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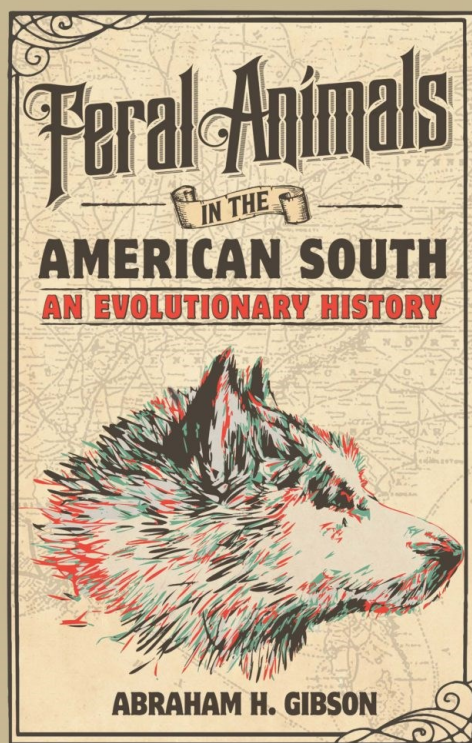
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## Feral Animals in the American South: An Evolutionary History

For thousands of years, people have generally divided the world's animals into two distinct categories, wild and domestic, but some animals cannot be shoehorned into this strict dichotomy. Feral animals (erstwhile domestic animals who now live in the wild) are neither domestic nor wild, and instead represent a third category of life. These animals have been ignored for too long. Recovering their mute testimony reveals a fascinating, if not always flattering, perspective on human history. This is especially true in southeastern North America, where social and cultural norms have created and sustained large populations of feral animals for centuries.

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Everyone is welcome.