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Editorial

To open this issue there are several papers which bring to light the deep complexities and consequences of the designation of certain animals as feral and/or pests. The journal's *Provocation from the Field* is a creative nonfiction work by Philip Armstrong and Annie Potts. Their essay gives a richly detailed insight into the captive life of a rescued marsupial in Aotearoa New Zealand where its species is designated as a noxious pest targeted for eradication.

Jan Brueggemeier's paper presents *Nature in the Dark*, an art collaboration based on repurposed citizen science imagery initially taken for conservation purposes in Victoria, Australia. Employing Jacques Rancière's concept of 'communities of sense' Brueggemeier explains how the NITD artworks, displayed in multiple urban public spaces, 'highlight how media arts practice can probe our perceptual boundaries and help us critique whether these boundaries enact demarcation lines for our moral consideration.'

Writer Adrienne Corradini's short story 'Habitat Mosaic', told from the perspective of a young girl who lives on a rural property, brings the fox and other animals who live there into focus. Ideas of rural harmony and the commonplace practices of hunting, 'pest' control and land management are unsettled in this compelling creative work.

Works by contemporary Iranian artist Naemeh Naemaei form the focus of Linda Williams' essay which considers the qualities of visual aesthetics in relation to species extinction. Williams demonstrates how Naemaei's 'affective imagery of loss...points to our inability to yet fully register the immeasurable losses of extinction and what this yet uncharted grief might imply for potential human agency.'

Kathie Jenni's secular application of the deadly vices, including gluttony, greed and cowardice, to the morality of meat-eating considers various rationalisations and explanations commonly put forward for meat consumption in contemporary contexts.

Sanna Karkulehto and Nora Schuurman explore whether and how the ethics behind the notion of 'becoming with' other species might be applied within the various and sometimes conflicting knowledges and practices of human-horse relations in equestrian contexts.

Thomas Aiello documents the genesis and surprising traction of the Society for Indecency to Naked Animals, an increasingly elaborate hoax authored by Alan Abel in the 1960s, which exhorted the public to clothe other species in the interests of decency. The hoax was always envisaged as a social commentary on public morality but, as Aiello points out, it was also a satire. Aiello shows how the satire 'unintentionally' raised questions about the position of nonhumans in human society.

Finally, Nickie Charles et al. examine the history of gun and companion dog-training philosophies, demonstrating how different perspectives exist depending on factors such as how dogs have been conceptualised. The paper explores a number of approaches highlighting both their contrasts and interrelationships.

We are also delighted to include reviews of eight significant recent books in our field by writers from around the globe: Teya Brooks Pribac's *Enter the Animal; Animality in Contemporary Italian Philosophy*, edited by Felice Cimatti and Carlo Salzani; Austin McQuinn's *Becoming Audible*; Gordon Meade and Jo-Anne McArthur's *Zoospeak*; Deborah Bird Rose's posthumously published *Shimmer; Meatsplaining*, edited by Jason Hannan; *Environmental and Animal Abuse Denial*, edited by Tomaz Grušovnik, Reingard Spannring and Karen Lykke Syse; and Marcus Byrne and Helen Lunn's *Dance of the Dung Beetle*. Warm thanks to the reviewers, also from around the globe!

Melissa and the ASJ team

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Thomas Aiello is a professor of anthrozoology, history, and Africana studies at Valdosta State University. He is the author of more than twenty books and dozens of peer-reviewed journal articles. His work helped amend the Louisiana constitution to make nonunanimous juries illegal and was cited in the United States Supreme Court as part of its decision ruling them unconstitutional. He holds PhDs in history and anthrozoology. Learn more at www.thomasaiellobooks.com.

Philip Armstrong is a Professor in the English Department at the University of Canterbury, and a member of the New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies. He is the author of *What Animals Mean in the Fiction of Modernity* (Routledge, 2008) and *Sheep* (Reaktion, 2016), and the co-author with Annie Potts and Deidre Brown of *A New Zealand Book of Beasts: Animals in our Culture, History and Everyday Life* (Auckland University Press, 2013). In 2011 he won the *Landfall* Essay Prize for a personal essay about the Christchurch earthquakes, and in 2019 the Kathleen Grattan Award for his collection of poetry, *Sinking Lessons* (Otago University Press, 2020). Much of his work can be accessed online at philiparmstrong.org.

Teya Brooks Pribac, PhD, is an independent scholar and multidisciplinary artist. She lives in the Australian Blue Mountains with sheep and other animals; her latest publications include the monograph *Enter the Animal: Cross-species Perspectives on Grief and Spirituality* (Sydney University Press, 2021).

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Matthew Calarco is professor of philosophy at California State University, Fullerton. His books include *Zoographies: The Question of the Animal from Heidegger to Derrida* (Columbia, 2008) and *Beyond the Anthropological Difference* (Cambridge, 2020).

Adrienne Corradini is a writer, researcher and academic librarian based in the Illawarra (south of Sydney). Her most recent work appears in *Living with the Anthropocene: Love, Loss and Hope in the Face of Environmental Crisis* (NewSouth, 2020).

Nickie Charles is Professor and Director of the Centre for the Study of Women and Gender at the University of Warwick, UK. In her recent research she has explored how companion animals become family members and the effects of introducing therapy dogs into universities. She was Principal Investigator on a Leverhulme-funded project, ‘Shaping inter-species connectedness: training cultures and the emergence of new forms of human-animal relations’ which engages with a more animal-centred methodology and draws on expertise from disciplines in the social and natural sciences. She has published two books on related topics: *Nature, Society and Environmental Crisis* (edited with Bob Carter, Wiley Blackwell/The Sociological Review, 2010) and *Human and Other Animals* (edited with Bob Carter, Palgrave, 2011).

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Annie Garlid, musician, composer and writer, studied English at Smith College, viola performance at New England Conservatory, baroque viola at the Hochschule für Musik in Cologne, and ensemble singing at the Schola Cantorum in Basel. In 2018 she began her PhD in music at New York University, where she researches nature, materiality, and race in recent experimental music. Her writing has been published in *Meakusma Magazin*, *Zweikommasieben Magazin*, *CTM Festival*

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Annie Potts is Professor of Human-Animal Studies at the University of Canterbury. She is the author of *Chicken* (Reaktion, 2012), co-author with Philip Armstrong and Deidre Brown of *A New Zealand Book of Beasts: Animals in our Culture, History and Everyday Life* (Auckland University Press, 2013) and of *Animals in Emergencies* (Canterbury University Press, 2014) with Donelle Gadenne, and editor of *Meat Culture* (Brill, 2016). She is currently writing a book on the natural and cultural histories of possums for Sydney University Press's Animal Publics Series.

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