

# Emotion in Non-Human Animals



Psychology of Emotion  
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# Why does this question matter?

- What implications could this possibly have for human psychology?
- What are the minimum requirements for experiencing an emotion (e.g., socialization, language)?
- What are the neural/physiological underpinnings of emotions?
- What can we learn about the evolution of emotion?

# Components of Emotion?

- Emotions are often defined as states that have certain components:
  - Physiological Arousal
  - Expression (usually facial)
  - Subjective feeling
  - Motivation to act (action-tendency)
  - Elicitor--(internal or external “trigger”)

# Anthropomorphism

- Ascribing human qualities to non-human entities.
- Originally a criticism of ascribing these qualities to the gods.
- Came to be a fatal criticism of any scientist who spoke of non-humans as having intentions, desires, emotions.
- Dominance of Behaviorism led to a reluctance to focus on mental states.