

'Companion' animals: sources on affective relationships between humans and nonhuman animals. The term 'companion' is in quotation marks to highlight that the nonhuman animals involved in these relationships do not usually have a choice as to whether or not to enter into or maintain the relationship – they have been bred, purchased or otherwise selected by the humans involved. The term 'companions' suggests a degree of reciprocity that is not warranted. However, we recognize the responsibility to care as best as possible for all nonhuman animals already in relationships with humans. We therefore include sources that advocate improved care for 'companion' animals, especially those that advocate disconnecting animal farming from the 'pet' food industry.

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