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Editorial

This edition of *Animal Studies Journal* considers themes of living with animals and of living with their deaths. The first papers address animals' position within different human cultures – Natasha Fijn on crocodiles in Australia and Nikki Saviddes on soi (street) dogs in Thailand. Two more papers deal with the deaths of animals from contrasting perspectives: as experienced by a scientific researcher working to minimise suffering in an account by Clive Marks; and as experienced by others of their own species in Teja Brooks Pribac's research into animal grief. Creative work by Jane O'Sullivan provides a series of images and reflections on zoo captivity.

We also feature reviews of four recent animal studies publications: Steve Baker's *Artist/Animal* reviewed by Una Chaudhuri, Andrew Knight's *The Costs and Benefits of Animal Experiments* reviewed by Denise Russell, Tom Tyler's *CIFERAE: A Bestiary in Five Fingers*, reviewed by Dinesh Wadiwel, and Nik Taylor's *Humans, Animals and Society: An Introduction to Human-Animal Studies*, reviewed by David Raubenheimer.

We invite scholarly and creative submissions for future editions of the journal – please see our website for details of how to submit online.

We hope you find this edition of *Animal Studies Journal* insightful and engaging.

Melissa and Sally

Editors

