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Anthropomorphism, Anecdotes and Animal Behavior



Ordinary common sense and everyday people have no problem using anecdotal information and anthropomorphic attributions to interpret and understand animal behavior. In a scientific milieu, however, "anecdote" and "anthropomorphism" are dirty words, and are unequivocally dismissed as fallacious. We will examine the question of whether or not such cavalier dismissal is justified.

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