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According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there are more than 60 million pet dogs in the United States. This is an increase of 100 percent since 1991, coinciding with a growing area of research with companion animals and companion animals place in society. Dogs have been thought of as man's best friend because of their loyalty and

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increasing popularity of activities such as canine daycare and dogs have become more than a best friend to some and even American family unit. The bond and emotional connection between dogs is a unique relationship, yet the depth of that relationship is not academically. In order to contribute to our understanding of this relationship, we conducted seven in-depth interviews with canine companions.

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