

# ANIMALS AND THEIR FEELINGS – AND OUR FEELINGS FOR ANIMALS



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*Do chickens feel empathy for one another? Are pigs conscious of their own existence and what do sheep and cows feel when they mix with humans?*

Researchers have made a great deal of progress when it comes to understanding the inner lives of animals. This is true for dogs, horses and cats as well as the animals we eat. These days we know that the chops on our plate and the eggs on our breakfast table come from animals whose feelings and thoughts are not so different from our own.

Per Jensen explains in a lively and accessible way the findings of current research on the inner lives of pets. These days we know more than ever about the emotions, thinking abilities and cognitive qualities of the animals around us, also the ones which after their death make up the centrepiece in our recipe books. Without moralising on what we eat it does raise difficult questions that we all need to consider. Is the treatment of animals in modern agriculture acceptable now that we know that their emotional lives do not differ too much from our own?

In his previous books Per Jensen has had focus on the behavioural and emotional life of dogs. Here he goes one step further in summarising the latest research on the emotions of other kinds of animals.



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