

Humans and Animals: Relationships and Boundaries

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McCorkle, Constance M., Evelyn Mathias and Tjaart W. Schillhorn van Veen, eds. *Ethnoveterinary Research and Development*. London: Intermediate Technology Publications, 1996. vi + 338 pp. including collected references and index. \$24.95 paper.

Schwartz, Marion. *A History of Dogs in the Early Americas*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997. xvii + 233 pp. including appendices, notes, references, and index. \$27.50 cloth.

Shepard, Paul. *The Others: How Animals Made Us Human*. Washington, DC: Island Press, 1996. x + 374 pp. including collected references and index. \$24.95 paper.

In this era of environmental crisis when humankind's destructiveness toward other forms of life has reached tragic proportions, it is urgent that anthropologists devote some attention to human–animal relationships. Three recent books are noteworthy contributions to the expanding body of knowledge in this field. *A History of Dogs in the Early Americas*, written by Marion Schwartz, a research assistant in anthropology, examines the role of dogs in native societies of North and South America, tracing human–dog interactions from prehistory to the present. Paul Shepard's

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