

Love Hurts – The dark side of human attachment to companion animals

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Keeping dogs and cats as companions in our homes gives rise to potential welfare problems and, relatedly, to important ethical questions. In the case of animal companions, unlike most forms of animal use, some problems are generated by human attachment: we can be so close to the animals that we mistake their needs for ours. In his talk Peter Sandøe will discuss two specific issues obesity in dogs and cats and breeding of dogs with extreme confirmation. Peter will draw on his recent book (co-authored with Sandra Corr and Clare Palmer), Companion Animal Ethics. See more on Peter's webpage: animaethics.net

Tuesday August 15 from 12:30 to 1:30 School of Population and Public Health, 2206 East Mall, Room B104.