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When I first read Brenda's chapbook, I felt lucky to find poetry that made me feel weirdly and acutely human again. These poems gaze at you with their square pupils, and lick your face with their prehensile tongues. Brenda's poems see you, and if you look back at them, you'll see yourself, only a smaller more fragile version projected onto the abyssal surface of their eyes. This book gives us the rare chance to experience our humanity in the most inhuman terms.

— Ben Mirov, Author of *Hider Roser* (Octopus Books, 2012)
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Donkeys. Then there them Donkeys. These are these Donkeys. There are these Donkeys. These here, these Donkeys. They are Donkeys. They go by the name Donkey. Humans call them Donkeys. They are recognizable as Donkeys. They bray. The Donkeys bray. The Donkeys communicate by braying. Such is the communication of Donkeys. Colloquially the term Ass sometimes referred to as Burro. As beasts of burden they have been ready (ied) to do labor for Humans for thousands of years.

The US Government would be pleased if you would be willing to adopt a Donkey. You can write your Donkey off on your taxes. Contact the Bureau of Land Management about Donkey adoption. They hold Donkey auctions occasionally. According to Wikipedia, there are 44 million Donkeys in existence today.
Mules  Mules are somewhat different than Donkeys in that
in that they
originate from a male Donkey and a female Horse whereas a Donkey is an odd-toed
ungulate parented by two Donkeys who are off-
spring of domesticated Equus Asinus
Mules are known for their dispositions
Unending labor, no doubt has led to extreme grouchiness
To be stubborn about servitude is an admirable quality
Often you’ll see Mules loaded down with triple their weight
All of the worldly possessions
of a Human family escaping war-torn lands
You can read online about Mules providing the transport of weapons & supplies for
the US Military (delivered to the Mujahideen)
Mules were used throughout US history
The coal managers thought, what better Animal to send down into the mines to pull
out lots of broken stone
SOME SIMPLE THINGS SAID BY AND ABOUT HUMANS

Many Humans are religious It appears that Mules and Donkeys are not
Humans domesticated Donkeys and then bred Mules
Thus far, Donkeys and Mules have not looked to Humans as stand-ins /surrogates for their labor
Perhaps that day will come
What is the Donkey’s existential condition?
What is the Mule’s?
The Human is often found pondering their existential predicament
I’ve heard it a number of times said that the youth of today are more depressed than generations past
Palpable guilt for soil’s trouble troubling the blood on the rock the blood on the hands (distance
accounted for) Question marks galore
Factory fed, deploring behind these stains and meat
Humans a hemming and a hawing
Where there were once bustling abattoirs, now the United Nations stands (NYC)
HERMENEUTICS OF APE

Ape, let me conjure your aperiodness
When I look in the mirror it appens
Ape said Zarathustra, Ape yep
Up into unending spaciousness
Revolving doors of apeishness
God might be dead but the Ape is not dead, thou art Ape
thou are not dead!
But the Ape is nearly extinct
But the Ape is contentious But the Ape intervenes...
Art apes Apes, ape's art is Apes...

“Once you were Apes, and even now, too, man is more Ape than any Ape” wrote Friedrich Nietzsche
(Thus Spoke Zarathustra, prologue, translated by Walter Kaufman)
The quality of apishness was defined in 1527:
“slavish imitation”, “extremely silly or affected” in comparison with said Human?
Paracritical in a system which inverts itself so that life is conceptual
Capitalism might think the ape outmoded
Here we shouldn’t tell hermeneutic secrets
The United States’ first representatives to space were fruit flies and corn seeds aboard a V2 rocket in 1947. A Rhesus Monkey named Albert II became the first primate sent to space on another V2 rocket. He died due to a parachute failure on his return to earth. During the 1950’s and 1960’s several Monkey species were sent into space—all were implanted with sensors. A Mouse made it to space in 1950. Sent in the Sputnik II, the Soviet Union sent their first sentient being into orbit—Laika, a Dog. She perished on the mission but two other Dogs, Belka and Strelka were subsequently sent to space and safely returned.

