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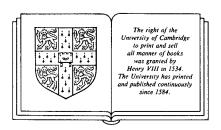
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Preface

Although this book was planned as a celebration for Robert Hinde, a quick glance at the contents will reveal that it is no ordinary Festschrift. The person in whose honour the book was written is also a contributor. Since Robert Hinde is still highly active in research and is likely to remain so for a long time to come, the conventional commemorative volume seemed out of place. It seemed much more appropriate to involve him in the construction and editing of the book and to ask him to comment on the essays. The objective of the book has not been to dwell on the contributions that Robert Hinde has made, but rather to focus on the themes and organising principles that have emerged in the fields in which he has been active. The hope was that the book would be forward-looking in its survey of the fields for which he has done so much.

Robert Hinde has exerted an extraordinary influence on ethology, primatology and most recently on studies of human behavioural biology and development. He has always revelled in diversity, but none the less certain distinctive themes run through the whole book as they have through his own writing. The introductory chapter discusses the recurring themes of crossing and recrossing the boundaries between different levels of analysis and the need to study processes. The main part of the book starts with behavioural development studied in animals, moves on to the neural and endocrine aspects of behaviour and then to the social behaviour of non-human primates. The final transition from monkeys to humans, which Robert Hinde made in his own research, leads to a substantial section on the development of social behaviour in humans. The last scientific chapter picks up his own deep concern about aggression and the peculiarly human institution of war.

Even though this is first and foremost a book about the development and integration of behaviour, it carries the personal flavour of the man all the



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contributors wished to honour. Each of the authors has had long-standing relationships with Robert Hinde. Some were mentors, others were former students and four were the senior members of his Medical Research Council Unit which had the same name as this book. In the final section of the book, one of his teachers and old friends, Niko Tinbergen, wrote a brief memoir just before he died. Jane Goodall, who came to Cambridge to write up her first chimpanzee studies for a PhD under Robert Hinde's supervision in the early 1960s, also writes of her memories of him when he visited her camp in Africa.

The idea for this book originally came from Peter Marler with whom I was to have edited the book. However, the period in which most editing had to be done was also one when he was moving his house and laboratory from New York to California. He was not able to contribute in the way that he would have wished if he had been less busy. I am deeply grateful to him for his initiative, for his encouragement in the slow process of bringing the book together, and for contributing a chapter when he had so much else to do. The same gratitude must be extended to the other contributors, also extremely busy people, who were asked to think deeply as well as broadly about the subjects on which they work. Moreover, they had to do so in the knowledge that their contribution would be subject to public comment by a man who at the best of times and to the best of his friends is a formidable critic. Inevitably, some delivered more rapidly than others and I must thank the quicker writers for their patience and the slower ones for their persistence. Above all, I must thank the man in whose honour this book was written for agreeing to involve himself in its construction. I deeply appreciate the trouble he has taken both in helping with the editing, which he has done with his usual penetrating eye, and for his commentaries on the contributions.

> Patrick Bateson Cambridge, April 1990