

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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REBECCA HALL, ANIMALS ARE EQUAL (LONDON: WILDWOOD HOUSE LTD.) 1980.

This book is another helpful one for those who want to observe and know animal behavior better, including that of their own animals. Mrs. Hall suggests that although humans have the obvious advantage of verbal reasoning, this very advantage may clutter their emotions and feelings. Whereas animals "are not in conflict, are not locked in a mental-intellectual fight." Animals' uncluttered emotions can make their presence beneficial to humans. Mrs. Hall's ideas are illustrated by hundreds of incidents involving animals. She believes that animals should, ethically, have equal consideration with humans.