, and hope to use the journal as a means to both spark interest and educate others. The study of animal law encompasses a multitude of areas of law (among them, criminal law, health law, family law, tort law, and property law) while also intersecting with non-legal disciplines (such as ethics, philosophy, medicine, history, criminology, and religious studies). This journal was started by members of Penn Law’s Student Animal Legal Defense Fund in hopes of providing a respected legal journal that addresses some of the most pressing issues of the day regarding animal law and ethics.

We at the Journal are currently seeking submissions for our first issue, set to be published during the next academic year. Submissions may touch upon any topic that is related to the field of animal law or ethics. For questions, or if you have interest in submitting an article, please contact Matthew Olesh at molesh@law.upenn.edu.
MERGER CREATES THE ANIMALS AND SOCIETY INSTITUTE

Ken Shapiro and Kim W. Stallwood are pleased to announce that their respective organizations, the Society and Animals Forum and the Institute for Animals and Society, are merging to form the Animals and Society Institute (ASI)

Because SAF and IAS have long shared similar purposes, ideologies, and methodologies, Shapiro and Stallwood believe the nonprofit “bottom line” (effectiveness of programs, breadth of reach, long-term success) will be better served by a combined entity. It is further expected that the Animals and Society Institute will benefit from the synergy that comes from combining mutually cooperative forces toward a common goal.

The Animals and Society Institute will be an independent research and educational organization that advances the status of animals in public policy and promotes the study of human-animal relationships. Its primary office will be at the Baltimore location previously occupied by the IAS.

Shapiro and Stallwood will each hold the title of Co-executive Director, and will jointly assume managerial responsibility for the new organization.

ASI’s programs include:

- The Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science
- The Society and Animals Journal
- The Violence Link Program
- The Animals’ Platform
- The Annual International Compassionate Living Festival (in conjunction with the Culture and Animals Foundation)

ASI’s senior staff include Jill Howard Church, communications director; Mary Ann Lauffer, education director; and Martha Powers, marketing director.

ABOUT the Animals and Society Institute -- the Animals and Society Institute is an IRS 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization formed in 2005 by the merger of the Institute for Animals and Society (formerly the Animal Rights Network) and the Society and Animals Forum (formerly Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). ARN and PsyETA were founded in 1979 and 1981, respectively. ARN published The Animals’ Agenda magazine from 1979 through 2002.

For more information please contact Co-executive Director, Kim Stallwood by email at kim.stallwood@animalsandsociety.org.
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS—ANIMALS & SOCIETY RELATED SESSIONS

The following two Animals and Society related sessions will be offered at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting which runs August 11-13 in Philadelphia, PA.

Title of Session: What About the Animals? Does Human-Animal Interaction Benefit Both Species
Organizer: Lisa Anne Zilney, Montclair State University
Discussant: Anne Carroll, Northeast State Community College

Papers:
- Companion Animals and Women’s Identity, by Lisa Sarmicanic, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Humane Education: The Effects of Animals in the Classroom on Children’s Empathy in Japanese Elementary Schools, by Mika Maruyama, Portland State University, Frank R. Ascione, Utah State University, and Mihoko Nakagawa, Ochanomizu University
- The Impact of a Resident Companion Animal Program on the Quality of Life of Elderly Nursing Home Residents, by Marjorie Mogul, Bryn Mawr College
- Of man and beast: Animal victims of interpersonal violence, by Cassandra Lynn Reyes, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Animal cruelty by children: Boys being boys or a real warning sign?, by Patricia A. Cody, The University of Texas at Austin
- Smoke and Mirrors? A Social Constructionist’s Perspective on Human-Animal Violence, by Lisa Anne Zilney, Montclair State University

Title of Session: Consequences, Solutions and Impacts of Human-Animal Interaction
Organizer: Lisa Anne Zilney, Montclair State University
Discussant: Anne Carroll, Northeast State Community College

Papers:
- Oikos and Domus: On Constructive Cohabitation with Other Creatures, by Ralph Acampora, Hofstra University
- Clever Hans: How Science Put the Rational Cart Before a Perceptive Horse, by Lisa Marie Beck, Bryn Mawr College
- So near, but yet so far: Distancing techniques employed in an animal shelter, by Tracey Smith-Harris, Cape Breton University
- Alaska’s Problem Wolves: Stakeholder Dynamics in the Interior Alaska Wolf Control Controversy, by Tamara L. Mix and Sine Anahita, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Animals in Disasters: Issues for Sociological Study, by Leslie Irvine, University of Colorado

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE—NATURE IN LEGEND AND STORY’S THIRD BIANNUAL CONFERENCE

FIREFPAW HAS AN UPCOMING BOOK ON ANIMAL ABUSE


Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet

The book is written for domestic violence case workers, therapists, law enforcement, veterinarians, social service professionals, judges, district attorneys, animal control officers, humane investigators, fire department officials, animal welfare organizations, and other professions who come in contact with animal victims and perpetrators of animal abuse. University undergraduates and graduate students learning about family violence and students of both veterinarian practice and law enforcement will also find the book quite useful.

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet is designed to give professionals and laypersons an overview of the most critical scientific and anecdotal findings about the factors surrounding animal abuse. Presented in a user-friendly style, the goal is to provide readers with the findings and strategies that are the most useful and effective in everyday, real world settings. The research findings presented in this book include notable studies on animal abuse, perpetrators, and abusive environments, as well as the possible causes and outcomes thought to be linked to animal abuse. Also covered is animal abuse in applied settings: real life tales from the street as well as strategies and techniques to assist professionals in recognizing and addressing animal abuse.

Contact: P. Frank, Ph.D., FIREFPAW, Inc.228 Main Street, #436, Williamstown, MA 01267, Telephone: 518-462-5939, Email: info@firepaw.org - or- firepaw@earthlink.net, Web site: www.firepaw.org

SURVEY—Pet Ownership and Work-Life Balance

Jenny Hoobler, University of Illinois and Teri Domagalski, Florida Institute of Technology, are presently gathering preliminary data of a descriptive nature that examines the pet ownership and work/life balance nexus. They are seeking participants who work and own pets and would welcome anyone to complete their survey – which takes only five minutes on-line.

The survey is available at: http://my.fit.edu/~ydottin/survey/
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