

Through the newsletter, an enrichment video library has been set up in the United States which should be of practical help to those working in the field of animal care.

The Shape of Enrichment brings together current work in environmental and behavioural enrichment and is recommended to all involved with the keeping of animals in captivity.

The Shape of Enrichment: a Quarterly Source of Ideas for Environmental and Behavioral Enrichment, Volume 1(1 and 2) Edited by V J Hare and K E Worley (1992). 10pp and 16pp respectively. Obtainable from The Shape of Enrichment, 1650 Minden Drive, San Diego, CA 92111-7124, USA. Price US\$8 annually for four issues.

UK farm animal welfare law

The statutory provisions relating to the welfare of animals on the farm are somewhat complex and are scattered throughout a large number of Acts and Regulations/Orders. They may not therefore be easily understood and followed by the average farmer or stock keeper. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) is to be congratulated on producing a much needed, short, clear summary of the main points covered in the various pieces of legislation. The summary of the law relating to certain routine surgical operations eg castration is particularly well done. Details of who may carry out which operation, on which particular species and age range of animals, and under what anaesthetic regime (if any) is clearly laid out in a series of seven detailed species-orientated tables.

The warning is made that the summary of legislation given in the booklet is not a substitute for the legislation itself, which should be consulted directly when detailed knowledge is needed on particular points of law. Even so, this MAFF publication on the legislation relating to farm animal welfare will be most helpful to farmers and stock keepers, veterinary surgeons, animal welfarists and to the law enforcement agencies as a readily available source of accurate legal information.

Summary of the Law Relating to Farm Animal Welfare Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1992). 31pp. Paperback. Obtainable free of charge from MAFF Publications, London SE99 7TP, UK.

The workings of the *Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986*

Each year, Her Majesty's Stationery Office (the UK government's official printer) formally publishes two Command Papers on the working of the 1986 *Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act*. These two publications - '*Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals*' and '*Report of the Animal Procedures Committee*' - are presented by the Secretary of State for the Home Department (the government agency responsible for the control of animal experimentation) to parliament, and at the same time they are offered for general sale, ie they become public documents.