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**Men, Women and Beasts**

In recent years, much of what we thought we knew about animals has changed. Animals have emotions; animals have language. We live intimately with some animals; we hide others. In this seminar, we will look at some of the recent scholarship on humans and animals. We will read works of contemporary philosophers and theorists, as well as materials on the history of zoos and circuses, and some of the classic works of American literature that have explored relations between humans and animals. We will also watch "King Kong" and perhaps "Sea Biscuit."

Since this is a senior seminar, you will each be asked to write a substantial research paper on a topic of your own devising. But the field is immensely rich, and I will work with each of you to find research topics. Some of you may work on food, others on pets. Some may work on art or PETA, others on horse races and dog tracks.