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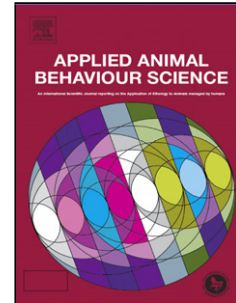
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Highlights

- Two types of emotion definition can be identified: prescriptive and descriptive.
- Whether or not a particular species can be said to have the capacity for emotion depends on the prescriptive definition being used.
- Prescriptive definitions of emotion provide a basis for a new, comparative science of emotion.

Abstract

In recent years there has been a growing research interest in the field of animal emotion. But there is still little agreement about whether and how the word

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