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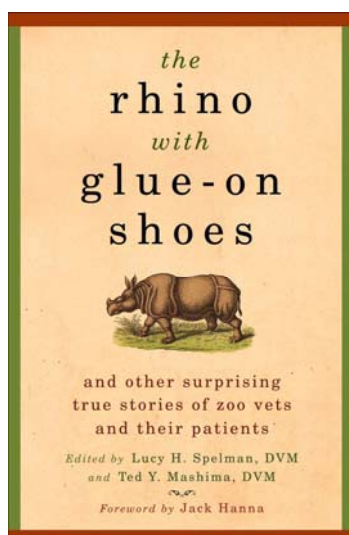
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THE RHINO WITH GLUE-ON SHOES~

*And Other Surprising True Stories of Zoo Vets
and their Patients*

Edited by Lucy H. Spelman, DVM and Ted Y. Mashima, DVM
~Foreword by Jack Hanna~

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“This is a delightful book. The stories, each amazingly different, are told with warmth, humor and sensitivity. They are sometimes sad, always captivating. It is a book you can dip into on a journey or read before sleep at night. Buy it and give copies to your friends.”

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“Spelman and Mashima’s fascinating exploration of the mysterious and often exciting world of veterinary medicine within the confines of the zoological community is a rare opportunity for the reader to go behind the scenes where the stories of drama, discovery, and compassion have been waiting to be revealed. This book is a compelling journey of the often herculean efforts on behalf of dedicated zoo veterinarians and their charismatic patients... it is a journey of triumph and tragedy, mystery and discovery, which will keep the reader glued to the pages like the prosthetic shoes glued to a rhino hoof.”

—**Jeff Corwin**, wildlife biologist and television presenter for
Animal Planet and Discovery networks

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“Lucy Spelman and Ted Mashima have put together a stunning array of stories from twenty-eight of the best wild animal veterinarians in all parts of the world. Whether it is the tale of bringing two whale sharks from Taiwan to the Atlanta Aquarium or the astonishing account of fitting shoes on a foot-sore Asian Rhinoceros, the reader is left with the undeniable conclusion that these vets are contributing indispensable knowledge to a world-wide effort to protect wild creatures threatened by human activity. My hat is off to these unsung heroes of the natural world.” —**Roger Sant**, Chair of the Board of Regents, Smithsonian Institution

“This is an inspiring collection of true stories written with respect and affection for wild animals.”
—**Jim Maddy**, President & CEO, Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)

“Expect to laugh, cry and read in astonishment about the lengths these vets must go to save their uncommon patients...Dr. Lucy Spelman and her colleagues show amazing dedication to their work, but they're also cutting-edge scientists who must pioneer new techniques for their patients.”
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“In settings ranging from zoos to wildlife sanctuaries and from aquariums to the open ocean, and patients that run the gamut from goldfish to Gomek, the world’s largest crocodile, these stories reveal the empathy, creativity, and daring of their veterinarian authors.” —**Booklist**

“Entertaining...Readers will be dazzled.” —**Publishers Weekly**

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In their book **THE RHINO WITH GLUE-ON SHOES: And Other Surprising True Stories of Zoo Vets and Their Patients**, zoo and wildlife veterinarians Lucy H. Spelman and Ted Y. Mashima give readers a fascinating and up-close look at wild animals, the dedicated professionals who care for their health, and the special bonds that develop between them. Comprised of personal essays from more than two dozen vets working in the U.S. and abroad, Spelman and Mashima's compilation is filled with the real-life medical drama that ensues when treating patients that range in weight from several tons to less than an ounce, with symptoms as diverse as broken hearts and broken bones. **THE RHINO WITH GLUE-ON SHOES** will be published as a Delacorte Press Hardcover on July 1, 2008, complete with a foreword written by Jack Hanna and a 16-page color photo insert of the animals from each essay—including Patch, a falcon with the broken wing; Yaloda, a giant panda with an upset stomach; and Alfredito, a hippo in need of a root canal.

For anyone who has ever visited a zoo, aquarium, national park or wildlife preserve and wondered about the daily life of the on-duty vet and their wild animal patients, the stories in **THE RHINO WITH GLUE-ON SHOES** provide the answer to this question. Each case is unique and full of surprises, especially since the vets can't communicate (at least not in words) with their sometime dangerous patients—many of whom have one-of-a-kind medical issues. From recapturing a herd of escaped Bison outside of Paris to encouraging an anorexic eel to eat, to caring for dolphins orphaned in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to fixing a kangaroo's broken neck, the touching and exciting first-hand accounts in this collection will captivate animal lovers and nature enthusiasts alike.

Written with warmth, humor, and compassion, **THE RHINO WITH GLUE-ON SHOES** affirms the dynamic relationships that develop between people and animals, offering an insider's look at the triumphs, challenges, and heartbreak that zoo and wildlife veterinarians face every day.

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