Laika was picked up off of the Moscow streets—a mutt (acclimated to harsh conditions, Soviet scientists thought). Her death was hushed up until 2002 when it was revealed that she died of stress and overheating within the first few hours after the launch. Her spaceship was not designed to be retrievable.
HAM + MINNIE: SURROGATE ASTRONAUTS

1961:

You might remember Ham—he was a Human surrogate sent up on the space shuttle Apollo, a fully wired Chimp—Ham was a 44 month old, 37 lb Chimpanzee: the United States' first representative to orbit space He orbited the earth in the Mercury-Red Stone 2 The flight had several malfunctions and when Ham landed his spacecraft filled up with 800 lbs of water On being retrieved Ham was sent to the National Zoo in Washington DC for 17 years and then to a Chimp colony in North Carolina to live out his days

Ham was from Cameron, Africa (original name: Chang, Chimp #6)

Minnie was qualified for space but Ham went instead of Minnie Minnie was a female Chimp trained for the Mercury Program Minnie consequently was ushered into the Air Force Chimp Breeding Program and gave birth to 9 offspring as well as raising other Chimp children Minnie too, was relocated to a Chimp sanctuary when the Air Force’s breeding program ended
Recently, Travis, a Chimpanzee who lived in a suburban home in Connecticut and is said to have dined on steak and Lobster tails, drank wine from a wine goblet and surfed the Internet severely attacked the friend of Travis' surrogate mother, (owner):

“The horrific incident began when 15 year old Chimpanzee, Travis, inexplicably got moody and agitated on Monday. His owner, Sandra Herold, 70, gave her pet Chimp a cup of calming tea to drink, laced with the anti-anxiety medication, Xanax. It didn’t work. Instead, Travis grabbed Herold’s house keys, stormed outside and started banging on cars in the driveway, according to the Connecticut Post. Bleeding from stab wounds (Herold stabbed Travis) and gunshots (police), Travis staggered down the driveways and into Herold’s house (his house), where he collapsed and died in a (his) zoo-like cage the size of a room.
This is very sad to read about The Ape did not have the Human thinking capacity to rationalize and understand as a Human mind does that it was doing irreparable harm to a Human being The Ape does not have a Human mind and yet staggered with stab wounds and gun shots to the only home he knew...his cage How dreadfully sad This should never have happened
Post by cliffdonovan on Feb 17, 2009 6:14 PM
Reply Report Offensive Post

I don’t blame the Ape; I blame the keeper of this wild Animal Is it legal to keep a large Chimp in that suburban neighborhood? Was Xanax prescribed for the Monkey, or did this idiot just decide to medicate it on her own? She should be charged criminally in my opinion
Posted by ClayS on Feb 17, 2009 7:44 PM
reply Report Offensive Post
Clays, agreed, why have an Ape as a pet? That is wrong
Posted by johnandcam on Feb 17, 2009 8:05 PM
reply Report Offensive Post

My prayers go out to the Chimp may he rest in peace I hope the woman recovers also, but have learned that Chimp and other wild Animals belong in their element, not in capture living with Humans
Posted by hj04 on Feb 17, 2009 8:25 pm
reply Report Offensive Post
The dopey owner should have had a method to tame the Ape when the Ape went apeshit that did not involve stabbing with a butcher knife
That is our ancestors
Posted by vavdava on Feb 17, 2009 8:25 PM
reply Report Offensive Post
Perhaps it's not the best idea to have a Chimp in suburbia...
Posted by USAJewishVeteran on Feb 17, 2009 8:44 PM
reply Report Offensive Post
On Earth in the year 3978, a hierarchical system exists: at the top are the Gorillas because they act as the police, military personnel and as hunters; the Orangutans make up the administrative level as well as the politicians and lawyers, finally, the Chimpanzees occupy the positions of scientist and intellectual In this historical period, Humans are considered, “feral vermin and are hunted and used for scientific experimentation”—this is, of course, the setting for Planet of the Apes, from 1968 This story chronicles the journey of four astronauts who time travel into a symbolic future universe where Zira and her fiancé, Cornelius study with wonder the Human astronaut, Taylor
SCOPES MONKEY TRIAL

Study how the Ape uses tools
Study how the Bird brain allows communication Study how, at the trial one of the Apes attacked the prosecutor by biting his forearm Study how the Pig’s heart is transplanted into the man’s cavity Study how the nucleotide expresses your name Study how your pilose coating of fine hair keeps you warm Study how you love to groom your mate Study how you eat with your hands Study how you regurgitated that text Study how you swim like a Seal Study how you curl up into a ball Study how you (the poisoned water enters your system) notice subtle changes in health Study how the infrared placebos change direction Study how Study how you are having difficulty breathing Study how you take that pill to get an erection or to lose weight quickly Study how that pill enters the surrounding waterways near your home Find out where those 12 toothbrushes went into the trash and then? Study how Frogs grew 5 legs Study how the cells mutated Study how the Dingoes form an inner circle
OXEN

You might be bored by Oxen
or you might be predisposed to Oxen
You might deem these Bovines sleek
Do you have memories as a child of seeing
the plangent eyes of Cows?
By now you might be part Cow
Cow ingests Cow
Cowness is reductionary

The US Department of Agriculture claims an American, on average digest 67 lbs. of beef per year 35 million Cattle are slaughtered in the US each year Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy outbreaks might slow down the consumption of this artifically cheap protein

An Ox was sliced nearly in half during the production of Apocalypse Now, while a Donkey was bled to death as a dramatic effect for the film Manderlay, in a scene later cut from the film.
The Oncamouse has a registered trademark. Its body is sole property of DuPont. DuPont owns the rights to all generations of Oncamice. You can order as many Oncamice as you need for your experiments. Find dendrite pathways. A function whose response is until this point blank.

