



# ANIMALS AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

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## Animals and Climate Emergency Conference (ACEC) Sydney, 22 to 29 July, 2021

### ACEC and COVID-19

At this stage, we are continuing with our preparations for the conference. The news on the virus and the international responses change daily, but we will keep you abreast of the issues and keep you updated if any changes with conference preparations eventuate. That may mean conference cancellation, rescheduling or some form of videoconference. It is apparent that at least Australians and New Zealanders who have been able to weather the lockdown and the viral impacts largely unscathed when compared to Europe and the USA, may be able to physically attend the conference within our 'bubble'.

At this stage, it is unlikely that we will have enough time to deliver an art exhibition, but this may change as it becomes clear what we can and cannot do before the end of the pandemic.

We wish all our members and supporters the very best of health. Stay safe, healthy and isolated!

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Minding Animals International Incorporated (MAI) and the Centre for Compassionate Conservation (CfCC) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) have joined forces to bring you the inaugural Animals and Climate Emergency Conference (ACEC). This collaborative international conference builds on over a decade of highly successful animal studies conferences organised by MAI. As such, this event will incorporate the 5<sup>th</sup> Minding Animal Conference and the 1<sup>st</sup> Compassionate Conservation Oceania Conference.

The conference will also feature a distinct Critical Animal Studies Day to be organised by the Human Animal Research Network (HARN) at the University of Sydney with the support from the Institute for Critical Animal Studies (ICAS) Oceania.

While there is an ever growing body of evidence on the impacts and immediacy of a changing climate, there is a distinct lack of awareness in what local communities can do to help mitigate the effects on wildlife in their local area during the climate emergency.

The conference will be held in **Sydney**, from **22 to 29 July, 2021** (venue in a central Sydney city location is yet to be confirmed). Until the conference website is up and running and if you need to make contact, please email: [acec@mindinganimals.com](mailto:acec@mindinganimals.com)

## A Meeting of Minds

It was intended that MAI and CfCC would also bring together academics and grassroots animal protection organisations in a '**Meeting of Minds**'. Until it becomes clearer as to the international responses to the pandemic, and especially the policies adopted by animal protection organisations to the crisis and any need to maintain international lockdowns, we cannot confirm this particular element of the programme.

If all proceeds, then the Meeting of Minds would discuss:

- How animal protection organisations are reacting to the emergency;
- How the climate emergency is impacting animals and how those impacts can be alleviated;
- How academics can engage in this process and with animal protection organisations; and,
- How to stimulate solutions to help impart real change for animals, locally and globally.

## Our Vision

We believe that rapid global heating and the impact of subsequent tipping points are threatening all life, human or nonhuman animal, plant or otherwise. There is critical urgency in understanding and responding to this threat, at local, regional, and global scales. Wildfires, drought and heatwaves, flooding, melting icecaps and glaciers, are all increasing suffering and jeopardising the already fraught survival responses many animals face in the Anthropocene. The ramifications for animals have received only superficial attention to date, focusing on extinction risk and changes in diversity, rather than their welfare. Energy is needed to consider how best to support animals through these increasingly prevalent events.

Our considered response will only materialise through evaluation of empirical evidence and discourse among disciplines of environmental and social theory to create open, transparent, and ethically just policy and actions. This is no time for siloed debate and insular decision making. We have therefore created a truly novel space for the intersection of animal studies, animal protection, and climate change science to provide scholars, practitioners, and the community a place to meet and facilitate public and scholarly debates.

Hosted by the Centre for Compassionate Conservation, we have designed a conference program to draw upon the co-held values of respect and compassion for all life. The conference will also benefit from the UTS pledge to foster a diverse, inclusive and thriving community, and its goal of cultivating sustainability and social justice values.

