

DOUBLE ISSUE

This double issue of Ethics & Animals is number 3-4 of Volume I and completes the first volume. An imbalance of materials on hand in September (too many directory entries, too few reviews) indicated a merger of numbers 3 (September) and 4 (December).

INCORPORATION

The Society for the Study of Ethics & Animals is now a not-for-profit corporation registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The SSEA is now filing with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for recognition of its tax-exempt status.

MONEY

The financial status of the Society, and of Ethics & Animals, remains quite precarious. Only the generosity of the Department of Philosophy and Religion of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ("Virginia Tech") has enabled us to complete this first year. The Board of Directors has approved an increase in dues, effective for 1981, to \$5 per year, and an increase in the institutional subscription cost to \$7 per year. The airmail surcharge for 1981 will be \$3. A form is enclosed with which you may renew your SSEA membership/E&A subscription for 1981. Please do so as soon as possible.

The circulation of E&A (memberships plus subscriptions) is now slightly over 200. The economics of production make 300 or 400 much more efficient numbers. Please encourage your friends who are interested in human treatment of non-humans to join the SSEA, and please urge institutions and libraries to subscribe. (The 1980 volume will be available for libraries at the 1980 cost of \$4.)

ELECTION

In May, 1981, the terms of two members of the Board of Directors of the SSEA will expire. Theodore Sager Meth and Lilly-Marlene Russow have both been nominated for re-election. Any additional nominations should be sent to the Executive Secretary by February 15, 1981. Nominations do not require a second, but do require the consent of the person nominated. Nominees must be members of the SSEA. Voting will be by mail ballot, sent out with the March, 1981, issue of E&A.

MEETINGS

The 1980 annual meeting of the SSEA was held at the Sheraton-Boston hotel on December 28, 1980. Lilly-Marlene Russow and Harlan B. Miller presented papers on the justification for preserving endangered species. A spirited discussion followed. For the 1981 meeting, to be held in late December, 1981, in Philadelphia, the topic of zoos has been suggested. Alternate suggestions are invited, and should be sent to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible. A call for papers will be contained in March, 1981, issue of E&A.

EDITORIAL POLICY

With the next issue, the first of Volume II, Ethics & Animals will change its character somewhat. That issue will see the publication of our first article. Articles will be judged by a system of 'blind' refereeing, and only those considered to be of substantial intellectual merit will be published in the Articles Section. The Review Section of E&A, on the other hand, will publish all submissions that are not manifestly illiterate, obscene or libellous. The Review Section is an open forum for reviews, re-reviews, rejoinders and objections. It is hoped that thus E&A can provide both an open arena for debate and an academically respectable vehicle for finished work.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

All material submitted for publication in Ethics & Animals should be addressed to the Editor. Reviews and articles should be typed, on one side of the paper only. One copy is sufficient for all submissions except articles, of which three copies are requested. To facilitate 'blind' reviewing of articles the author's name should not appear on the manuscript, but should be on a separate sheet of paper which also bears the title of the article. If possible, authors should also remove internal references which would identify them (such as "as I argued in my article on animal liberation in The Journal of Beasts"). Such references can be re-inserted before publication.