

Things to Think About: Pets

Hearne, Vicki. *Adam's Task: Calling the Animals By Name*. Skyhorse Publishing. 2007.

What significance does Hearne attribute to saying “fetch” and to fetching?

What are the implications of the comparisons between Hearne’s training methods and the methods of the 3rd Reich?

What is the difference between correction and punishment? (44-45)

What does Hearne think is wrong with humaniacs?

What does the Salty story demonstrate about Hearne’s training methods?

What is a “natural bitee”? (59)

Why does Hearne say that hole-digging is “sacred” to Salty? (67)

What does she compare Salty to a student poet? (73)

Lorenz, Konrad. *Man Meets Dog*. Routledge. 2002.

Compare his view of the role of punishment in dog training with Hearne’s. (43) Is he a “humaniac”?

Is Lorenz sense that dogs obey because they enjoy it consistent with Hearne’s understanding of what motivates dogs to work or follow other human commands? (47)

How different are the training methods advocated by Lorenz and Hearne?

Do you agree with Lorenz’s analysis of why pets resemble their masters?

Does Lorenz understand cats as well as he understands dogs?

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