We will bring academic rigour to the challenge of tackling the climate emergency facing animals by addressing the intersectionality of issues studied within the Humanities, Arts and Social Science (HASS) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Drawing upon a wide variety of knowledge, including First Nation perspectives, delegates will be drawn not only from academia, but also from government, politics, corporations, and industry, harnessing divergent views on how nonhuman animals are perceived and treated to ensure that issues are considered broadly. Key will be identifying gaps in knowledge and policy actions to support all animals, how they are perceived, and whether they are captive (companions, livestock, zoos) or wild (pest or invasive [that is, out of place], endangered, or common and thriving).

## Abstract and Themes

Everyone who submits an abstract for the academic component of the conference will be asked to consider the impacts of the climate emergency on animals. That said, and first and foremost, please understand that the conference is a transdisciplinary animal studies event. So, if your paper does not in any way consider the climate emergency or crisis, your abstract will not be excluded and will indeed be considered for inclusion in the programme.

We believe that the greatest threat posed to the planet, to all planetary life, human or nonhuman animal, plant or otherwise, including the current pandemic, is the climate emergency. Hence, the urgency and criticality of climate as the key theme. Besides the overarching theme and how that is impacting individuals and habitats, all life on our fragile planet, we have also proposed the following and linked sub-themes for your consideration and to help you focus your abstract submission and conference debate:

- The Sixth Great Extinction
- Wildlife and compassionate conservation
- The animal industrial complex
- Animals, the circular economy and sustainable food systems
- Animals in development and food sovereignty
- First Nations and decolonisation
- Educating with and for Animals

- Animals, the law and public policy
- Multi-species justice
- Personhood, animal philosophy and bioethics

We also encourage papers that consider animals in art, biodiversity conservation, gender studies, literature, religion, film, the media, medicine, politics, science, veterinary science, the zoological sciences ..... and as for all previous Minding Animals Conferences, the list goes on .....

## Thinking Ahead

Importantly, and unlike previous conferences, there will be delegates from a broader cross-section of society. There will be delegates from government, politics, corporations and industry that will have quite divergent views on how nonhuman animals are perceived/utilised/treated/exploited. To consider nonhuman animals and climate more broadly, to not just talk to the 'converted', and to reach tangible outcomes for the future, we believe this is a necessary conference objective. Thus, this conference will seek to encourage dialogue and impart change from a broad cross-section of society.

The ACEC is **NOT** an animal rights conference, or a wildlife conservation or zoology conference, or an animal welfare conference, or an environmental conference, or a veterinary conference, it is **ALL** that!

And like all previous conferences, we stress to all delegates who attend ACEC that they participate in a spirit of honesty and cooperation, accepting that other delegates may have very divergent opinions on how animals are perceived/utilised/treated/exploited, but always with the overall objective of protecting animals, no matter in what form or time frame, with the objective to reach better outcomes for nonhuman animals. Nonetheless, we urge active and critical debate with your fellow delegates.

Further announcements regarding the conference will be made in the coming Minding Animals Bulletins and website as arrangements continue to develop, including establishment of a dedicated website, an official call for abstracts and registrations, and of special events and programmes.

**Special note: Sydney (and Australia) IS expensive - PLEASE start to save for your registration, travel and accommodation. If you are an academic or student with an allocated budget or stipend, please make arrangements for funding applications as soon as you can.**

## Off-setting your Carbon Emissions from attending ACEC

Key partners for the ACEC will be the Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund (<http://cncf.com.au/>) and Saffron Aid (<http://saffronaid.com>).

A component of your registration equal to the need to offset your carbon emissions will be directed to the CNCF. A carbon sink will sequester carbon through a self-sustaining biodiverse tree planting programme in Australia, converting your carbon emissions from your flights into living trees that will be protected in forests in perpetuity. Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund will plant endemic trees in Australia to offset conference related flights.

Saffron Aid is a registered Australian charity that is helping local villagers in Myanmar and other developing nations in the Asia Pacific to build micro businesses using traditional skills. These businesses are being mentored through all stages of the business set up with training in basic book keeping, production techniques, marketing and logistic skills. For the conference, Saffron Aid will direct your allocated funds to expand and replant large sections of mangroves, especially in southern Myanmar. Mangroves are one of the key habitats on the planet that store incredible levels of carbon. They are among the most carbon rich habitats on the planet. Your funds will directly increase the planet's living biomass to help shield the planet.

