

INTRODUCTION

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The Inevitable Bond: Examining Scientist-Animal Interactions, edited by Hank Davis and Dianne Balfour. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992, 399 pp.

As comparative psychologists we all have worked closely with animals. How do we feel about our "subjects?" How do they feel about us? Why does it matter? The issue of the interactions that inevitably occur in our science between researcher and subject is examined by many of today's leading comparative psychologists in this nicely-produced volume edited by Hank Davis and Dianne Balfour. The book has twenty-four chapters; three chapters present the issue - the concept of bonding, and the rest are reports from researchers concerning their experiences, methodologies and approaches to the study of animal behaviour and physiology. The diversity of species studied (ranging from octopuses to chimpanzees) and of methodologies utilized means that the book has something to say to nearly all CPists. We reprint three reviews of *The Inevitable Bond* and a response by the authors. The reviewers raise a number of controversial issues, including anthropomorphism and the use of anecdotal evidence. We invite your responses to the reviews presented here, and to Davis and Balfour's book.

Earlier versions of the reviews and response were published in the electronic journal *PSYCOLOQUY*. *PSYCOLOQUY* files can be retrieved by anonymous ftp to "princeton.edu" where they are archived under the "/pub/harnad/" directory.