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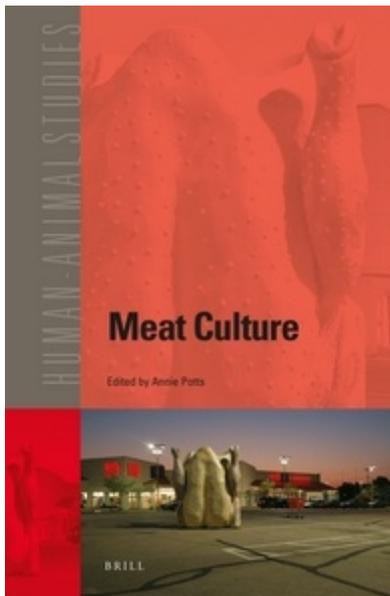
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## Human-Animal Studies Corner

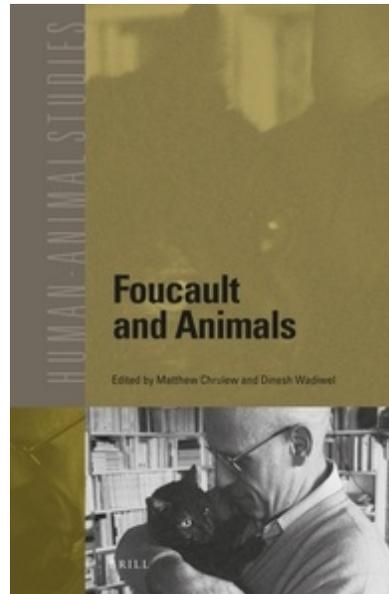
### New Book in our HAS Book Series

We are pleased to announce the publication of the latest two titles in the Brill Human-Animal Studies Book Series. The 17th and 18th titles in the series are:

[\*Meat Culture\*](#), edited by Annie Potts. The analysis of meat and its place in Western culture has been central to Human-Animal Studies as a field. It is even more urgent now as global meat and dairy production are projected to rise dramatically by 2050. While the term 'carnism' denotes the invisible belief system (or ideology) that naturalizes and normalizes meat consumption, in this volume we focus on 'meat culture', which refers to all the tangible and practical forms through which carnist ideology is expressed and



lived. Featuring new work from leading Australasian, European and North American scholars, *Meat Culture*, edited by Annie Potts, interrogates the representations and discourses, practices and behaviours, diets and tastes that generate shared beliefs about, perspectives on and experiences of meat in the 21st century.



[\*Foucault and Animals\*](#), edited by Matthew Chrulew and Dinesh Joseph Wadiwel. *Foucault and Animals* is the first collection of its kind to explore the relevance of Michel Foucault's thought for the question of the animal. Chrulew and Wadiwel bring together essays from emerging and established scholars that illuminate the place of animals and

animality within Foucault's texts, and open up his highly influential range of concepts and methods to different domains of human-animal relations including experimentation, training, zoological gardens, pet-keeping, agriculture, and consumption. Touching on themes such as madness and discourse, power and biopolitics, government and ethics, and sexuality and friendship, the volume takes the fields of Foucault studies and human-animal studies into promising new directions.

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## Human-Animal Programs Corner

### Animal Abuse and Interpersonal Violence Workshops in Michigan

On April 19, our Director of Human-Animal Programs Lisa Lunghofer presented "Animal Abuse and Interpersonal Violence," a day-long workshop at the Humane Society of Huron Valley in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The morning session focused on the connection between



Lisa Lunghofer.. Photo credit: K. Hepfinger

animal welfare advocates, and animal control officers. Karen Patterson, Director of Volunteers and Humane Education at HSHV, summed the day up, saying, "Violence is a community problem, so the only way to solve it is to work together as a community. The workshop presented by ASI brought together people from many different disciplines - many meeting each other for the first time. I'm sure the contacts and partnerships made, not to mention the essential information presented about the link between animal cruelty and interpersonal violence and what we all can do about it -will help create a better, safer place for both people and animals."

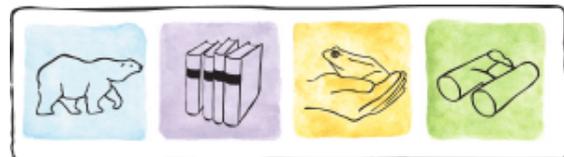
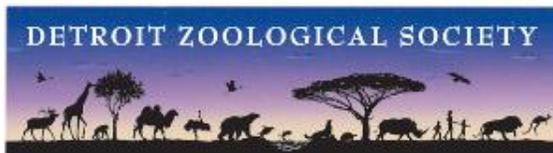
animal abuse, interpersonal violence, and antisocial behavior, and in the afternoon the focus was on what those who work with children need to know about childhood animal abuse. More than 30 professionals from diverse disciplines attended the workshop. Attendees included child protection workers, domestic violence advocates, criminal justice professionals, health care professionals, mental health clinicians,



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## From the Board of Directors

### Symposium Report: Zoos and Aquariums Moving Forward as Welfare Centers



The 4th annual global animal welfare congress, "Zoos and Aquariums Moving Forward as Welfare Centers: Ethical challenges and global commitment," was held May 4-6, 2017 at the [Detroit Zoo](#). The event was co-convened by the Detroit Zoological Society's [Center for Zoo Animal Welfare](#) (CZAW) and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The invitation-only congress was attended by ASI board members, Ken Shapiro and Bee Friedlander. Ken had the honor of introducing Ron Kagan, director of

the Detroit Zoological Society -- one of the most progressive zoos in the world. Kagan's decision to close the elephant exhibit at the zoo in 2004 was groundbreaking for it, for the first time, recognized that individuals of a nonhuman animal species cannot be provided with adequate welfare in zoos as currently constituted. Since then, the National Aquarium has announced that it plans to retire its dolphins to a sea-side sanctuary.

The congress brought together 120 luminaries from both the zoo community and professional animal protection organizations and features many panels and presentations such as:

- If the subjective experience of animals is a major determinant of their welfare, how can we get access to and evaluate that experience?
- Autonomy in matters of preference and control of one's environment are important aspects of welfare. How can animals in captivity retain autonomy? Is captivity consistent with individual freedom?
- Zoos currently sustain their animal populations through captive breeding and rescue. They no longer take animals out of the wild. Rescue is an increasing source of sustaining populations but currently represents only about 3% of current zoo populations.
- How can zoos complement the work of animal protection organizations in educating the public and affecting policy to deal with the dramatic reduction in wildlife populations in recent decades?

Partly through the work of CZAW, it is generally accepted by the zoo community that the welfare of individual animals is a primary mission and responsibility. However, how this is to be effected raises many issues, some of which are in tension with another primary mission of zoos and aquariums - the conservation of animals in the wild. More broadly, the questions under discussion are what is and what should be the function of zoos and, moving forward, how can (and can they) change to effect these.

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