We are presently negotiating with several academics to be Plenary and Invited Speakers. The first round of confirmed speakers is presented on the following pages:

## Plenary Speakers and Public Lecturers

### Marti Kheel Memorial Lecturer: Fiona Probyn-Rapsey



Fiona Probyn-Rapsey is Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Inquiry at the University of Wollongong, Australia. Fiona's research connects feminist critical race studies and animal studies (also known as human-animal studies), examining where, when and how gender, race and species intersect. She is the author of *Made to Matter: White Fathers, Stolen Generations* (2013), and co-editor of 3 books, *Animal Death* (2013) and also *Animals in the Anthropocene: Critical Perspectives on Non-human Futures* (2015) and *Animaladies; Gender, Species, Madness* (Bloomsbury 2018) with Lori Gruen. Fiona is also Series Editor (with Melissa Boyde and Yvette Watt) of the Animal Publics book series through Sydney University Press, [http://sydney.edu.au/sup/about/animal\\_publics.html](http://sydney.edu.au/sup/about/animal_publics.html) Fiona will deliver the 2021 Marti Kheel Memorial Lecture. She will be introduced by Carol Adams.

### Carol Adams

Carol J. Adams is a feminist scholar and activist whose written work explores the cultural construction of overlapping and interconnected oppressions. Adams's first book, *The Sexual Politics of Meat*, is now celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Never out of print, it has been translated into many languages. Bloomsbury Publishing recognised the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its publication by selecting it for the Bloomsbury Revelations series of books that change consciousness. Adams's work is widely cited,

anthologised and used as a text in college courses around the world. It has also been the basis for many master's and doctoral theses. *The Sexual Politics of Meat* is considered one of the founding texts of ecocriticism and animal studies, and the New York Times has called it "a bible of the animal rights movement". Her *Sexual Politics of Meat Slide Show* and other presentations have been shown on more than 130 college campuses. Carol has also edited several important anthologies on ecofeminism, feminism, and animals, including most recently *Ecofeminism: Feminist Intersections with Other Animals and the Earth* (with Lori Gruen). Her articles have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Ms. Magazine, The Christian Century, Tikkun, and Truthdig, among others. Carol will be contributing in several aspects of the conference and will deliver one of two public lectures.



Minding Animals International Inc. is also extremely proud to announce that Carol is now one of our Patrons, with Marc Bekoff, Dale Jamieson, Jill Robinson MBE, Peter Singer AC, Vivek Menon and Nobel laureate, JM Coetzee.

## Paul Waldau



Paul Waldau works at the intersection of animal studies, law, ethics, religion, and cultural studies. Paul retired in 2018 from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, where he was Professor in the Animal Behavior, Ecology and Conservation Department and Director of the graduate program in Anthrozoology. After 13 years as a trial lawyer and administrative partner in a California law firm,

Paul completed a PhD at Oxford in 1997. He taught Animal Law at Harvard Law School from 2002 to 2014, and from 2009 to 2019 in Harvard's Summer School. An organising member of The Great Ape Project in 1995, Paul served until 2008 as VP and ED. After founding the Animals and Religion group at the American Academy of Religion, Paul spent a decade teaching ethics and public policy at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, where he was the Director of the Center for Animals and Public Policy until 2009. He has completed five books, which include *Animal Studies – An Introduction* and *A Communion of Subjects: Animals in Religion, Science, and Ethics*. See also [paulwaldau.com](http://paulwaldau.com)

