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ABSTRACT

Subject matter: Animal names and nicknames in the English language

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Topicality of the research: Due to the expansion of international communication the role of culture has increased. Nowadays it is even more essential to learn the culture of the language you study than the language itself. Investigation of animal names and nicknames could advance better understanding of the nation, its culture and people.

Tasks of the research: the objectives are
– to examine the general concept of «zoonym»;
– to define the role of zoonyms in the onomastic system of the English language;
– to analyze the most common animal names in the culture of English-speaking countries;
– to find out linguistic and cultural features of zoonyms in the culture of English-speaking countries.

Theoretical significance of this work consists in defining and analyzing the features of zoonyms in the nominative system of the English language, as well as in analyzing the key reasons for giving names and nicknames to certain animal species and the motivation of such nomination.

Practical significance of the study lies in the possibility of applying its results and the selected language examples to the process of teaching interpretation and translation and intercultural communication, linguistics, etc.
Results of the research:

This graduation qualification paper is devoted to the issue of zoonyms in English-speaking linguistic culture and their role in the international and intercultural communication. The work deals with analyzing the general features of zoonyms, defining the basic principles of animal nomination, finding out the connection between animal names and the nation’s mentality.