Dendritic cells play a key role. We show the Mouse. We show the response. The femurs and tibias of normal C57 Mice harvested after a total of three days. Flow cytometry. Your whole genealogy is under analysis. Macintosh Power PC running IgorPro software.

“These results suggest that Mouse myeloid PC predominantly express metabotropic purinoceptors, which mobilize Ca2+ by formation of IP3 and not via plasma membrane ATP-gated ion channels.”

Sacrificial Lamb, sacrificial Mouse. You know, they’d endorse that remark.
Before becoming a primatologist (zoologist, ethologist), Fossey worked as an occupational therapist in Louisville, Kentucky. She became interested in the work of Louis Leakey after attending a lecture. Leakey introduced Fossey to the work of Jane Goodall. Fossey met the Leakeys at Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania, and then headed off to Uganda to encounter the wild mountain gorillas. She founded the Karisoke Research Center in the Virunga Mountains of Rwanda. “Fossey strongly supported ‘active conservation’—for example, anti-poaching patrols and preservation of natural habitat—as opposed to ‘theoretical conservation’, which includes the promotion of tourism.” In 1977, Digit, a gorilla she was particularly close to, was decapitated for $20 by poachers. She then set up the Digit Fund to raise money for anti-poaching efforts.

In 1985, Fossey, then 53, was murdered in her bedroom in her cabin in Rwanda. In Farley Mowat’s biography of Fossey, he speculates that she was murdered by “those who viewed her as an impediment to the touristic and financial exploitation of the gorillas.” Dian Fossey had detractors, including her students who portrayed her as bizarre and obsessed and created false accusations about her. Several agencies interested in establishing more tourism in the area were her main detractors.

Fossey signed a one million dollar contract with Universal Studios for rights to the movie based on her book, *Gorillas in the Mist*. Her will stated that all her money, including the proceeds from the movie, should go to the Digit Fund to finance anti-poaching patrols. Her mother contested the will in court and won.

See Dian Fossey’s *Gorillas in the Mist*.  
Mowat Virunga’s *The Story of Dian Fossey*.  
Georgianne Nienaber’s *Gorilla Dreams: The Legacy of Dian Fossey*.  

**THE LIFE OF DIAN FOSSEY**
Please Animals, the Animal has a name! In the form of tweet or an acoustical string Call and response, not all the Animals come Interpolated into the forest mirror the Animal sees itself becoming itself Look into the lake, you’ll see this becoming Of course, all names are only partial—recognition is not limited to this demonstration One name can serve to cloak the name can claim transformation Before zie was Linda Cybernetically adjusting to the pacemaker The prompter’s words Father or leader with fleshy beak Blue tree-walker Acinonyx Jubatus lives in the zoo, currently Tree Frogs live in storage containers Large eyes white feathers on head Black-gray feathers for mustache like lobes That is known as a coal firing plant and that is known as a key pollutant Affects the endocrine system Lawyers Judges Activists Journalists Government Officials (the) Public
SURROGATE TEST SUBJECTS

In this test, we remove a portion of your skull You'll be under anesthesia You'll make a partial recovery There is little risk of death But your mental faculties will be impaired You'll live out your life in a cage, so little is required in terms of procuring food You have no mate The fluorescent lights will pierce your retina Otherwise, we are testing to understand better your cerebral cortex Cerebrum You are a Cercopithecoid or Platyrhine primate Rhesus Macaque and the African Green Monkey fill these cages Your psychology is similar to other primates: Humans You are expendable, the majority of Humans think so, or have given this situation little thought You appear in a poem as a surrogate to Humans
WHITE TIGERS