## Bill Lynn

William Lynn is a research scientist in the George Perkins Marsh Institute at Clark University, a research fellow at New Knowledge Organization, and lead editor for the Political Animals section of *Society & Animals*. The focus of Bill's work is the ethics and politics of sustainability, with a special eye for human animal relations, for example wildlife, compassionate conservation, and rewilding. Schooled in ethics, geography, and political theory, his interdisciplinary approach examines why and how we ought to care for people, animals, and nature. Bill explores the moral norms of ecological and social sustainability. He is also a founding editor of the international journal *Ethics, Policy and Environment*, former chair of the Ethics Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), former Director of the Masters in Animals and Public Policy (MAPP) program at Tufts University, an International Associate of the New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies, and an author or contributor to many books, journals, and popular essays. Bill serves as an ethics consultant helping civil society and governments make better policy decisions. For more on his work, see [www.williamlynn.net](http://www.williamlynn.net)

## Freya Mathews

Freya Mathews is Adjunct Professor of Environmental Philosophy at Latrobe University, Australia. She is the author of five books and over eighty articles on ecological philosophy. Her current special interests are in ecological civilisation; indigenous (Australian and Chinese) perspectives on (so-called) sustainability and how these perspectives may be adapted to the context of contemporary global society; panpsychism and critique of the metaphysics of modernity; and conservation ethics. In addition to her research activities, she co-manages a private conservation estate in northern Victoria. She is a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.



## Invited Speakers

### Denise Russell

Denise Russell grew up by the sea in Sydney and was hugged by an octopus before she was ten. Her first job was as a touring synchronised swimmer. She graduated from Sydney University with a PhD in philosophy and taught there for 28 years finally as Associate Professor and Head of Department. After that, she completed a Masters at the University of Wollongong in Geoscience (Marine) and then became a Fellow in Philosophy. She was the founding editor of the journal *Animal Issues* and set up a web site with Melissa Boyde on alternatives to animal testing in Australian research (ATATAR). She was involved in research on Heron and Lizard Islands on marine park management and whale behaviour in Hervey Bay. She contributed to the attempt to stop Japanese whaling, to the marine management plans for the whole Australian coast and the coastal management decisions in the Illawarra. Denise is the author of two books, one on the oceans and numerous articles. She has swum with many sharks, one whale, several seals, dozens of dolphins (Kaikura), a few sea horses (Rowley Shoals) and hostile coral fish (Lord Howe Island). She lives within earshot of the sea. Denise will deliver a lecture on the Climate Emergency: Marine Animals Respond.

### Ron Kagan

Ron Kagan is CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society. He created ten award winning conservation and animal welfare documentaries, has lectured and published extensively on animal welfare and ethics as well as establishing both the Academy for Humane Education as well as the Center for Zoo and Aquarium Animal Welfare and Ethics. He has led development of award winning facilities including the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery (exploring the relationship between humans and animals over time and in different cultures and also the Wild Adventure Simulator (a motion based cabin simulator building empathy for other species as people experience life through animals' eyes and other senses).



## Harriet Ritvo

Harriet Ritvo is the Arthur J Conner Professor of History (emeritx) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the author of *The Dawn of Green: Manchester, Thirlmere, and Modern Environmentalism*, *The Platypus and the Mermaid, and Other Figments of the Classifying Imagination*, *The Animal Estate: The English and Other Creatures in the Victorian Age*, and *Noble Cows and Hybrid Zebras: Essays on Animals and History*; she is also the editor of Charles Darwin's *The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication*. Her articles and reviews on British cultural history, environmental history, and the history of human animal relations have appeared in a wide range of periodicals, including the *London Review of Books*, *Science*, *Daedalus*, *Nature*, *Technology Review*, and the *New York Review of Books*, as well as scholarly journals in several fields. She is the editor of the *Animals, History, Culture* series at the Johns Hopkins University Press and the co-editor of the *Flows, Migrations, and Exchanges* series at the University of North Carolina Press. Her current research concerns wildness and domestication.

