

gave no indication of abnormality (R. Heffner & Heffner, 1983a).

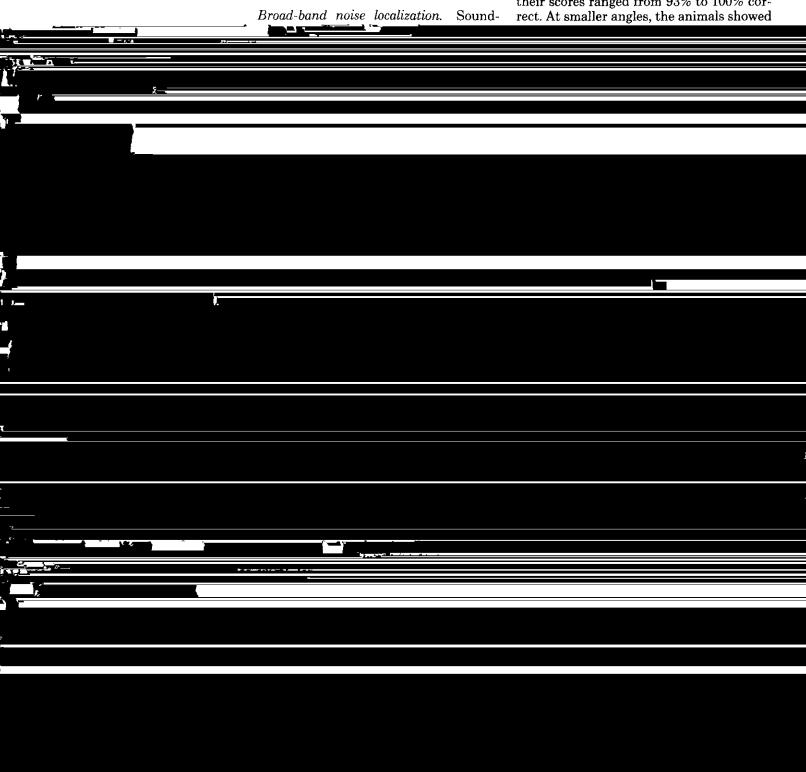
Behavioral apparatus. Testing was conducted on First, the localization ability of three horses was determined by a two-choice procedure with water as a reward (cf. H. Heffner & Masterton, 1980; R. Heffner ۲ŧ\_

