

Midterm Exam

HUMAN ANIMALS IN RELIGION AND ETHICS: RELI 226

- The midterm will be posted at **9:30 am on Feb. 29** on your Canvas **recitation page** in the Assignments tab.
- You may take the exam from any location (you do not need to come to class).
- If you have any **questions** during the midterm, please email us and we will respond quickly.
- You should only use 50 minutes to complete the exam. (Students with extended time will have extra time).
- You may use class notes, readings, and slides for the exam, but **no internet** and **no ChatGPT/AI** under the UNC Honor Code.
- Please submit the exam by 10:20 am as an attachment (unless you have extended time).

1. Part 1 – Identifications: 50% (approximately 2-3 sentences).

Choose **5** of the following 10 terms. **Define** or **identify** each term or phrase in your own words and **explain the context** in which each was discussed in class.

1. Binary
2. Vivisection
3. Speciesism
4. Anthropomorphism
5. Black veganism
6. Objectification, fragmentation, consumption
7. Companion species
8. Anymal
9. Otter
10. “Asking” the animals

2. Part 2 – Short Essay Question: 50%

Answer **1** of the following 2 questions, approximately 2-3 paragraphs.

In your response, offer evidence with **specific examples**. Do not rely on quotes from the readings; rather, work to synthesize arguments and ideas in your own words.

- 1) In *The Question of the Animal in Religion*, Aaron Gross writes, “As a strategic countermove to the myriad of tendencies to render absent, forget, or disavow animals, I propose *attending* to them.” Explain this statement, and discuss the concept of the animal as an **absent referent** or **absent presence** in the work of at least **two** thinkers from the course (this can include Gross).
- 2) Discuss and analyze the relationship between **colonialism** and **animal studies** in at least **two** sources from the course (this can include readings and podcasts).