NEWSLETTER

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY

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DIRECTION OF CORRESPONDENCE: Please direct DUES, CHANGES OF ADDRESS, and MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS to ABS TREASURER DONALD A. DEWSBURY, Department of Psychology, Psychology Building, University of Florida, Gainesville FL 32601; direct inquiries regarding the JOURNAL to the publishers, Bailliere, Tindall, 7 & 8 Henrietta St., London WC2E8QE; direct other correspondence to ABS Secretary, N. M. Jessop.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR 1974 ASZ MEETINGS: Members of the Animal Behavior Society who also hold membership in the American Society of Zoologists are reminded that meetings of the Animal Behavior Division of the American Society of Zoologists may be organized for meetings of ASZ in which the Animal Behavior Society is not formally participating. The Animal Behavior Society will not meet with ASZ at Tucson, Arizona, December 27-30, 1974. However, any Division member who wishes to present a 10-15 minute paper at this meeting may do so. For more information contact the ABS Program Officer, Dr. E. O. Price, Department of Zoology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse NY 13210. Inquiries should be made no later than August 1, 1974, since abstracts must be received by August 20.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1974 ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The positions of Second President-Elect, Secretary, and Member-at-large will be voted upon by mail ballot accompanying the November newsletter. A slate of nominees, as prepared by the Nominations Committee, will appear in the August-September newsletter. Members wishing to place a name in nomination may do so by submitting a letter signed by five or more members in good standing and accompanied by an indication that the nominee has been approached and is willing to serve if elected. Nominating letters should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Dr. John F. Eisenberg, Scientific Research Division, National Zoological Park - Smithsonian Inst., Washington DC 20009. Such letters should be received by August 15, 1974.

DUES INCREASE TO COVER RISE IN JOURNAL PUBLICATION COSTS: Through a motion passed at the Business Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society in Houston, December, 1973, it was requested that through mail ballot of the membership an increase of $2.50 for all classes of membership be sought to meet an equivalent increase in publication costs for the journal Animal Behaviour. ABS members receive this journal at very low cost compared with subscription rates to nonmembers. The proposed increase would necessarily also apply to affiliates subscribing to Animal Behaviour through ASZ. In accordance with this motion a ballot appears elsewhere in this letter, which should be returned to the Secretary by August 15.

1974 MIDWESTERN REGIONAL MEETINGS: The Midwestern Regional Meetings of the Animal Behavior Society will be held September 20-21, hosted by the University of Notre Dame. For information contact Dr. David W. Morgan, Department of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.
NIMH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP: An NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship is available in The Training Program in Animal Behavior/Biopsychology involving a collaboration between Biology and Psychology Programs at the City University of New York and the Department of Animal Behavior, American Museum of Natural History. The fellow would conduct research at the Museum and support would be available for travel to field stations, laboratory supplies and travel. Please send Vitae and a one-page outline of research plans and interests to:

Dr. H. F. Zeigler, Director, Training Program in Animal Behavior/Biopsychology
Department of Animal Behavior, American Museum of Natural History
79th & Central Park West, New York NY 10024

ETHOLOGY POSITION: The Department of Zoology of the University of Wisconsin is now accepting applications for a position in ethology beginning fall, 1975. The University of Wisconsin is an equal opportunity employer. We wish wide circulation of the current opening among relevant potential applicants. Interest persons should not send materials; rather they should write the Search Committee to obtain application materials. Letters of inquiry should reach the committee by July 1, 1974, and applications should be filed by August 1, 1974. Direct correspondence to Jack P. Hailman, Chairman, Ethology Search Committee, Department of Zoology, Birge Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI 53706.


COMPARATIVE PSYCHOLOGY AT ISSUE: A series of papers representing the Proceedings of a conference entitled Contemporary Issues in Comparative Psychology, held in conjunction with the XXth International Congress of Psychology in Tokyo, Japan on August 14, 1972, and with the 80th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Honolulu, Hawaii, on September 2, 1972, has been published under the title, Comparative Psychology at Issue, vol. 223, Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. Edited by E. Tobach, H. E. Adler, and L. L. Adler, these Proceedings include contributions by J. P. Scott, W. Wickler, L. V. Krushinskii, J. Hirsch, W. H. Thorpe, and others. It is obtainable for $18.00 from the Publications Department of the New York Academy of Sciences, 2 East 63d St., New York NY 10021.

