**Concepts and roles of animals in Dutch folktales.**

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The present report deals with the issues of functioning and concepts of the animals in Dutch folktales. Animals are considered as zoo-methaphors, which form a large part of the Dutch linguistic world-image. The report is based on a cognitive analysis of folktales with the aim to show up different functions of animals such as “a hero”, “an instrument” and “a conditional unit” and to see how these functions are used in the folktales.