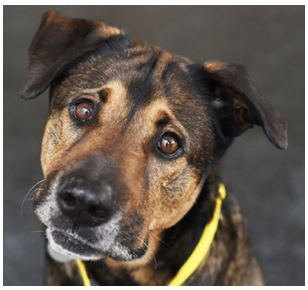
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Take Action

Help Keep Pets and People Together in Public Housing

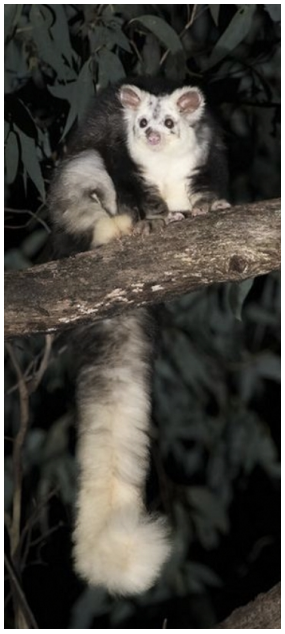


The Pets Belong with Families Act would ensure that families are not forced to make the impossible choice between keeping their beloved pet and securing housing that is affordable. This critical legislation would prohibit public housing from imposing arbitrary pet restrictions based on breed, size or weight. The bill would also set reasonable limitations on pet deposits.

Take Action at ASPCA.org

Good News for Animals

Australia Announces 3 New National Parks



Australia has created three new national parks, which together will protect hundreds of rare and threatened animals. These include platypuses, goannas, greater gliders, Mount Cole grevilleas, brush-tailed phascogales, mountain skinks, and owls (and also rare species of and fungi). The parks lie on lands of indigenous peoples, who have cared for the regions for thousands of

<-- Greater Glider

Read more on the Good News Network

Animal Welfare Organization of the Month

Wetlands & Wildlife

The mission of the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center is to "educate the public about human impact on the environment and mitigate that impact through care, rehabilitation, and release of native wildlife." They rear and release abandoned snowy plovers, and rescue oiled sea life. Here is the Amazon wish list.

Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center

Pet Food Collection for OC Animal Care

We continue every Sunday to collect pet food donations, for distribution by OC Animal Care to needy pet owners. Please bring unopened canned or dry pet food, blankets, new toys or leashes. If you want to donate directly, here is their Amazon wish list, or donate at:

OC Animal Care

UUAM Meeting

The UUAnimal Ministry group at OCUUC will meet on Zoom on November 8 at 2:30. Come join in and help us decide on our next actions to help animals!

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Animals in the News

"The hidden cost of farmed fish: Pollution, forced labor and the depletion of wild fish"

This article in the Los Angeles Times, October 11, 2026 reports the following:

- More than half the seafood eaten worldwide is farm-raised, but many of the farmed fish are fed 'fishmeal,' a product made from wild-caught fish.
- Farm-raised fish feed millions, and the farms provide employment. But a global investigation into fish farming found significant overfishing, pollution and labor abuses.
- Fish farming is often worsening the very problem it hoped to solve and harming the people it was meant to help.

Read the article on the LA Times

Famous People Quotes

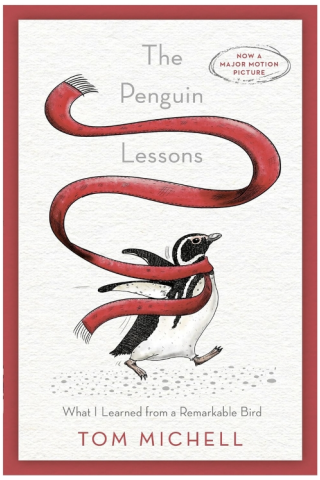


If we accept a mere tenth of what animal-rights activists are claiming, then modern industrial agriculture might well be one of the greatest crimes in history.

-- Yuval Noah Harari [edited]

Animal Book of the Month

The Penguin Lessons:
What I Learned from a Remarkable Bird
by Tom Michell (2015)



[From Amazon]
In 1975, twenty-three-year-old Englishman Tom Michell follows his wanderlust to Argentina, where he becomes assistant master at a prestigious boarding school. But Michell's adventures really begin when, on a weekend in Uruguay, he rescues a penguin covered in oil from an ocean spill, cleans the bird up, and attempts to return him to the sea. The penguin refuses to leave his rescuer's side. "That was the moment at which he became my penguin, and whatever the future held, we'd face it together," says Michell in this charming memoir. Michell names the penguin Juan Salvador....

After Michell smuggles the bird back to Argentina and into his campus apartment...Juan Salvador is suddenly the center of attention—as mascot of the rugby team, confidant to the dorm housekeeper, co-host of Michell's parties, and an unprecedented swimming coach to a shy boy. Even through the collapse of the Perónist government and amid the country's economic and political strife, Juan Salvador brings joy to everyone around him—especially Michell, who considers the affectionate animal a compadre and kindred spirit.

Order it from Arvida Book Co.

Also available on Amazon