THE USE OF ZOOS IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH: A symposium on this topic met with an enthusiastic reception at the AAAS meetings in San Francisco earlier this year. Its organizer, Gary Greenberg, reports that the proceedings are being prepared for publication as a "manual" for behavioral researchers in zoos, and will include contributions by Erich Klinghammer, Duane Rumbaugh, James Shapiro, Allen Stokes, and others who utilize zoos in behavioral research.

MIDWESTERN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE: A Midwestern Animal Behavior Institute has been created as a joint effort of the new Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita and the Psychology Department of Wichita State University. While the facilities of the Institute are as yet quite modest, research proposals from interested scientists and students are welcomed. Direct correspondence to Dr. Gary Greenberg, Department of Psychology, Wichita State University, Wichita KN 67208.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR EDITOR'S REPORT: Just when the publishers had managed to make up time lost by strikes in England and get the publication of Animal Behaviour back on schedule, the British government imposed a three-day work week due to the energy shortage. A minimum delay of two to three weeks is anticipated for each issue as long as these conditions pertain.

American authors will be pleased to note that the backlog of American manuscripts accepted for publication has dwindled over the past year, and some time during 1974 the first manuscripts from the present editor's tenure should appear in print. There continues to be a large influx of manuscripts received, but the expanded size of Animal Behaviour beginning this year should allow quicker publication and more published manuscripts than in past years. Once a final version of a manuscript has been accepted for publication, it should see print within twelve months, or sooner.

STUDENT RESEARCH IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR: Brookfield Zoo offers a summer program in original behavioral research at the zoo for advanced undergraduate and graduate students. For further information regarding stipends and proposal deadlines for 1975 write to Benjamin S. Jeck, Research Curator, Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield IL 60513.


BALLOT FOR DUES INCREASE TO COVER INCREASED JOURNAL COSTS: As announced on page one, increased publication costs for Animal Behaviour must be met. It was voted at the Business meeting of December, 1973, that this increase be secured by an across-the-board increase of $2.50 for all categories of membership, upon approval of the membership by mail ballot. This increase would be effective January 1, 1975, and serves only to meet the increased publication costs. Please complete the following ballot and return it by August 15 to ABS Secretary N. M. Jessop, Department of Biology, U. S. International University, San Diego CA 92131. The ballot may be anonymized by removing the address label on reverse, but in that event must be enclosed in an envelope bearing the name of the voting member.

BALLOT

In order to cover increased journal subscription costs, dues for all categories of membership in the Animal Behavior Society shall be increased by $2.50 effective January 1, 1975.

Yes: ________________________

No: ________________________

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MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The fall meetings of the American Physiological Society, held in conjunction with the ASZ Division of Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry on the campus of the State University of New York at Albany, will include several major items of relevance to animal behaviorists. On August 12, 1974, a one-day refresher course will be held on "The Structure and Function of the Visual System". On August 13, an all-day symposium will be conducted on "Neural Control of Respiration". On August 14 a half-day symposium will consider "Sensory Neurons: Specificity of Growth and Trophic Functions". For further information write APS Program Committee Co-chairperson Charles Edwards, Department of Biological Sciences, SUNY at Albany, Albany NY 12222.

NEW MOTION PICTURE FILMS ON PRIMATE BEHAVIOR: The following films are now available for rental or purchase through the Rockefeller University, Box 72, Film Service, 1230 York Avenue, New York NY 10021:

"Behavior and Ecology of Vervet Monkeys", by Thomas Struhsaker (16 mm color, sound, 40 minutes, sale $400, rental $20);

"Vocalizations of Wild Chimpanzees", by Hugo Van Lawick, Peter Marler, and Jane Van Lawick-Goodall (16 mm color, sound, 40 minutes, sale $400, rental $20);

"Aspects of the Behavior of the Sifaka Propithecus verreauxi verreauxi", by Thomas Struhsaker and Alison Richard (16 mm black and white, sound, 12 minutes, sale $60, rental $15).

CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-PREDATOR INTERESTS: Animal Behavior Society member Harold A. Bauer wishes to alert the membership to an action taken by 21 United States Senators in writing to the Secretary of the Interior to urge increased action in protecting ranchers "against substantial losses of domestic livestock to coyotes" and to underscore the need for an "accelerated predator control program". Informed letters to legislators or to the Secretary of the Interior might aid in developing recommendations for livestock practices which would be consistent with survival of predator species and wildlife conservation principles.