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We all have stories about our relationships with other animals, and many of them are truly transformative.

Dr. Lorin Lindner has put her stories into a book, *"Birds of a Feather, A true story of hope, healing, and the power of animals"*, just released this month.

A visitor to Lindner's apartment in Los Angeles in the 90s would meet Sammy, a rescued Moluccan cockatoo, and, during a walk in the neighborhood, several homeless people (most of whom were veterans) that Dr. Lindner had befriended and, as a clinical psychologist, was informally supporting.

In retrospect, these human-animal and human-human relationships were the seeds of a journey which joined nonhuman animals and veterans in mutually healing encounters. Dr. Lindner had a belief in the potential magic of human-animal relationships and the persistence, creativity, knowledge, persuasiveness, and courage to make that belief a reality.

Dr. Lindner combined advocacy with both scholarship and professional practice. She has written on the use of animal in research and on the relation between human violence and animal abuse.

We at ASI are proud that a stop along her way involved working as an AniCare trainer, providing workshops in several Western cities.

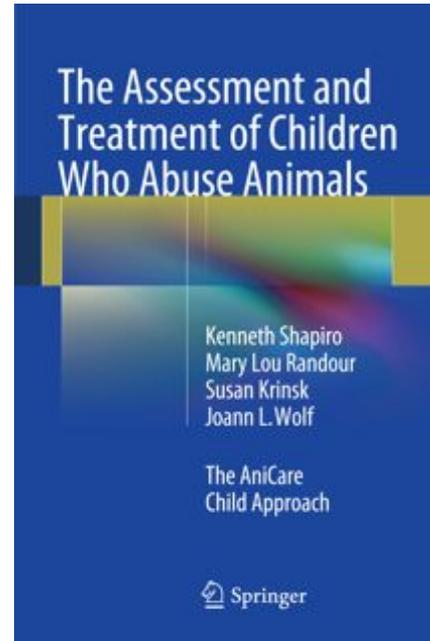
We're looking forward to reading her [book](#), too! If you buy it through [AmazonSmile](#) with ASI as your charity, we'll get a portion of the proceeds (more details below).

HAP Corner

ASI's co-founder, Ken Shapiro, is one of the authors of *The Assessment and Treatment of Children Who Abuse Animals : The AniCare Child Approach*.

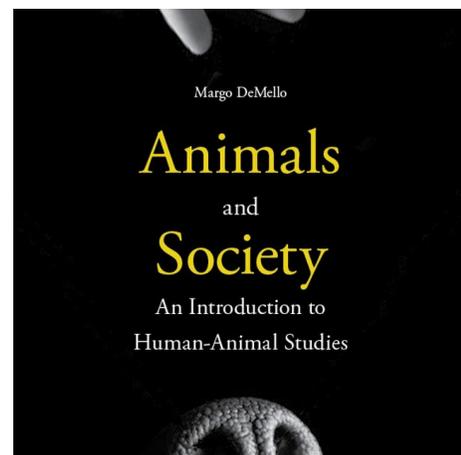
AniCare® Child is an assessment and treatment approach designed for mental health professions working with children under the age of 17 who have perpetrated or witnessed animal abuse. It is also useful to professionals from a range of other disciplines who work with youth, including social workers, attorneys, probation officers, judges, school counselors, teachers, child care providers, and community members.

To learn more about AniCare® Child and purchase the book, [visit ASI's website](#). If you're more interested in treatment programs for adults, there's an [AniCare® Adult Handbook](#) available on ASI's website, too. [ASI members](#) get a 10% discount in our store!



HAS Corner

The first college textbook in Human-Animal Studies was written by ASI's HAS Program Director, Margo DeMello. Margo is one of the founders, and has helped guide the development, of the field of Human-Animal Studies. The text is comprehensive, is well-researched and takes a multidisciplinary approach. It includes current controversial issues, and it includes recommendations for additional readings, a list of films and related websites.



Highly acclaimed by scholars in the field, it is also accessible to those interested in animals. VegNews called the publication of *Animals and Society* "a watershed moment for animals and animal issues. This book is

the equivalent of the Beatles appearing on The Ed Sullivan Show in 1964: there is no going back," and also named it one of the "Top 12 Vegan Books of 2012."

Margo is a prolific writer and editor, and you can find her textbooks, as well as the HAS book series books, in [ASI's online store](#). Don't forget, [ASI members](#) get a 10% discount in our store!

Margo's animal-related books include [Stories Rabbits Tell: A Natural and Cultural History of a Misunderstood Creature](#) (2003), [Why Animals Matter: The Case for Animal Protection](#) (2007), [Teaching the Animal: Human Animal Studies Across the Disciplines](#) (2010), [Animals and Society: An Introduction to Human-Animal Studies](#) (2012), [Speaking for Animals: Animal Autobiographical Writing](#) (2012). Her newest book is the edited collection titled [Mourning Animals: Rituals and Practices Surrounding Animal Death](#).

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