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**FETCHING BOOKS FOR TRAVELING ANIMAL LOVERS**  
*Suggested Pet-Friendly Reading from Kimpton*

Type “human-animal relationships” into Amazon.com and over 3,600 titles appear. Many excellent writers have pondered and documented the bonds between people and their pets. Below are several compelling selections among the thousands of books available – each an enjoyable park bench or bedtime read while on the road with a four-legged friend.

***The New Work of Dogs, Tending to Life, Love, and Family*** (Random House)

The ironically-named author Jon Katz writes eloquently about, “...the amazing emotional landscape that exists between some people and their dogs.” He points out that pets are not only loyal and unconditionally loving, but they keep us exercising, ease loneliness, and listen without judgment. Katz discusses the life of the modern pet and quotes a Yankelovich survey for *American Demographics* finding that, “Nearly a third, and almost half of all single people, say that of everyone in their lives, they rely most on their pets for companionship and affection.” 65 percent take their pets on errands at least once a month, and 28 percent have taken their pets to work. Fifty percent of dogs sleep in their human companion’s bedrooms, and half of those sleep on the bed. Through a collection of anecdotes woven with insights, this nationally prominent writer explores the ways in which we turn to furry friends for emotional support and stability.

***Tails of Devotion: A Look at the Bond Between People and Their Pets*** (Tails of Devotion)

This coffee table book by Emily Scott Pottruck is a collection of photographs of San Franciscans and their pets creating a visual testimony to the very special relationship between pets and their

families. Luminaries such as Robin Williams, Isabel Allende, Peter Coyote, Ronnie Lott, Mickey Hart, Michael Chabon, Ayelet Waldman, Amy Tan, Michael Tilson Thomas, and Stephan Jenkins open the doors to their home life because of their love of animals and desire to help others who care about animals. All proceeds - 100% - from the sale of *Tails of Devotion* will go to The San Francisco SPCA, the Friends of SF Animal Care and Control, PAWS (Pets are Wonderful Support), Pets Unlimited, and Rocket Dog Rescue. The pet lovers pictured in this book represent a cross section of San Francisco neighborhoods - the diversity of its people, its families, and its pets.

***Pack of Two (Delta)***

Caroline Knapp explores not only the partnership between human and dog, but the mysteries of the canine mind - how dogs love, how they think, and how they perceive human beings. According to *Publisher's Weekly*, "Despite Knapp's findings that the dog will remain essentially mysterious and unknowable, she is ultimately at peace with this fact, still devouring the moments when dog and human can transcend the language barrier to understand what the other wants and feels."

***Tribe of Tiger (Pocket)***

From the plains of Africa to her very own backyard, noted author and anthropologist Elizabeth Marshall Thomas explores the world of cats, both large and small in this classic bestseller. Inspired by her own feline's instinct to hunt and supported by her studies abroad, Thomas examines the life actions, as well as the similarities and differences of these majestic creatures. Lions, tigers, pumas and housecats: Her observations shed light on their social lives, thought processes, eating habits, and communication techniques, and reveal how they survive and coexist with each other and with humans. *Tribe of Tiger* makes purr-fect travel reading.

On the lighter side, consider ***The Official Dog Codependent's Handbook: For People Who Love Their Dogs Too Much*** or ***The Official Cat Codependent's Handbook: For People Who Love Their Cats Too Much*** (Ronnie Sellers Productions).

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