## Jeff Sebo

Jeff Sebo is Clinical Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Affiliated Professor of Bioethics, Medical Ethics, and Philosophy, and Director of the Animal Studies MA Program at New York University. He works primarily in bioethics, animal ethics, and environmental ethics. He is coauthor of *Chimpanzee Rights and Food, Animals, and the Environment*, and is the author of *Why Animals Matter for Climate Change*. He is also a board member at Animal Charity Evaluators, a board member at Minding Animals International, an executive committee member at the Animals & Society Institute, and a senior fellow at Sentient Media.



## Jill Robinson MBE

Jill Robinson MBE has been a pioneer of animal welfare in Asia since 1985, widely recognised as the world's leading expert on the bear bile industry, having campaigned against it since 1993. UK born, Jill arrived in Hong Kong in 1985 and spent 12 years working for the International Fund for Animal Welfare. She founded 'Dr Dog' in 1991, the first animal therapy programme in Asia. More than 1,000 dogs have since qualified as 'therapists', visiting hospitals, disabled centres, schools and elderly homes in cities across Asia. In 1993, a visit to a 'bear farm' in China defined Jill's future. Exposing the plight of endangered Asiatic black bears cruelly farmed for bile extraction, Jill embarked on a journey to end the practice. In 1998, she founded Animals Asia, an organisation devoted to ending bear bile farming in China and Vietnam and bring about long term change for animals by promoting compassion and respect. Today, Animals Asia has rescued over 600 bears, caring for them at its award winning bear sanctuaries in China and Vietnam, and has signed a formal agreement with the Vietnam government to end bear bile farming by 2022.

## Yvette Watt

Yvette Watt is a Senior Lecturer and Studio Head of Painting at the School of Creative Arts & Media, University of Tasmania. She was a founding member of the Australasian Animal Studies Association and is a current committee member of Minding Animals International. Yvette's artwork and academic research is heavily informed by her background as an activist, and reflects an interest in the relationship between how nonhuman animals are used and depicted in the visual arts and what this might have to say about how these animals are thought about and treated. Related to this is an interest in the role that art can play in engaging the viewer with social and/or political issues. Yvette's work is held in numerous public and private collections, and she has curated a number of exhibitions including *OktoLab19*, and *Reconstructing the Animal* for the 2011 Ten Days on the Island arts festival. Yvette is a co-editor of and contributor to *Considering Animals* (Ashgate, 2011). Other publications include contributions to *Animaladies*, *Meat Cultures*, and *Captured: Animals Within Culture*.



## New Minding Animals Website and Contact Emails

As you may have already seen, Minding Animals launched a new website in 2018, please check it out at [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com), [www.mindinganimals.net](http://www.mindinganimals.net), or [www.mindinganimals.org](http://www.mindinganimals.org). If you have problems accessing any of the sites, you may need to clear your cache. New Minding Animals and ACEC email addresses have been established. They are:

Enquiry	Relevant Email Address
2021 Animals and Climate Emergency Conference	<a href="mailto:acec@mindinganimals.com">acec@mindinganimals.com</a>
All membership and donations enquiries	<a href="mailto:memberships@mindinganimals.com">memberships@mindinganimals.com</a>
All Board matters	<a href="mailto:board@mindinganimals.com">board@mindinganimals.com</a>
All other matters	<a href="mailto:admin@mindinganimals.com">admin@mindinganimals.com</a>

## Membership of Minding Animals International

Due to the impacts of Covid-19, the Board of Minding Animals International has extended all memberships that would have lapsed on 31 December this year to 31 December, 2021.

The membership fee is available for a flat rate of \$50.00 USD (\$25 for a full time student with proof of student identity). Benefit of memberships:

- An extended membership to 31 December, 2021 (when renewals will fall due).
- A \$50 discount when registering for the Animals and Climate Emergency Conference.
- The Board is currently discussing other benefits.

Ongoing annual memberships will fall due on 31 December of each year. A reminder will be sent to all members before that time. Please note that if you join at any time in 2020 or during 2021, your membership will expire on 31 December, 2021.

