Editorial

With this number, Between the Species finishes its first year of publication. The editors are pleased with and grateful for the enthusiastic response of their readers and reviewers. We thank those who have contributed writing to the journal and those who have contributed in other ways. Our special thanks go again to The Animal Protection Institute of America for the grant enabling us to publish the first issue. We look forward now to a second year of regularly publishing the best academic writing on ethics and animals, related essays in a variety of scholarly disciplines, autobiography, activist comment, and good and entertaining fiction and poetry—while adding some new dimensions.

Already on hand for publication during 1986 are philosophical articles by Lawrence Finsen, Michael Wrenn, and Steve Sapontzis. Extended, critical reviews of recent animal rights publications have already been promised for 1986 by James Nelson, Lilly-Marlene Russow, and Mary Anne Warren. Peter Singer and Tom Regan have contributed autobiographical papers, as will Andrew Rowan. It is likely that Regan’s novel bio, in two parts, will constitute an event in the animal liberation movement. The concluding chapters of George Abbe’s Negativit set for the Winter and Spring ’86 issues, to be followed, starting with the Summer issue, with the serialization of another short novel, Chuck Redman’s The Meatateers.

We repeat our invitation to readers to comment, in letters of up to 500 words, on any of the content of Between the Species.

With this issue, we inaugurate what we hope will become a regular feature of Between the Species: the discussion of articles previously published in this journal. We do not feel that ideas are pearls of wisdom intended for silent contemplation but, rather, are contributions to the on-going debate which constitutes historical, social, and moral development. Consequently, we would like to invite readers who feel moved to continue the discussion begun in one of our articles to contribute their ideas to be considered for publication. Responses to BTS articles should be in the range of 600-900 words. Authors will be given the opportunity to respond at similar length to these responses. Replies to replies to replies, and so forth, will have to be reserved for private correspondence, but we do hope that the discussion department of BTS will help to make this journal serve as a stimulating forum for the refinement and progress of ideas and arguments concerning our moral attitudes and obligations to non-human beings.

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