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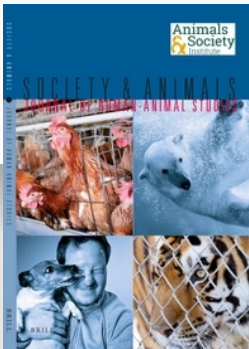
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Using depth interviews and participant observation, the predominant metaphors that emerge in pet owners' relationships with pets as pleasures, problems, parts of self, members of the family, and toys. These metaphors as well as patterns of thought for pets, suggest vacillation between viewing companion animals as human and civilized and viewing them as animals. That these views comprise a mixed metaphor needed to more fully understand our fascination with pets.

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