

Review of: "Are Pain and Mourning for a Pet and a Family Member the Same?"

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Abstract

I suggest that the term PET and OWNER not be used, since there is a lot of bibliography that advises against it. Use a companion animal instead. The term "pet" and "owner" can be problematic because it implies ownership over living beings that are viewed as family members and possess emotional and cognitive complexity. Alternatives like "companion animal" and "guardian" or "caregiver" are preferred because they emphasize the ethical and emotional aspects of the human-animal relationship without the connotation of property. These terms better reflect a respectful and ethical understanding of the bond between humans and animals [oai_citation:1,Why the Term Pet Owner Just Doesn't Work for Me - Vetstreet | Vetstreet](<https://www.vetstreet.com/our-pet-experts/why-the-term-pet-owner-just-doesnt-work-for-me>).

"According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (2018), 57% of households in the United States own a pet, and according to the latest data from Euromonitor International (cited in Testoni et al., 2017), there are about 60.5 million pets in Italy. I have cited these data from just two countries to show how many pets live in the world." - Please give more recent numbers; we are in 2024. This data is already out of date.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first narrative review to seek to understand whether and how the pain and mourning associated with the loss of a pet is comparable to the pain and mourning associated with the loss of a significant person. Esta afirmação não está correta..." - This statement is not correct... Pay attention to this information without confirming the studies that already exist...

This study is poorly developed... We do not have the state of the art on the topic, nor is its objective clear... The conclusion refers to the evaluation of the framework without having a strong and sustained discussion. I don't see this study being robust enough for publication. It seems like something done in a hurry... Sorry... but the topic deserves a lot of attention, and I think this content is very weak.