The model sports a 100% cashmere sweater for men and women. Plush moss green Gladiola feather light waterfall technology but the paler Tigers heterozygous recessive genes for paler coloration Sorbet babble buttons flutter trim or v-cardigan Mohina was bred to her son, Ramana and she gave birth to a white daughter, Rewai on April 13th, 1969 and a white son they called Moni on February 8th, 1970. Moni was born with a neurological condition and died from it at 16 months. Preserved in the Smithsonian are Moni and Mohina’s skins and skulls. At the Cincinnati Zoo, formerly “the world’s leading purveyor of white Tigers” over 70 white Tigers have been born. Zoo officials sold Tigers for $60,000 a piece. The 1980’s were the years of peak production/mating. White Tiger mill? Proliferation? Psychology of the white Tiger stuffed Animal as it poses for the Uniqlo commercial.
Imagine there is no such Ape Hanging around in your underwear with a title like, "The Subversion of Eyes" and a question like, “Can she speak?” Crying, the hypothesis simian but we could go one step further A coded message and a little red light by the control panel They brought in the surgical equipment Had she been fed? The Animal lingers Following or pursuing Expletive this Expletive that The equipment is sterilized so that transmissible agents will be effectively cooked Ethylene oxide The gas chamber method is what it is called Bacillus strobahues But not the host and not the test candidate Sign that form Classified Return to your chair In this case, cage Contamination indicator On the other hand paw Here I am
THE COMPETENCE OF SNAKES

(Assessments of Competence in Captive-Raised Animals) (What is the interest level when reading about Humans or Snakes?) (Humans writing about Snakes?) (Snakes not writing about Humans—rather their (Snakes, otherwise) captivity) (Animal dilemma) (The Journal of Chemical Ecology) Snake odors on Y-maze behavior of pine Snake hatchlings—provoke with odor—odor is scent—sent out—sent in—in cage—determined Humans—king Snake—a scientist named Joanna Burger—a scientist named William Boarman—also a scientist named Lynn Kurzawa—and they worked with Michael Gochfeld and the Snakes, which I assume they bred in the lab, though I’m not sure, because most of their white paper requires special access on the Web The pine Snakes and king Snakes—what did they do?—they either housed the pine Snakes on shavings “impregnated” with pine Snake odor or king Snake odor to see if Snakes could distinguish and differentiate conspecific odors from other odors and to find out the effect of previous experiences.
To inlay heave-

n with Worms.

Cym. Thou weep'st, and wiggle. The trails you have cased are more unlike than this thou tell'st. I lost my red ones, our children: if these are they, I know not how to wish a pair of worthier Worms.

Bel. Be thrilled awhile. This androgen whom we call Polydore, most worthy. Worm, as yours, is true___________: this Worm, my agile body, their ages are difficult to know, "they", my writhing one, was lapped in a most curious mantle, wrought by the epidermis of his greening self—a mother which, for more probation, I can with ease produce.
Cats have a mind of their own! If you think you control the Cat you are mistaken. Cats make any domestic space their domain. Cats are simply less domesticated. Say pussy Cat and the sexuality of women comes to mind. Male Cats are as slinky and arabesque as their female counterparts. Cats are most commonly used in neurological research. Feral Cats live in droves throughout suburbia. Their house Cat mated with a mountain lion. Cats have not been a Human staple like Dogs (consumption) perhaps because the Cat is bony. Smear method and inoculation. About to be examined in experiment one. Then each Cat was inoculated per os with 30 cc Fat Cat. Approximately 25,000 Cats are used in scientific tests each year.

They have a ruler to measure the I—non-specific connections—with the Chicken, the Cow, the Dog—the body bears the imprint of the social matrix—thus these relations to Chickens are inscribed into our flesh. A ready and able body—as in, those Wolves—look at my whiskers! Tethered to a rope, they took me for a walk—shanks of ham—prime rib—foggy eyed deceased fish—I gobbled up all the bones I could find—we passed several Dogs of the upper classes wearing fancy bling collars and the occasional argyle sweater—their food is canned and contains the blood of Horses—they are trained in proper etiquette and sit on command—some of them see psychiatrists and Animal behaviorists to help them cope with depression—then there are the ethologists who observe Animals in their natural environments—in a lab setting they anesthetize and cut off the paws—
Horses are fantasy Animals for young girls In the early 1980’s I met a young girl who was obsessed with Horses When she wasn’t daydreaming about Horses and drawing pictures of Horses in her notebook she was visiting a local pasture in that hometown to spend time with Horses (she was too poor to afford riding lessons)

Another girl, also in the same town would volunteer for a family in which the mother suffered a disabling spinal condition She was home-bound and her husband was mostly unemployed, he was a musician, he played country music They tied their Horse up on a short leash, the same way they restrained their German Shepherd The Horse was emaciated and the Dog was also starving The girl who volunteered wasn’t sure if this was a case of Animal abuse She went every week to care for the woman and saw the Animals Her mother takes estrogen made of a bi-product of Horses The extraction is cruel
Very great in strength and darkness
I'm glad to see...with great respect and your pleasure...succeeded in
passing a restrictive law which oddly (or not) didn’t decrease the number
of vivisections...

