An avid hyperlinker, Bette B spends admittedly too much time locked in the throes of search engines. One peripheral thread worth following however concerns zoomorphic research. Noting the plethora of animal metaphors and similes and their often pejorative use as a framing of “the other” she clicked around the web for insight. One study cataloged generalizations of over thirty animal types referenced in common dictionaries. She culled a few from Somner and Somner:

**Dog**: Someone disliked or ugly. An offensive prison guard; an inferior player. Can also be used playfully as a term of affection.

**Horse**: A diligent, able student. A term of high regard and esteem. A strict disciplinarian. A stupid, rude, stubborn, contemptible person. A corrupt prison guard.

**Mouse**: An informer. A girlfriend, sweetheart or wife. A harlot.

**Rat**: A despised person. An informer.