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A history of domesticated animals.

Author(s) : [ZEUNER, F. E.](#)

Book : [A history of domesticated animals.](#) 1963 pp.560 pp.

Abstract : This informative book is the first of its kind written in English. It provides a fascinating collection of mainly archaeological information, is easily read, and contains a large number of excellent illustrations. Forty domesticated species are covered from the elephant to the honey bee. In spite of its title the book concentrates on the domestication process and the prehistoric and early historic periods rather than the recent history of livestock. Thus, the animal breeder will be disappointed if he/she does not find much discussion of breed origins.

The prehistoric period is naturally subject to much speculation. Although Professor Zeuner approaches the evidence afresh, it is unfortunate that support for his

and references to the bibliography have often been omitted, presumably to This shortcoming is apparent in the section on sheep, which I am able to as For instance, it is not clear why he adheres to an earlier theory that the pre-Copper" sheep (*Ovis aries studeri*) represent a distinct stock rather than the turbary race (*Ovis aries palustris*).

In considering the fleece, Professor Zeuner does not indicate the changes in proportion of different fibre types that have taken place with domestication. He attributes the hairiness of domestic sheep in hot countries to man's selection for wool in such areas, rather than to the sheep's natural adaptation to its environment. It is a pity that Professor Zeuner does not mention work in which ancient sheep and wool (cf. A.B.A., 30, No. 2606) have enabled light to be thrown on the evolution of the fleece. Nor does he refer either to the osteological work in medieval archaeology linking the ancient and modern periods, or to blood type studies that indicate differences between modern breeds.

I hope that Professor Zeuner's lavish use of ancient illustrations as evidence, and his disregard for skeletal measurements from archaeological material, will not cause a sceptical scientist in his opinion that domestication studies are for the dilettante antiquarian and cannot be approached scientifically, because these illustrations provide a unique and comprehensive record that will be valuable for workers in this field.
M. L. Ryder.

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