I hope the widespread dissemination of the pamphlet “Vivisection in
America” which you propose so generously, will be the means of starting
public investigation, and earnest discussion and if it does this, the time
will soon come when vivisectors will be relegated to the category of
professional criminals, and criminals who deserve the heavy hand of the
law to be laid on—and laid on the more because they should, from the
pretensions they make, be the protectors, instead of the atrocious
torturers, of Animals who have not the power to protect themselves As a
vivisector who tore off the hide of a young Monkey on Tuesday and on
Wednesday explored the cranial lobes of another by first tearing off the
soft tissue of the ear while the subject was shackled to the table, wincing
The vivisector bore a hole in said skull, alas as is common technique and
this practice seems to rely on the subject maintaining consciousness I
feel as if I draft this memo while sitting down on an electric chair

With much regard, I am,

Very sincerely yours, Wm. R.D. BLACKWOOD. PHILIP G. PEABODY, Esq.

Be well kind sir!
A survival machine lunges out of the thicket with bloodied carcass in jowls, arrested attention, thrash, struggling with a valium dependency in Antarctica, on a syndicated program, they allegorize Animal behavior. There’s popcorn to spare.

Observe from the safety of one's personal sofa how they die at the end but continued breeding during a drought on the savannah. Butchie Fortin slams down the clicker incensed by the portrayal of Animals, he chews the device.

His dismay wells up in his jaws then he stomps his channel changer crepuscular stealth in fog.

L. rufus rufus and Fisher Cats roam the ragged ancient mountain and it is disconcerting when someone else boils her daughter's pet Rabbit to get revenge for love gone wrong.

Hunters kill the Fawn's mother. The Anaconda swallows a Crocodile whole then the Crocodile bites its way out of the Anaconda's stomach. Eagles fly majestically in the valley representing America and freedom. Accompanied by food sharing.

Whales go extinct in the deep ocean. CBS excised a mating scene.
Rabbit at the *Spiral Jetty* contemplating perception at degree zero
Kangaroo walking on broken glass visualizing the end to hunger
Cheetah standing atop the earth envisioning a demilitarized future
Kingfisher groping in the mirror searching out the *Dasein*
Finches unlocatable on an island, sunning themselves
Cobra having sex at site point understanding corporeality and banality
Leopard in the middle of traffic and suddenly sees the commons
Ape writing an essay about historical excess and light frameworks
Walrus going to commit suicide but not before he contemplates the spent nuclear rods at the Yuma facility
Lynx taking photos for line of wreckage by the roadside at noon
Lion transcending vulgar materialism gradually, then rapidly
Chinchilla operating the major machines at the factory before the worker’s strike
Worms occupying the middle chamber, challenging a new type of building
Ants attempting to broach the stalemate in the Middle East with incentives, like weapons
Sloths insisting on democratic principals
Tapirs organizing themselves
Mice saying no to formaldehyde in their death rituals
Ostrich unanimously deciding not to bury their dead in concrete sarcophagi
biological, birth of freedom, and class structure, desire, the sun, metals, cosmetics like sea green eye shadow, amplitude of being, wallets, a general state of health, food vastly available, pets, more pets, cars, a bestiary to reflect upon, general and specific, Hegel's system of, and labor, private life, privation and frustration, chemicals, cleaning products, wherewithal, maids, cleaning persons, persons who work the sewer systems, janitors, lunch people, secretaries, computers, Susan B. Anthony, Judith Butler, everybody, Others, Bees, bottomless pits, spent fuel rods, money or the representation of value thereof, recreational facilities, detoxification centers, psychoanalysts, hybridized flowers, underwire bras, safe havens, food drops, prophylactic drugs, pavilions, picnic tables, crystal Animals, gemstones, coronas, commemorative wall plates, staircases, space, evolutionary genetics, musical instruments, pumpkins, super-sized pumpkins, Halloween ornaments, reflection pools, mirrors, handkerchiefs, Newton, Isaac, Nietzsche, Friedrich, Thatcher, Margaret, Reno, Janet, Davis, Angela, acting like a baby at the sky mall, Greyhounds chasing fake Rabbits, undefined Humans, satellite TV, nail polish, lip gloss, tall coffee mugs, buttons, gardens, enlightenment, topical considerations, Madonna, organs, editorial thoughtfulness, email, jewelry