If you wish to join, or if you are a lapsed member and wish to re-join, please follow the prompts at: <https://www.mindinganimals.com/become-a-member/>

If you have any problems logging on to our website or membership pages or if you have any other questions, please contact us at: [memberships@mindinganimals.com](mailto:memberships@mindinganimals.com)

## Donations to Minding Animals International

Did you know that, if you are a US citizen, all donations to Minding Animals International are tax deductible? Minding Animals International is a registered US 501(c)(3) Charity. If interested in donating, please log on to: <http://www.mindinganimals.com/donations/>

# Announcements

## *He Ika Haehae Kupenga*

Philip McKibbin [@philipmckibbinanz], author of *Love Notes* [@apoliticsoflove] (Lantern Books, 2019) has just launched a site called *He Ika Haehae Kupenga* [@ika.maori.nz], which shares kōrero (conversations) with Māori from across Aotearoa New Zealand. It presents articles and interviews, exploring connections between kai (food), lifestyle, te taiao (the environment), hauora (health), and non-human animals. You can visit the site at: [www.ika.maori.nz](http://www.ika.maori.nz)

You can also follow this kaupapa (project) on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ika.maori.nz/>

## *Global Research Network*

The Global Research Network for early career academics invites new members to join a community of scholars from 35 countries around the world. We focus on establishing good research partnerships to work on animal welfare/rights issues, among others, and offer support in the form of writing groups and access to online collaboration platforms: <http://grn.global>

The environmental, economic, political, and social crises we face today have one thing in common: they are replicated in every jurisdiction and are produced by forces that extend globally. They require deep analysis, lateral thinking, and innovative problem-solving. The only organisation of its kind, GRN is an active meeting place for early career faculty, researchers and doctoral students interested in new thinking about these issues. Members come from a truly global diverse range of backgrounds and higher education institutions. Our common goal is that of collaboration, which is needed more than ever as the greatest problems of the day transcend narrow fields of work. We also seek to support one another in a vocation that can be lonely, isolating, and intensely challenging.

The GRN provides a new kind of interdisciplinary and inclusive space, facilitating long-term friendships, creative thinking, and genuine career support. Members are invited to reach out across national and institutional borders, and to share their experiences in life, study, and practice. The Network is for exceptional scholars but it is not elitist. It is inspiring but not intimidating. It offers an abundance of opportunities and perspectives that enrich the scholar, the work, and the field. As a member, you can connect through monthly writing groups, webinars, think tank meetings, and regular coffeehouse meet-ups. You can maintain their own profile (including videos and feature articles on their work), and have access to chat rooms and personal messaging.

## Vale Cynthia 'Cindy' Melendy

One of the great contributors to the first Minding Animals Conference in 2009, and larger than life, was Cynthia Melendy. Cindy left us on 17 April and will be sorely missed, including by those that got to know her so well at the conference. Please see below her obituary posted in the Portland Press Herald:

*Cynthia was born in Boston, July 27, 1950, to Dr. Arthur L. Watkins and Gwendolyn Mason Watkins, the youngest of five children. Her childhood was filled with music, poetry and summers with the family at the summer home on Chocorua Lake, overlooking Mt. Chocorua in New Hampshire. There began her love of hiking, swimming and her lifetime concern and dedication to the environment. As a child she attended the Walnut Hill School in Natick, Mass., and went undergraduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude in American Literature at the University of Massachusetts at Boston. When Cynthia moved to Maine, she met and married James Richardson where they shared a passion for gardening, birding, hiking, beekeeping and raising Springer Spaniels; always named for fruit such as Kiwi and Tangerine. The gardens were full of abundance with every vegetable that could grow in Maine. The flower gardens were a place of color, variety, food for the bees and a hiding place for her beloved Persian cats. Each year honey was gathered, vegetables canned and maple trees tapped for making syrup. Cynthia loved entertaining and cooking, and many evenings were spent playing Scrabble with friends while listening to music or just knitting and talking about world events. Cynthia worked for the Maine Audubon Society, combining her love of the environment with her skill and knowledge in philanthropy and development. She received her master gardener certification and passed her knowledge on to many budding gardeners. Cynthia always wanted to be a mother and on November 24, 1987, Stewart was born and a new life chapter began with focus on raising Stewart and introducing him to a love for the world around him. Dan Hole Pond in New Hampshire became the summer destination for the family with hiking, swimming, canoeing and watching the dozens of hummingbirds swoop and dive outside the porch.*

