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Advocates for Animals

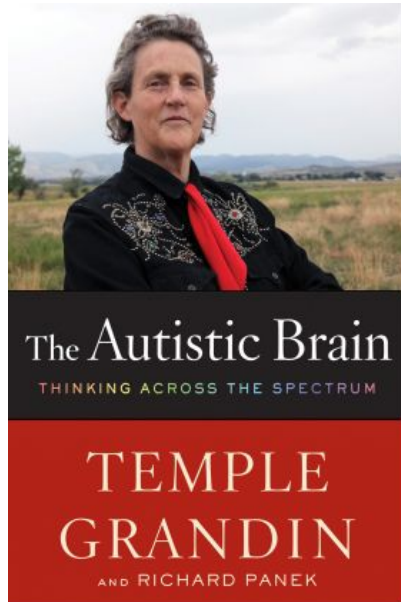
Women have been at the forefront of many social issues. These included suffrage for all, property rights, labor reforms including the elimination of child labor, expansion of mental health facilities, helping immigrants with their adjustment, and of course, educational reforms. Although efforts are not complete in all of these areas, attention can now be focused on species that share the planet with us - including animals. In this enewsletter, we profile two women who have worked with and on behalf of animals, Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Temple Grandin.



Dorothy Harrison Eustis

Dorothy Harrison Eustis noticed the intelligence and loyalty of her German shepherd on the farm where she and her first husband were involved in selectively breeding cattle. After her husband's death, she began selectively breeding the German shepherds in Switzerland for intelligence, loyalty, and disposition. After she wrote an article about such dogs being trained to assist blind veterans, she received a letter from a blind veteran from Tennessee who wished to be paired with such a dog. Morris S. Frank came to Switzerland, was matched with Buddy, the pair was trained, and Frank returned to much publicity in the U.S. That prompted more requests for seeing eye dogs.

In 1929, Eustis returned to the U.S. and established The Seeing Eye, Inc. Eustis was president of the Seeing Eye until 1940. By the time Eustis died in 1946, 1,300 dogs had been matched. The Seeing Eye led the way in providing assistive animals. Eustis has been inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.



Temple Grandin

A Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University and one of the most prominent adults with autism, Temple Grandin didn't speak until she was three and a half years old. Her education years were very difficult. During high school, her science teacher became her mentor and helped her build her self confidence. Her encouraged her to build her hug box (which she called her "squeeze machine") and encouraged her to prove its effectiveness through scientific experiments when she was in college. She used the hug box to calm herself and others with autism can use it as well.

A leading expert on animal behavior and a consultant to the livestock industry particularly in the area of humane livestock

handling, Grandin designed adaptive curved corrals used to reduce injury among cattle being led to slaughter. She works to improve slaughterhouses as well as livestock farms. In 2010, Time magazine named her one of the 100 most influential people in the world. Her story has been made into a movie and she has appeared on radio and television. She is an active spokesperson on behalf of individuals with autism. Grandin has been inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame.

Dorothy Harrison Eustis and Temple Grandin are among the more than 850 women profiled in our book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America*. Their accomplishments inspire us and remind us how important it is to continue to tell women's stories.

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