(Partially from the index of *Critique of Everyday Life* by Henri Lefebvre)
The Pumpkin is just a name for the mammalian body sans head, or sans body: only head, sans brain, a devolving chunk of protein that grows on the meat Pumpkin plantation. In the laboratory a slab of fake ham grows steadily Pink at the core without snout without reproductive urges but grows at an anticipated rate. A response to fortifying agents Pigness or pork is a residual flavor: a reference to fat Boar ancestry and the forest, acorns and great incisors. The earth is a great incubator! Sensing out mushrooms with their snouts. Some truffles, including the gourmet edibles Italian perigord, French white, and Oregon white, produce a scent that mimics a male Pig’s sex hormones. It is for this reason that female Pigs have historically been used in Europe to help find truffles. The meat Pumpkin has no pheromones and thus, no sex. The meat Pumpkin exists in long lines in a factory warehouse, plugged into flowing nutrients, peaceful lights, soundless chambers. A sort of tranquil farm situation.
CHUBBY CHUBBY PIGGY SOW

For Rue, a pit-bull friend

Chubby chubby Piggy Sow, thick ingress and egress roads as we line the streets with sea creatures like languorous Manatees or scintillating Sea Worms suctioned to the entrails of multinational vacuum cleaners This huggable Dog is a lover of Homo sapiens, you know them as bipedal knowing men She traverses sidewalks like no tomorrowing violators flirtatiously nuzzle with non-muzzled jaw line to the park to the playground Dog-like Canine, Wolf-like Hound of hell only because a You imagines it so The mob in a sociological mode Dispatch the victims Lockdown jawbone Skillful use of police radio equipment At the insurrection we meat met were eaten Police the meat with the training of action Non-revolt might include pets This time it will be as violent as we come Rest your case! Resting on the bench by the disobedience entrance
Blurt splattering while asleep Sheep she succored the kangaroo’s felt enveloping wholeness welter vexing a throb of nipple victual however ample open concerns such apparitions as resurrection whereas she thinks she sawed off the shotgun Kangaroo in the language as it floats hind all over America when brown eyes charred if it was tumbleweed we are in the outback without water at the mercy of primal dreams and stones to subdue the Animal which is our constitution and framework Driven insane by political tightening Shock me with the only reason for the hide to present itself as woman Feed us!
Fetid, mingled Black Bears
Fetch the reproduction I wasn’t thinking primarily of the chimerical Animal in fact not docile, disciplined, trained Do you suffer? Yes I suffer!
I won’t be was I to think of the bush and the bush is to succumb to an internal violence where new patriarchal order results in pesticide sprays, volatile nuclear facilities and endless pontification regarding rescinding Veteran’s benefits Where is the woman’s body? It seems to extend out into the polis There’s a Dog in this sentence An Antelope and a Wildebeest And if you are a witch, society is apt to compare you to a Raven, a Vulture, a Rat or an Owl Hand-felted fish mats for your guesthouse entry
As an Animal it does me no good to be placed in the necromantic landscape after a dubious claim commutes out of the suburbs where it originates with stormageddon coming on strong over the entire United States and elsewhere revolutions are budding like an actual symptom of unrest Urgent! Renew today! My species doesn’t cocoon or find safety in fury pouches We take drugs and pound walls and speak of the devil Otherwise, life as we know it is real Rabbit paws for good luck
Bears, Elephants, Tigers, and other Animals do not voluntarily ______ bicycles, ______ on their heads, ______ on balls, or ______ through rings of fire. They don’t ______ these and other difficult tricks because they ______ to; they ______ them because they’re afraid of what will happen if they don’t.

For Animals in circuses, there is no such thing as “positive reinforcement”—only varying degrees of punishment and deprivation. To ______ them to ______ these meaningless and physically uncomfortable tricks, trainers ______ whips, tight collars, muzzles, electric prods, bullhooks, and other painful tools of the trade.

In the Ringling Bros. Circus, Elephants are ______, ______, ______, ______, and ______ with sharp hooks, sometimes until bloody. Ringling ______ the spirit of Elephants when they’re vulnerable babies who should still ______ with their mothers. Unsuspecting parents ______ a family trip to the circus don’t know about the violent training sessions with ropes, bullhooks, and electric shock prods that Elephants ______. Heartbreaking photos ______ how Ringling Bros. circus trainers cruelly ______ baby elephants to ______ tricks, and it’s not through a reward system, as they claim.

Additional bone pillows available in five colors.
Swans are a surrogate form of swank
Long white necks of glamour ardor regal verisimilitude as Animal as Bird actually We could discuss the meanness of the Human Weasel (Roethke, p. 195) but Swans are so much more elegant Swans perform by the lake as if nonchalance were the highest virtue regardless if it is the President, the Queen of some country or the homeless individual sprawled on the park bench Swans suffer Swans do not demure In every serious menagerie, a pair of swans for political purposes, to woo the crowds, a civic wonder of whiteness and arabesque grace

