



SWK 400/600: Social Work & the Human-Animal Bond

**Graduate students, juniors, and seniors from
ALL DEPARTMENTS WELCOME!**

Social work and the social sciences increasingly address the varied and important roles of animals as social subjects, rather than biological objects, in the lives of people. This course introduces theory and research on the complex relationships between humans and non-human animals in the contemporary U.S., focusing on the role of companion animals in biopsychosocial problems and their treatment. Topics include: pets as a cultural phenomenon, animal abuse, neglect, and hoarding, pet-related grief and loss, service animals, and an introduction to the use of animals in therapeutic contexts.

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