

Does my dog love me? Do I love my dog?

Exploring the relationship between
2 species from a developmental
perspective.

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HPS Presents: *Does my Dog Love me*: thoughts on attachment relationships across species. Almost 140 million Americans share their homes with a dog, yet this important relationship is seldom explored from a psychoanalytic perspective. In this presentation, we will apply what we have learned from infant attachment behavior in our relationship with our dogs, and from cognitive and behavioral zoology in our dog's relationship with us.

OBJECTIVES

1. We will describe the attitude, body language, receptivity and reciprocity between the human "mother" and her puppy "infant."
2. We will differentiate the early attachment bond with "mother" and the development of "the pack" relationship.
3. We will see how the early attachment relationship with "mother" develops and informs the mature dog's personality and behavior.
4. We will explore how healthy and balanced relationships are developed and maintained between the 2 species.



Presenters



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