Swans are evolutionary, first located in Western Eurasia, bog specimens Queen of Sparta Swan meat a favorite of Elizabeth I
To be in this world free of attachment like a Swan eating pearls on a polluted river with snow coming down, it is snowing
Polar Bears are poster children Think global warming think Polar Bear balancing on melting ice sheets Babies bleed of starvation The federal court system must step in for the Polar Bear before devastating practices of mountaintop removal in Appalachia are submitted if often buffeted by gale-force winds as woefully inadequate yet they dance in snow globes around the world, so experts say, with catastrophic risk at the core We are moved by Polar Bears (some of the we/us) advancing engineering techniques concerning the most entrenched environmental problems Polar Bear stickers and Polar Bear tee shirts proliferate the Chinese manufacturing sector, polluting their rivers I want a bear hug right now! Conspicuously, when they are missing The ice is thin, essence of water, translucency of vapor

The pedagogy of teachings that Now is universal
OFF THE SHELF

Blood trapped between two negatives
Feel free to curl up and settle in—arrangement of skin(s)
Forms and eyes are commercially available
Manikins of wood and wire
Coitus is brief and perfunctory
An Animal displayed on the wall as trophy
1909: A Hartebeest and an Oryx collected by Theodore Roosevelt in Kenya, now in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institute’s off-site museum support center in Silver Hill, Maryland
Some 70,000 stuffed, taxidermied mammals reside there
Another 212,000 Animals are preserved in jars
There is an adult Gorilla pickled in an alcohol-filled tank
You stand tall as a trophy Animal in my collection
I honor your death with a bedside bow before I, with prowess leap into my bedroom chambers
Excellent shaking hands with you venerable woman who changed the dynamics of the display: how Animals are viewed within the confines of the humanly interpretive term, ‘nature’ or as an economy where to inventory the possible psychological features and note all effects on the brain as relational artifacts are arranged with fur being most amusing, the Animals at hand do not wear g-strings
They don’t gloat

Posing with tresses, dresses and long necked Deer, Maxwell created dioramas as life-like as nature’s living rooms
This then was a new form of women’s work
She did hunt and kill
She did stuff and mount
Throughout her life she remained a vegetarian

All the furry beasts of Colorado

To say, “BEWARE” is to work in the modality of a Western mentality

Archives of animal hides
Two tone detritivore (that’s an animal that feeds on dead material (detritus)).
SOME SOUVENIRS OF DEATH VIEWED AS ART


Claire Morgan, *Captive*, torn polythene shopping bags, an owl and five mice, nylon, lead, 2008.


sidereal time, oceanic time, geologic time, atomic time, spacetime, coordinated
universal time, noontime, mean solar time, civic time, terrestrial time,
barycentric dynamical time, Planck time, doomsday time, global positioning
system time, escape time fractals:

“But in order to understand the function of this doubt for the subject of the
assertion, let us consider the objective value of the first suspension for the
observer whose attention we have already drawn to the subject’s overall motion
Although it may have been impossible up until this point to judge what any of
them had concluded, we find that each of the Jellyfish manifests uncertainty
about xir conclusion, but will have it confirmed without fail if it was correct,
rectified—perhaps—if it was erroneous.”

Frighten me with your boredom

from “Logical Time and the Assertion of Anticipated Certainty” by Jacques Lacan,
Écrits
THE LAND OF THE LOST EXTREMES

Canines with forelimbs pause to recollect The Stone Age: it is unclear how early Humans constructed their identities. The abducted big toe evolves to walk, later disco Chimps transform into Humans, then stop chomp chomp Chimps remain Chimps and Humans remain Humans, or? Looking continually for ORDER The Neanderthal wore tooth pendants and walked with the Wolves See Lion Man of Hohlenstein Stadel for a 32,000 year old representation Neo-Lamarckian to insert genetic material into the host genome and call it a psyche

Early head scratching singing corralling Bats in the canopy and Saber toothed Tigers create the fear factor. While Mammoth hunting necessitates social collaborative structures to be appointed by later business models and then rejected

Reptoids: once in charge of the earth
How is it that only during the 19th century and thereafter Dinosaur fossils were discovered? Isn’t it likely that early Man came upon earlier remains and wondered?

Watch Steve Irwin kiss the head of a komodo Dragon in The Crocodile Hunter Diaries on Animal Planet
According to an article titled “Reptile Romance” featured in Who Magazine, Time Inc., November 2nd, 2002 Irwin met Terri Raines and it was love at first sight. Terri said at the time, "I thought there was no one like this anywhere in the world. He sounded like an environmental Tarzan, a larger-than-life superhero guy"
Irwin was fatally wounded by a Stingray spine puncture on September 4th, 2006
Blue Whale meat pre rigor mortis Obtain Killing Resembles beef Oil Frozen Harpoon Tattoo with Whale
Pretty tattoo with galleon and whale nearby (slaves aboard, shhhh) Efficient vessels Factory Ships Norwegian
Government Danish Government Japanese Government United States Government Regret
Annihilation Conservation Population Difficulties Pelagic Whaling Blubber Feeding
Migration Birthing Marine Mammals Galleons with indentured servants on board (our great aunts and uncles, shhhh)
More fleets...Kill more Whales
Several oceans Moby Dick Extinction Survival Geographically Baleen Whales Bloody sea Antarctic
Convergence Ice edge Gunner Horse power Frack that Whale of good hope
CHICKEN LITTLE