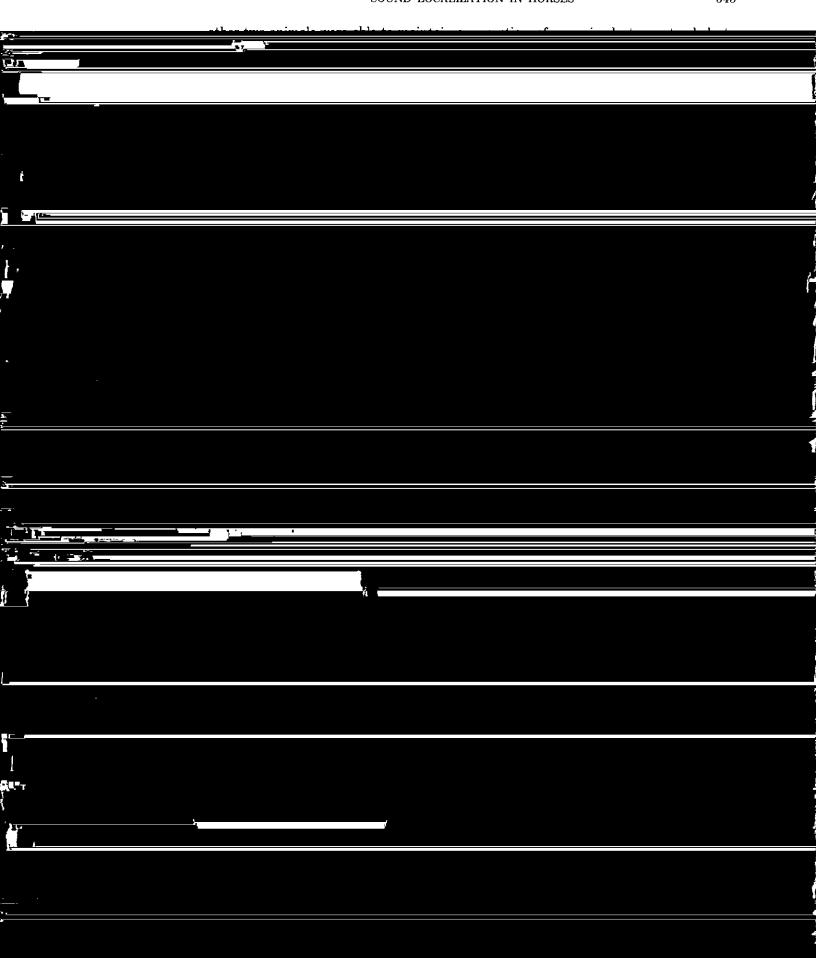


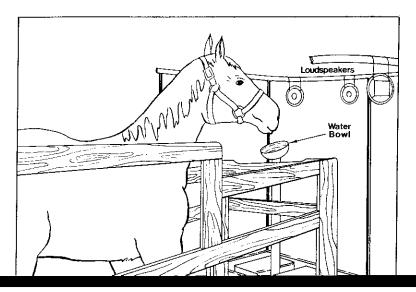
aration at which the animal could discriminate between the two stimuli at the .01 one-tailed level of significance (binomial distribution), which was generally 63% correct.

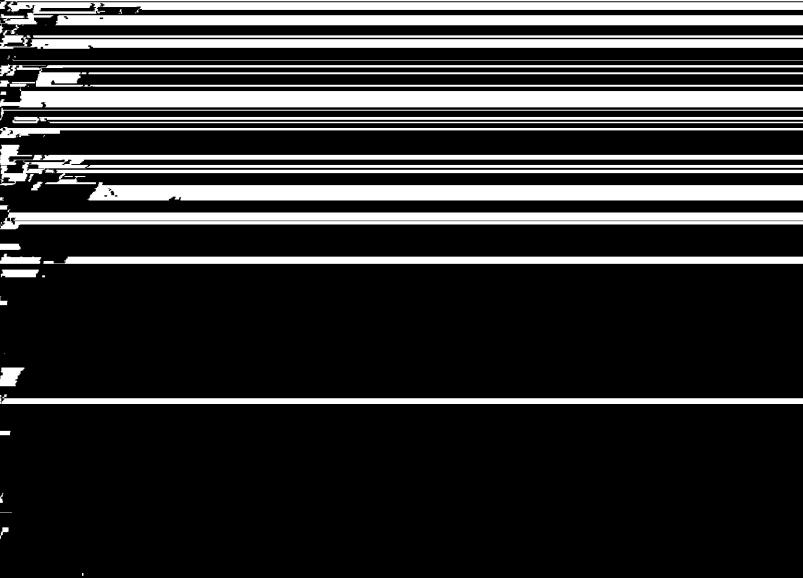
Results and Discussion

2A. Each point represents an animal's asymptotic performance at a particular angle. As can be seen, none of the horses had difficulty with this task at large angles, and at 180° (speakers 90° to the left and right) their scores ranged from 93% to 100% correct. At smaller angles, the animals showed









## SOUND LOCALIZATION IN HORSES

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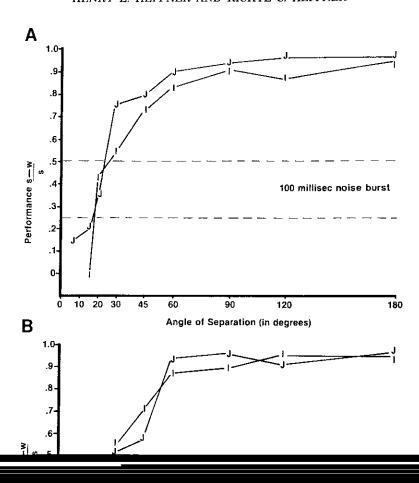