*The next chapter began with receiving her Master of Arts Degree in American and New England Studies from the University of Southern Maine and then moving to Orono, Maine where in 2002 she received her Ph.D., in history with honors. Her Dissertation: "Picturing Nature: Education, Ornithology, Writing and Photography in the Life of Cordelia Stanwood of Ellsworth, Maine" was the first of her extensive writings, papers and presentations as a doctor of history. She moved to Florida and then Texas where she was a Visiting Assistant Professor at University of South Florida and Texas Tech University. Homesick for New England and family, she returned to New Hampshire and bought an old farmhouse which she began renovating with help from her son Stewart and her Shih Tzu, Lucy, who became her constant companion. She continued teaching at Farmington State University and adjunct faculty at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Her awards, fellowships and writings are too numerous to list here. Her mastery of the written word was extraordinary.*

*Upon retiring from teaching, Cynthia continued her writing with a monthly series on the history of Art in the Mount Washington Valley. Sadly, Cynthia suffered a stroke in 2016 which resulted in a permanent move to the Marshwood Rehabilitation Center in Lewiston, Maine. Although unable to continue her prolific research, writing and reading, she amazed the staff with her wit and ability to answer the most obscure trivia questions. During walks to the garden, she would educate her caregivers about the birds they would see and amaze them with her ability to identify the birds with just a few notes of their songs. Her son, Stewart, says that now she can fly with the birds she so loves and will be looking over us. Cynthia was predeceased by her mother and father, and her sister, Linda Watkins Waring. She is survived by her son, Stewart, his wife Danielle Brown, their children, Spencer Jacob (4-years old) and Willow Brooke (2-years old), James Richardson, Stewart's father, her brother, John Watkins and his wife Mary Ellen, her brother, Robert Watkins and his wife Joan Catherine, her sister, Nancy Watkins and Nancy's husband Wayne Ghirardini, and her brother-in-law, Kurt Waring. Also surviving her are 10 nieces and nephews, and their children. Her dear Lucy has found a home with a loving lady in need of companionship. Throughout her life, Cynthia had many friends from various walks of life, all have something in common, they all learned to love nature through her, and will miss her dearly.*

# Book Recommendations

This Bulletin we would like to announce two publications:

