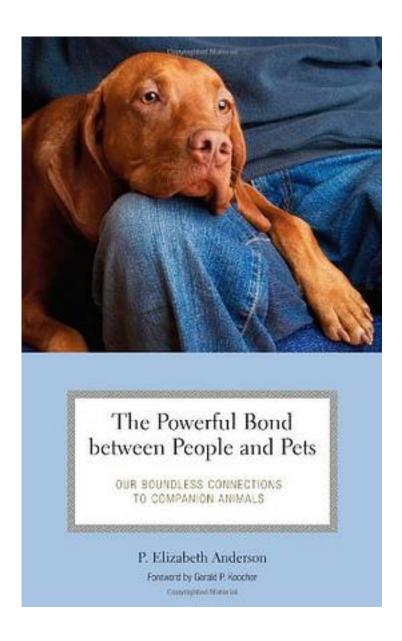
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From holistic veterinarians offering all-natural pet care and animal psychologists treating canines for ADHD, to (human) divorce lawsuits seeking pet custody, visitation, and support, we are increasingly bringing our companion animals to a new status in the world of people. Recent government statistics show there are more companion animals than people in the United States. Here, an advocate for animal welfare recounts the history and remarkable events that demonstrate just what lengths people go to for their companion animals and why. Anderson incorporates news stories, interviews, and the latest research showing the psychology behind this relationship that scientists have dubbed "the human-companion animal bond." She describes current studies focused on animal intelligence, loyalty, and sensitivity. She discusses those same qualities as manifested in new and vital roles for companion animals, from hearing-ear dogs to horses that aid learning-disabled children. Anderson also explains how losing a pet can shake or shatter mental stability and the phenomena of public services, funerals, and cemeteries for pets.

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