

It is essential that anyone picking up this volume should spend some time browsing through the list of titles – there is important material scattered all through it. Unfortunately there is no index but no doubt literature searches via the abstracting and indexing journals will in due course locate relevant material.

Welfare and Science Proceedings of the 5th Symposium of the Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Association (FELASA) June 1993, Brighton, UK Edited by J Bunyan (1994). Royal Society of Medicine Press: London. 505pp. Paperback. ISBN 1 85315 240 4.

Video dissection guides

A series of video programmes each of which is accompanied by a set of teacher's notes has been prepared by The Television Centre of the University of Portsmouth as an aid to the teaching of 'A' level biology. The programmes examine the fundamental anatomy of the dogfish, frog, pigeon and rat and make use of high quality photographs, graphic overlays and 3-dimensional computer animations and diagrams. The material is clear and well presented and has an obvious use in biological courses. Whether the videos should replace entirely the use of fresh material or act as complementary teaching aids must remain the decision of the course supervisors and teachers. The series has been produced with support from the European Commission and has been endorsed by the Institute of Biology.

Video Dissection Guides The Dogfish (53 min); *The Frog* (42 min); *The Pigeon* (50 min); *The Rat* (57 min). Portsmouth Productions: Portsmouth (1993). Obtainable from the producers, The Rotunda, Museum Road, Portsmouth PO1 2QQ, UK. Price £40 each or £120 for the series of four including postage.

Campaigning against cruelty

Campaigning animal welfare societies tend to produce promotional material which varies from the cheap and sensational to the authoritative and substantial. The new teaching resource pack put out for use in National Curriculum Stages 3 and 4, ie for age range 11 to 16-year-olds, by Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) lies clearly in the latter category. It is made up of some 40 colour slides and a fairly substantial accompanying booklet written by John Callaghan of the CIWF Trust. The colour transparencies, all of which are of high quality, illustrate some aspects of intensive farming, of slaughterhouses, of extensively-kept animals and scenes from CIWF campaigns. The booklet is laid out in parallel order to the slide sequence with an explanatory paragraph for each of the slides. The whole is well produced. It is, of course, educational/promotional/campaigning material and largely presents extreme examples of the good and bad, but it is to a great extent accurate in its facts and realistic in its approach to the problem of man's use and misuse of farmed livestock.

Campaigning Against Cruelty: A Teaching Resource Pack Produced and published by Compassion in World Farming Trust (1994): Petersfield. 21pp paperback booklet and slidepack. Obtainable from the publishers, Charles House, 5A Charles Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3EH, UK. Price £11.50.