

Editorials

Journal Developments

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A number of changes need to be announced concerning the management and production of the *Journal*, although I would emphasize that the editorial policy will remain unaltered.

The publisher of the *Journal* will no longer be the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems. In the future, our parent organization, The Humane Society of the United States, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in England will jointly assume the role of publisher. Decisions on day-to-day editorial policy will remain in the hands of the Editors-in-Chief, as before, except that one of these Editors-in-Chief will now be David Wilkins of the RSPCA, who replaces Dr. Michael Fox. This change reflects two facts: that the RSPCA has provided a substantial contribution to the *Journal*, and that we need to extend our coverage of European developments and events. Dr. Michael Fox will be an Associate Editor.

We also are sorry to announce that Nancy Henson, our first editor, has decided to leave us and is currently working as a freelancer. She was an important and beneficial influence on the *Journal* in its formative stages and certainly made my job much easier. However, nobody (not even an Editor-in-Chief) is indispensable and we have appointed Dana Murphy, who has a Masters degree in Science and extensive experience in science writing and the editing of scientific papers, as our new editor.

On the production side, we are being hit hard by rising printing and mailing costs. We have therefore decided to economize by producing only four issues a year, rather than raising subscription prices. While this will mean fewer issues per year, we hope to maintain our annual output of approximately 350 pages. This change will allow us to accept longer papers for publication, if necessary. To aid our readers, several selected major articles in each issue will be supplemented with abstracts in German. We also plan to convert the whole *Journal* to a double-column format, since the single-column copy is tiring to read. The major articles will still be distinguished from the news and analysis pieces, however, by use of a slightly different layout.

For those readers who are interested, we have just passed the 1000-subscription mark and we thank you all for your support and interest. We hope to continue our excellent rate of growth.