Table 1 Sound-Localization Thresholds Method  $\Delta fi$ . An incision just large enough to accommodate the microphone was made in the base of the left pinna of the horse. The microphone was then inserted so that it was directly in front of the opening of the auditory meatus. The loudspeaker was placed on the perimeter bar at 0°, and sound level measurements were made of the broad-band noise at eight different band-pass settings from 125 Hz to 16 kHz in octave

pected from head-size measurements, the horse  $\Delta t$  of 501  $\mu s$  at 90° was intermediate to the human and cat values.

Close inspection of Figure 5, however, reveals an interesting reversal in the relative sizes of the horse and human  $\Delta ts$ . Whereas the human  $\Delta t$  exceeds the horse

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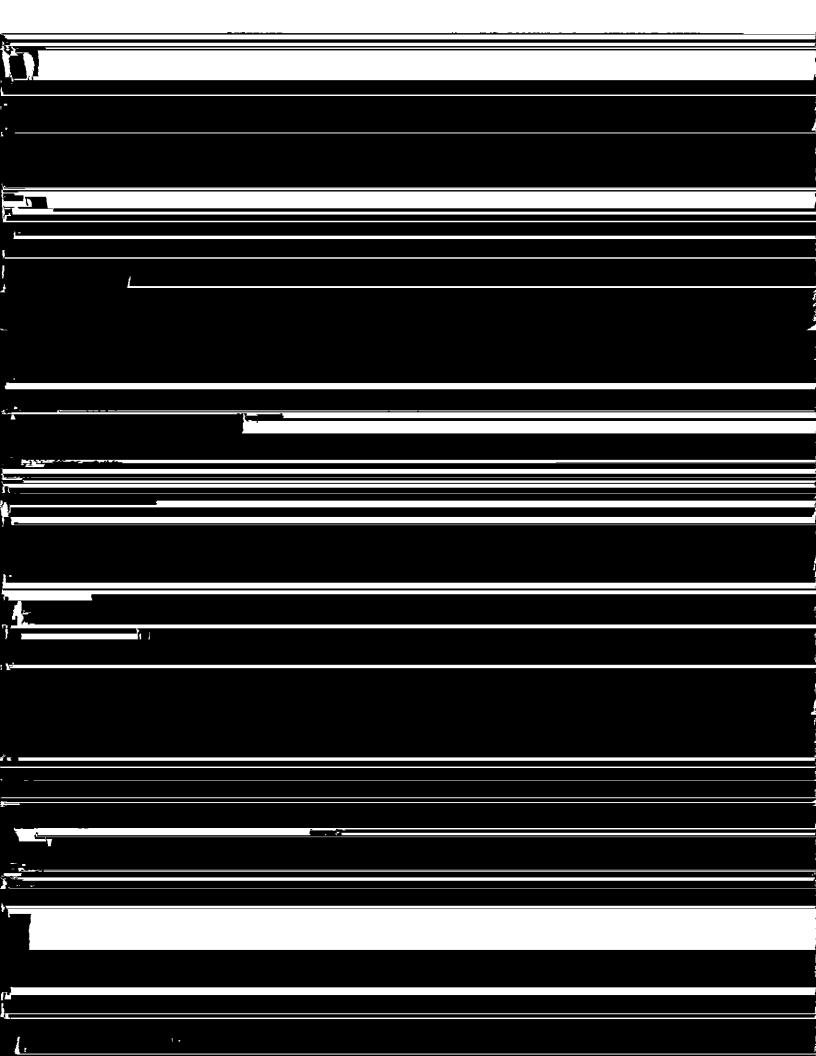


Table 2
Sound-Localization Thresholds for 13 Species of Mammals

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