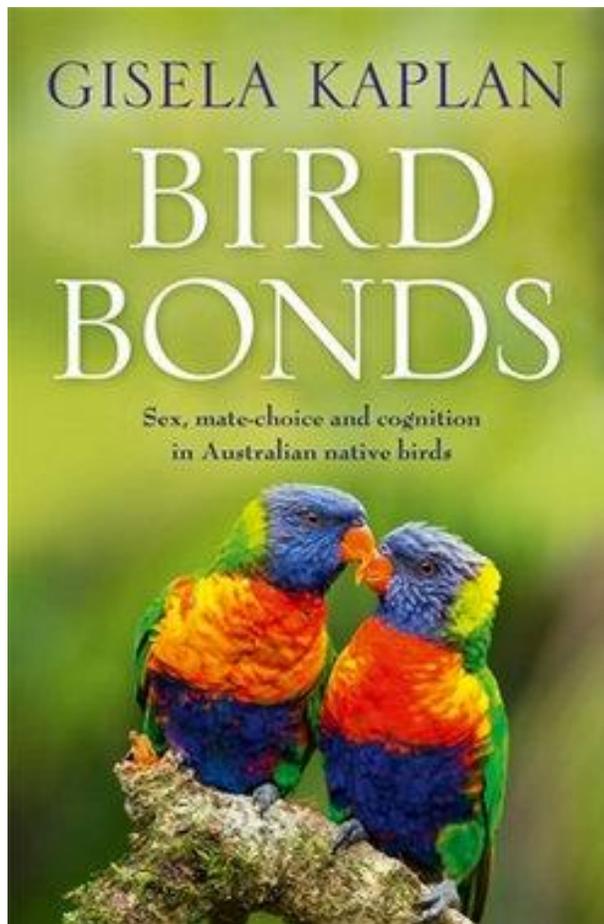
## *Bird Bonds*

Author: Gisela Kaplan

Publisher: Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd

Publication: 2019

Some Australian birds become childhood sweethearts and court for years before they get 'married'. Others divorce because of personality clashes and different skill levels. Many negotiate their parenting duties. But how do these personal life events link to long lasting bonds, long life spans and exceptional overall intelligence? Professor Gisela Kaplan, an eminent voice in animal behaviour, and particularly bird behaviour, draws on the latest insights in the evolution of particular cognitive and social abilities. She uncovers motivations and attractions in partner choice that are far more complex than was once believed. She shows how humans and birds may be more alike in attachment and mating behaviour than we think - despite the enormous evolutionary distance between us. Based on a wealth of original research and complemented by illustrations and colour photographs, *Bird Bonds* is a valuable resource and a beguiling insight into the world of the birds around us.

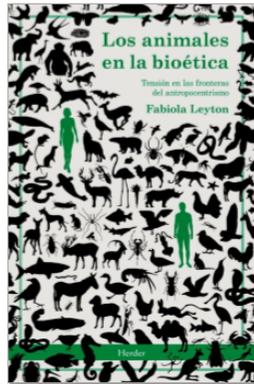


## *Los Animales en la Bioética: Tensión en las fronteras del antropocentrismo*

Author: Fabiola Leyton

Publication: 2019

### **LOS ANIMALES EN LA BIOÉTICA** Tensión en las fronteras del antropocentrismo **Fabiola Leyton**



**¿Tienen los animales no humanos experiencias sensitivas que les permiten constituirse como realidades biológicas que interactúan con su medio? ¿Damos importancia moral a los animales?**

La bioética implica el cuestionamiento ético, social, legal y filosófico de todo aquello relacionado con las ciencias biológicas. En sus orígenes fue pensada solo para los humanos, pero a lo largo del tiempo ha surgido la necesidad de expandir las obligaciones morales hacia otros seres vivos. La actualidad

exige una ampliación del registro moral para responder a nuevas circunstancias, como qué trato reciben los animales de los humanos.

**Los animales en la bioética** estudia y reflexiona sobre el estado actual de la bioética global para superar las tendencias antropocéntricas. Dividida en dos partes, la primera analiza conceptos como el de «sintiencia» (la capacidad de sentir, percibir o experimentar subjetivamente) en los animales desde algunas de las teorías éticas más difundidas —el utilitarismo o el igualitarismo—, mientras que la segunda cuestiona y analiza la utilización de los animales en la ganadería industrial y en la investigación.

Puedes leer el apartado «Los animales en la academia (O de cuando todo se cubrió de pelos, plumas y escamas)», haciendo clic en este [enlace](#).

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**Una nueva perspectiva crítica y educativa de sensibilización y cambio a favor de todos los animales, humanos y no humanos.**

**Fabiola Leyton** (San Vicente de Tagua Tagua, Chile) es doctora en Filosofía en la Universidad de Barcelona. Estudió Trabajo Social en la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, un máster en Filosofía Política en la Universidad de Chile y luego un máster en Bioética y Derecho en la Universidad de Barcelona. Compagina la docencia, la investigación y la promoción de los derechos animales desde una perspectiva antiespecista.

#### **Ficha técnica**

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