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The author provides brief annotated references of basic resources on the “human-animal bond,” the relationship between people and pets (“companion animals”) throughout history. Types of human-animal relationships are very diverse, and the author offers examples of many, including animal-assisted therapies, pet-keeping, and training styles.

KEYWORDS. Human-animal bond, animal-assisted therapy, animal abuse, pets, training of animals

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The publications presented in this chapter cover a variety of animal sports (dog racing, bull fighting, rodeos, horse shows and horse racing) and entertainment (theatre, film, television, circuses, zoos and aquariums). These texts represent a wide view of current research, opinion and debate on the use of animals in these areas.

KEYWORDS. Circuses, dog and horse racing, animals in film, rodeos, zoos

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Animals have been viewed, by the laws of societies, simply as “things” throughout recorded history. Only recently have books been written promoting or simply discussing the possible granting of legal status to animals. The author presents a thorough list of these materials, with brief reviews.

KEYWORDS. Animals in law, legal status of animals
Animals in Religion: Resources for Libraries

John M. Kistler

This article introduces the subject of animals as viewed by the world’s religions. It disputes the common perception that Eastern religions are entirely “animal friendly” while Western religions are wholly uncaring toward animals. The author reviews print-resources on the status of animals in world religions to assist librarians in collection development. The reviews are categorized to suggest which resources would be most appropriate for: all libraries; public libraries; and academic libraries.

KEYWORDS. Animals in religion, animal rights and religion, animal welfare and religion

Animals in Science and Education

Laura J. Bishop
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This article provides an overview of the ethical issues associated with the use of animals in scientific research and education, including references to arguments on both sides of the issue. It reviews print resources on the use of animals in science and education, dividing them into categories relating to either science/research, education, or both. Also provided are reviews of some Internet sites that offer other resources and provide full text of documents that may no longer be available in print.

KEYWORDS. Animals in science, animal experimentation, vivisection, genetic engineering, transgenic animals, xenotransplantation, cloning

Animals in Industry

Beth Roberts

The following books relate to the issues surrounding the use of animals for both food and clothing. Farmers may appreciate the increased productivity of factory farming, but the view of animals as production units and the sometimes questionable treatment of animals in some factory farms raises ethical concerns for those interested in animal welfare issues. Genetic engineering, of both plants and animals, is a controversial topic.

KEYWORDS. Factory farming, genetic engineering, animal agriculture, security animals, meat, carnivorism

Building a Library Collection on Ethical Vegetarianism

Kerry Walters

This article discusses six interrelated categories of resources on ethical vegetarianism, and reviews titles for each of the six essential categories for libraries.

KEYWORDS. Vegetarianism, ethics and food, carnivorism, animals in religion
Sources for Animal Biodiversity
Margaret A. Mellinger

As ecological and human pressures on animal populations increase, so does the
discussion of the importance of animal biodiversity. This paper presents sources
that can be used to research animal biodiversity and related topics.

KEYWORDS. Biodiversity, animal populations, animal ecology, habitat

Endangered Species: Selected Resources for Libraries
Judith R. J. Johnson

This article provides an annotated overview of recently published works related to
the topic of endangered species. Books about specific species; particular regions
of the world; the economic, political and social complexities of protection efforts;
legal aspects of protection and conservation; and the cultural and societal impacts
of endangerment, conservation and extinction are included. Recommendations are
made regarding suitability for various types of libraries.

KEYWORDS. Endangered species, extinction, habitat

Animal Rights and Animal Welfare: Historical Resources
Lois Fischer Black

Although literature of the animal rights movement can be traced back to ancient
philosophers, the animal rights movement as we know it today has a relatively
brief history. This article identifies some of the key works in recent literature in the
history of animal rights. Included are reviews intended to aid librarians in select-
ing titles in animal rights and animal welfare history. Works are divided into two
categories: bibliographies and general historical works.

KEYWORDS. Animal rights, animal welfare

Hunting, Animal Intelligence, and Other Works
John M. Kistler

This article lists additional resources that warrant consideration, with sources on
animals in human thought, general animal rights and welfare, hunting, animal in-
telligence and behavior, and anti-animal-rights works.

KEYWORDS. Hunting, animal intelligence, ethology, animal rights, animal wel-
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