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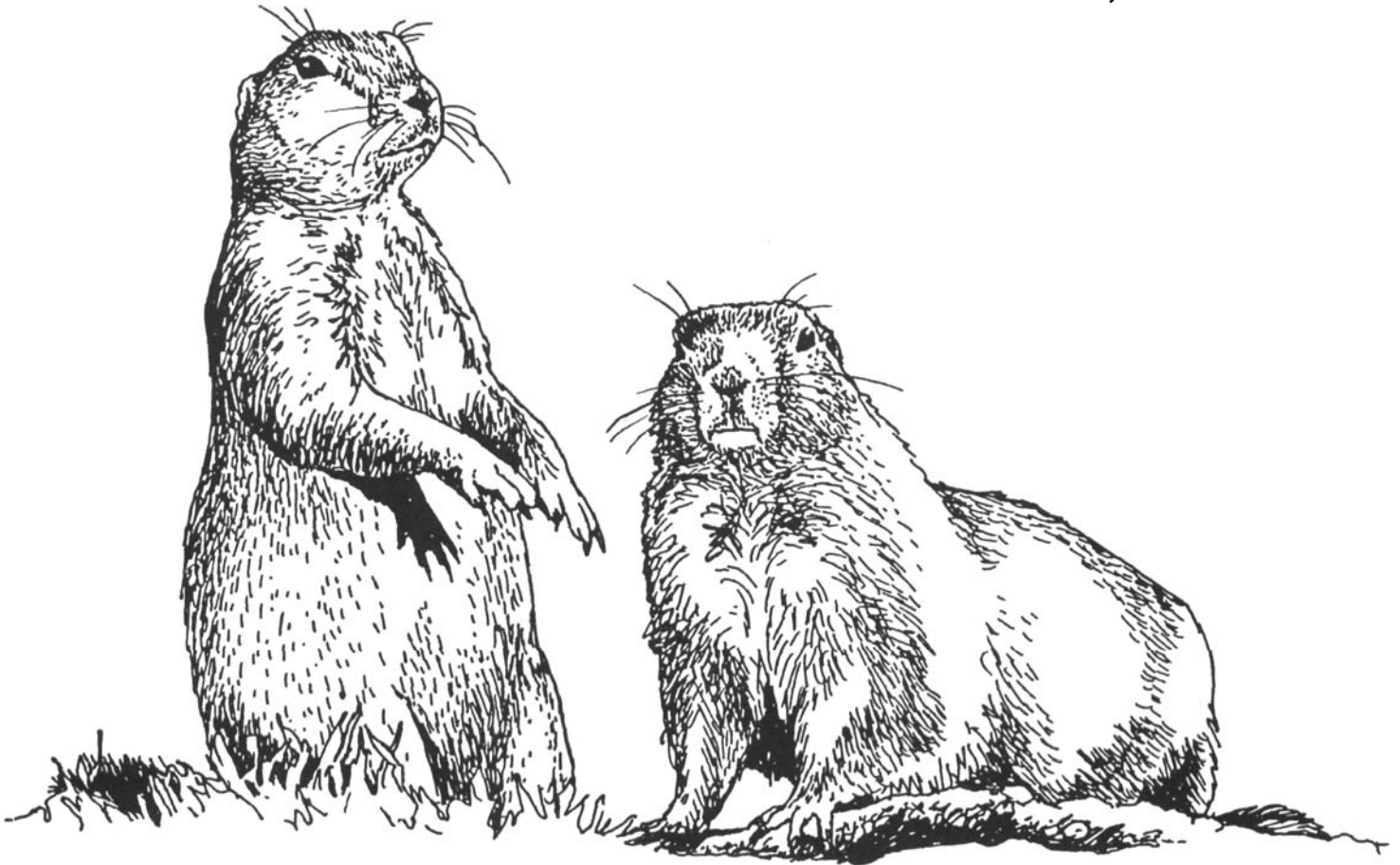
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PREFACE

Signs indicate that the field of animal damage control is changing. Change is occurring, not only with the tools or tricks of the trade, but also in the way that members of the field deal with the public. There has been a greater emphasis on the development of non-lethal, environmentally-safe, and cost-effective techniques; integrated pest management principles; and socially-acceptable procedures. In addition, a search is on for a more descriptive and publicly acceptable name for the profession. Such was the impetus for this year's opening session "Wildlife Damage Management and the Public." The keynote address, delivered by Gary San Julian of the National Wildlife Federation, emphasized the need to accurately identify our audiences and to strive to promote animal damage control as the natural resource profession that it is.

Audience identification and association is not an easy task. Collectively, our audience is a moving target. Once primarily rural and agriculturally oriented, it is now increasingly urban. With this changing environment, many people are losing touch with the land base and the life/death relationships that exist there. Now, some 80 to 85% of the American public is undecided regarding animal rights/welfare issues, yet those same people need help in dealing with urban wildlife problems such as moles in the lawn, rabbits in the garden, and geese on the golf course. We need to redirect our efforts to help them find safe, effective, and socially acceptable solutions to these problems. Providing professional assistance to meet these urban issues will demonstrate that animal damage control is based on natural resource expertise and that the goals and policies include concern for natural resource systems, people, and animal welfare.

It is easy to view those with different opinions, such as animal rightists, as adversaries. Some representatives of the media have been exceptionally critical of animal damage control activities since 1989, when the last Great Plains workshop was held. Keep in mind that animal rightists represent a minority, albeit vocal minority, of the American public (at most 10%). Collectively, we need to connect with the larger, undecided audience, but not lose sight of some of the common ground (e.g., animal welfare, conservation, and other environmental concerns) shared with animal rightists or others with

different views. We should explore areas of mutual interest in an effort to form a constructive dialogue.

The 1991 workshop marked a new beginning for the National Animal Damage Control Association (NADCA). President Terry Salmon and others displayed an informational booth, and called both executive and membership meetings. In addition, NADCA sponsored and presented Outstanding Student Awards for the best student presentations at the workshop. These awards are an important step in recognizing the interest and effort of individuals who are just getting started in the field of wildlife damage management

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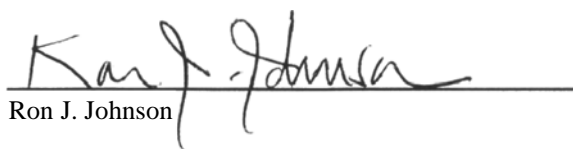
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