There is a chapter on pet therapy -- use of animals' companionship in the healing of humans: "Animals help satisfy deep-rooted psychological needs in people" (from Levinson, Pet Therapy).

The last sentences read: "I hope that this book does not leave readers with a heavy sense of guilt. Most of us have simply been conditioned to think of animals in the wrong way. It is time to re-think, to give them equal status, to value them as companions, friends and teachers. We do not yet fully understand their role, but we ignore it at our peril."

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