Chickens are falling from the sky
Chickens fell on us, tarred and feathered
Chickens, from great heights, fell like a space shuttle disaster
That Chicken’s wings are clipped and they can’t fly doesn’t mean that they aren’t falling from the sky: they are
That Chickens can’t hold up their torsos because they’ve been bred to be monstrously plump doesn’t contradict the
fact that they are literally falling like hail from the sky
It is a neurosis, this situation of Chickens free falling out of the sky
Folks are trying to catch the Chickens in their arms as they fall so they won’t crash land on hard surfaces The people
are holding the Chickens tightly, comforting them There are no male Chickens, the industry killed them off after
hatching All the Chickens falling from the sky are in fact, female
FRANKENANIMALS

FrankenAnimals are frickin freaky (swag) Animals and we eat them in the cafeteria, us-we children wearing our romper-jumper suits embellished with Bumblebees and little Bears The FrankenAnimals can’t reproduce and this, the scientists say is why there is no fear in rearing FrankenAnimals replacing Animals in the “wild” when the wild has been encroached upon and Humans crawl over every stretch of surface area Have no fear about gargantuan Cows which have been engineered with hormones from Elephants so they can remain upright indefinitely Frankly, FrankenAnimals are on location, drawing energy from the universe of science Sit down to redemption fork and spoon Ladle FrankenAnimal Bake FrankenAnimal Baste FrankenAnimal Believe in FrankenAnimal As they appear to unfold, unfolding, these iridescent torsos friend/foe/fool/fowl/fiend/fact/force/friction/function/fabrication/fucked/finance/famished/finesse

How did the Frankensalmon get so hefty? By the implantation of an Eel-like species known as Ocean Pout which grows year round The official name of Frankensalmon is its industry name, namely, AquAdvantage Now that sounds yummy!

A large intestine digestin’ a Frankensalmon!

How perfectly improved as a surrogate to Humans?
Stuffing face of Frankensalmon
Fucked by Frankensalmon
Can you tell the fatty difference?

Will the Brown Bear prefer the AquAdvantage?
CANARY IN THE COAL MINE/POND FROGS

[darkness, heat and methane release, 3,000 feet, diamonds + gold]
[jackhammers, sweat, feathers]

[    ]
[silence]

...wetland ponds...tropical moist forest (Leigh et al. 1996) plasma sex steroid and thyroid hormones...population regulation (Levins 1970, Pulliam 1988, Hanski and Gilpin 1991) immune responses...sexual behavior...permanent effects on sexual organs...Animal study protocols...Sertoli cells...distribution of Frogs among ponds (Fretwell 1972)...regulation in terrestrial stages (Wilbur 1984)...vulnerability to landscape changes (Sinsch 1990)...debilitating infections...recruitment and population persistence (Sjögren-Gulve 1994, Semlitsche et al. 1996, Skelly and Meir 1997) ...invasiveness and “weediness” (e.g., Rejmanek and Richardson 1996) ...ovipositing túngara frogs generally avoid conspecific foam nests (Dillon and Fiaño 2000)...
WOMEN AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH SERPENTS

Women have special relations with Serpents
Women are able to communicate intimately with Serpents
Serpents and women exchange knowledge readily
Serpents and women conspire and there is a knowledge base at stake
If you want to live in a nourishing garden don’t underestimate Serpents
Don’t underestimate the discussions that take place between women and Serpents, not for a moment
If you wish to preserve a social freedom like nudity, for example,
trust in the Serpent
Trust the continual intimacy between reptile and mammal
Open up to the interspecies ability to share data
Serpents have more collective memory, they’ve been here on Earth longer
Women linger around the trunks of trees
to discuss life with Serpents
Women thrive in teeming lushness, environments of blooming
The depiction of flowery environments has been gendered female but Serpents of all sexes participate in this ecosystem
Bountiful ecosystems where bodies coexist do contain death
Killing is a function in the garden, eating is a function that takes place in the garden
The Serpent is an expert on waste
Caricature of a sheep in a museum exhibit, labeled "DOLLY THE SHEEP" and accompanied by names like "Dolly," "Bonnie," and "Sally." The text includes copyright notices and the names of the sheep in a table format.
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