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## Wandering the Web-Animal Rights Web Sites for the Librarian

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agery and zero in on Kosovo. Features include buttons for zooming in and out, the ability to click on an area to recenter the image, the ability to save views, and to download printable versions. In addition, you can see the flags and facts for many areas. The site also has a section on **GIS (Geographic Imaging Systems)** data and training. <http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine>

**Infectious Diseases**

You might wish you had sickle cell anemia if you lived in an Anopheles mosquito infested climate. Malaria kills several million people each year, although its geographical prevalence has been reduced over the years. **Malaria Foundation International**, founded in 1992, is a private international entity dedicated to the effective prevention, treatment, and control of malaria. To that end, their Web site offers an impressive array of resources to learn about malaria, how it is transmitted, the culprit organism's ability to develop drug resistance, how it can be treated, and how to best prevent exposure in the first place. The site includes numerous links to institution and university homepages, as well as travel advisories. <http://www.malaria.org/>

**Neuroscience**

**Dr. Eric Chudler** offers kids the chance to explore the nervous system through explanation, activities and experiments, and when that information can't answer their questions, he offers a pool of experts to answer questions online. There's a lot here for adults as well in the **Other Resources for Teaching Neuroscience** section. <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

**Science**

Did scientists really install tiny robotic controls on a cockroach? Do wild shrimp really taste better than their tame counterparts? These are just some of the "fun factoids" you can browse on **National Public Radio's (NPR)** "Sounds Like Science" program Web site. Although the last program aired on September 26th, the episodes live on. You can listen to the latest show if you have RealPlayer 2.0 or higher, rummage through the archives, or challenge yourself with the science quiz. <http://www.npr.org/programs/science/>

Described in the November 1999 **ATG's "Bet You Missed It"** column (p.80), the **Department of Energy (DOE)** has now unveiled its **PubScience** Website, a "PubMed" for the physical sciences. The site debuted with 21 publishers and about 1,000 journals, providing over 1 million citations. Happy searching! <http://pubsci.osti.gov/>

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devoted to children and parents and lists of consumer products companies that do not engage in animal testing.

Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) <http://www.pcrm.org/> — Information available at this site includes alternatives to animal experimentation and reasons for pursuing such alternatives; facts about vegetarian diet, including special sections related to pregnant women and to children; and ethical issues in medical education.

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# Wandering the Web — Recommended Annotated Web sites for the Librarian

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**Editor's Note:** *The topic of animal rights and welfare is often emotionally charged and difficult to navigate on the Web as a research area. Ms. Hedden, in addition to being versed in the law, is a long-time activist and advocate for animal rights. —JM*

## Animal Rights/Animal Welfare Sites

“Animal rights” (AR) generally denotes the conviction that nonhuman animals should not be used to further human interests, while “animal welfare” describes a variety of positions, from a general concern for the well-being of animals to the desire to minimize the suffering of animals used by humans in science, entertainment, and agriculture. While some of these Web sites have an agenda which is not purely informational, they have been selected for their informational value and to represent a spectrum of viewpoints.

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) <http://www.aspc.org/> — This site includes information for teachers, parents, and shelter workers and volunteers. Visitors can access pet care information for dogs, cats, gerbils, rabbits and other common companion animals, as well as information about traveling with a pet and health care information. Some ASPCA publications are available, and there is a well organized list of links to other humane organizations and animal related sites.

Animal Resources <http://www.lib.msu.edu/health/hw/vetmed/animals.htm> — This is an annotated list of links to Internet sites related to animal welfare, animal rights, alternatives to animal testing, and alternatives to animals in education.

Animal Rights <http://animalrights.about.com/> — Maintained by About.com (formerly MiningCo.com), this site includes lists of links to other Web sites arranged by topic (animal testing, bullfighting, dissection, law and legislation, puppy mills, etc.). The Animal Rights 101 category includes numerous links to sites providing overviews of or introductions to animal rights topics. There are also news articles, a bulletin board, a chat room, and a calendar, but the heart of this site is its thematically organized links.

Animal Rights Law Center of Rutgers Law School <http://www.animal-law.org/> — Along with the text of statutes and regulations concerning animals, this site provides information about students' rights (for conscientious objectors to dissection), civil disobedience (for activists), and companion animals in rental units. It also includes commentaries on animal rights which have aired on a radio program called “Walden's Pond,” and a selection of articles on AR topics.

Animal Rights Resource Site <http://arrs.envirolink.org/> — The FAQ and Reference section of this site includes an anthology of animal related poetry and a lengthy collection of answers to animal rights questions. A-R Voices contains essays, guides, and articles about the exotic animal trade, immunocontraceptive wildlife management, pain sensitivity in animals, etc. The site also contains an extensive list of links to other AR sites, and AR Opponents Speak, a list of links to AR opponents Web sites.

Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) Homepage <http://www.nal.usda.gov/>

[awic/](http://awic/) — The AWIC site provides information for people who raise animals or use them for research or other purposes. Information covers husbandry, handling and care, animal behavior, alternatives to animal testing and research, and legislation and regulations regarding animal use. The site provides access to summaries and full text of animal welfare related public laws and regulations, and to the guidelines and policies of government agencies such as NASA and NIH. There is also some information on the laws and policies of other countries.

Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR) <http://AVAR.org/> — Visitors at the AVAR site can read thought-provoking position statements concerning euthanasia, dog racing, surgical training of veterinary medical students, use of animals in schools, etc. There are also more in-depth “manuscripts” on topics like research, moral concern and ethics, and farm animals. Issues of AVAR's publication, *Directions*, are available. Unique offerings include a guide to heritable or presumed heritable diseases in purebred dogs and a downloadable database of alternatives to using animals in educational settings.

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) <http://www.hsus.org/> — The HSUS Web site provides a wealth of information on animal welfare, legislation, pet care, disaster assistance, wildlife and habitat protection, and more. The *Fun with HSUS* section is designed especially for children, and other sections address the concerns of animal shelter workers and volunteers. Fact sheets on animal protection issues contain informative overviews.

Johns Hopkins University Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) [http://www.jhsph.edu/caat/pubs/animal\\_alts/appendix\\_d.htm; ... appendix\\_e.htm](http://www.jhsph.edu/caat/pubs/animal_alts/appendix_d.htm;...appendix_e.htm) — Of particular interest at this site are an annotated list of institutions with similar concerns, and timelines of animal welfare events in the United States and Britain.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) <http://www.peta-online.org/> — PETA focuses primarily on factory farming, the use of animals in research and entertainment, and the fur trade. This site is a good source of information for students and parents concerned about dissection in the classroom. The FAQ section addresses common questions about topics like vegetarianism, hunting, and vivisection, while fact sheets treat topics in greater detail. Action alerts highlight current issues of concern in the animal rights community. There are sections

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## Don't Forget! — Memory Lane



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How about the days when librarians “shushed” everybody and we didn't even have Wilson indexes? Or when all we had were punch cards and no PCs.

Or maybe you remember what books were on the bestseller list when you went to library school?

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