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## Keeping the Balance

The National Gamekeepers' Organisation has launched a unique, searchable archive of gamekeeping history on DVD and CD-Rom.

'The Gamekeeper', which described itself as "a Journal devoted to the interests of game preservers", was first published in 1897 and covered all aspects of gamekeeping practice: dog work, trapping, rearing, battles with poachers and much more.

The early issues provide a fascinating insight into the keeping profession 100 years ago. They are full of wonderful descriptions, lost knowledge and quaint misunderstandings that science has since disproved. The attractive adverts provide insight into a lost world of trapping, homespun remedies for disease and the peculiar economics of game shooting in former times. Much of the interest in 'The Gamekeeper' lies in how little some things have changed whilst others have evolved beyond recognition.

The journals were purchased by the NGO and converted to **CD-Rom and DVD** format by Secure Data Services, who specialize in the online retrieval of priceless paper archives.

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