

# **Social and Psychological Aspects of Cross-Species Interaction between Humans and Pets**

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The present study compares the needs and personal characteristics of pets owners and non-owners. It has been shown that there is need for positioning an animal as a subject in the core of a person's conscious choice of a particular type of pet-interaction. In the personal sphere pet-owners are orientated towards the particular type of communication.

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