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ARTICLES

This first number of the second volume of Ethics & Animals contains the first articles we have published--"Human Uniqueness as a Guide to Resolving Conflicts Between Animal and Human Interests" by Richard L. Fern and "Utilitarianism and Vegetarianism Again" by Tom Regan. Reviews, comments and rejoinders concerning these articles are invited from all members of the SSEA. Both these articles are basically philosophical, but it is certainly not our intention to confine ourselves to articles by philosophers. Ethics & Animals invites articles by biologists, psychologists, veterinarians, agricultural scientists, animal welfare workers and anyone else interested in the human treatment of non-human animals.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The third annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Ethics & Animals will be held in late December (probably the 27th) 1981, in Philadelphia. The general topic of zoos has been selected. Members of the Society who wish to participate in the planned panel discussion are invited to submit abstracts or prospectuses of brief papers. There are a number of complicated questions about zoos. For what purposes and under what conditions can we justify keeping animals in captivity? Can the different functions served by zoos be reconciled one with another? Entertainment, education, research and species preservation have been cited as goods promoted by zoos. How should these rank among themselves, and how can each justify confinement? There are also other, less fundamental questions concerning standards of confinement and care, the responsibilities of zoo professionals and funding agencies, and so on. We welcome submissions on any of these topics. Please send your abstract or prospectus to the Executive Secretary no later than June 1, 1981. (This early deadline is required by the printing schedule for the program

for the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association. As in the past, the SSEA will meet in conjunction with the Eastern Division of the APA.)

ELECTIONS

This May the terms of two members of our original Board of Directors expire, thus we are called up to elect two members for two-year terms, beginning in May. There are three nominees: Theodore Sager Meth, Richard Morgan, and Lilly-Marlene Russow. Brief descriptions of the nominees, and a ballot, are included with each SSEA member's copy of this issue. Please vote and return your ballot as soon as possible. Note the deadline on the ballot.

TO THE EDITOR:

In the December, 1980, issue of Ethics & Animals, Marianna Burt cites several alleged "errors" in my account (in the June, 1980, issue) of the Conference on Medicine, Animals and Man held during May of last year in Chicago. I shall not bore the reader with a detailed rebuttal of her charges, but wish to state that I stand by my review of this conference, which was based on the abstracts distributed by the speakers and my own notes taken during the sessions reported upon.

It is obvious that when one is asked by the editor of this journal to provide a summary of such a conference not in excess of 300 words, he has to be highly selective and therefore has the right to be so. I chose to mention only those things that interested me and which I judged to be of greatest general interest. Ms. Burt is entitled to her own version of what aspects of the conference were most significant. But this does not invalidate anyone else's impressions, my own included.

Michael A. Fox

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.