

first aiding and releasing of several groups of birds including waterfowl, other swimming and sea birds, waders, gamebirds, birds of prey, owls and other birds (largely garden birds). This volume, which has been sponsored by Intervet (as was the 1994 mammals book), will be a most useful source of information and practical advice for those who have to attend to wild bird casualties.

Wildlife Welfare (Birds). Marian Small (no date indicated but 1996). Intervet UK Ltd: Cambridge. 28pp. Paperback.

The welfare of cats

Each year the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) holds an Animal Welfare Forum. The subject of the 1995 meeting was the cat, and the full text of the eight papers presented at the Forum have now been published as part of Volume 208, Issue 4 (15 February 1996) of the *Journal of the AVMA*. The themes ranged from the origin and nature of the domestic cat (Joan Miller) to feral cats in the United Kingdom (Jenny Remfry). There were also contributions on feline behaviour and welfare (Gary Landsberg), new developments in feline vaccines (James Richards), population medicine and infectious diseases (Johnny Hoskins), cats and their people (R Lee Zasloff), surgical neutering and nonsurgical alternatives (Mark Bloomberg) and animal shelter issues (Carter Luke).

As was to be expected much of the material had a veterinary slant but there is still much for those who have a general interest in the welfare of the domestic cat.

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