

SexSense[©]

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UNUSUAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

Q: My friends and I want to know what is the most perverted, deviant sexual activity you have ever treated in your practice as a clinical sexologist?

A: First of all, I can't comment specifically on clients in my practice, but I can discuss some of the more unusual sexual behaviors.

Before I do this, I would like to examine your use of the terms "perverted" and "deviant." These are pejorative terms, they carry negative connotations about what may be enjoyable, loving, consensual sexual experiences for a relatively few people. It's true that these experiences are rare, unusual or different, but that does not necessarily make them perverted or deviant.

Human experience is quite wonderful, varied and creative. In the arena of sexuality, this may be even more so. It would be interesting to talk with practitioners of these unusual sexual behaviors to find out what it is that turns them on so much.

Back to your question. For a complete listing, I suggest you take a look at a copy of the *Encyclopedia of Unusual Sex Practices*, by Brenda Love, 1992. This volume chronicles over 750 of the "world's strange sex activities." I think you'll find it fascinating reading. What follows is some of the interesting entries I found in Ms. Love's book.

We all know there are some men and women who are sexually aroused by watching animals "get it on," but did you know some are turned on by sexual fantasy games, where one partner plays the role of an animal (pseudozoophilia)? Some are turned on by inserting animals, such as gerbils, into the anus or vagina (felching), having sex with a bird (avisodomy), and the use of insects for sexual purposes (formicophilia). (How do they do it??) And that's just a few entries in the animal section!

There's more. Endytophilia refers to people who prefer their sex partners to be dressed rather than naked, coprolalia refers to the use of obscene words during sex to arouse the person speaking and/or their partner, and pictophilia refers to being turned on by sexy pictures. Know anyone with these unusual sexual behaviors?

Of course there are people who are into licking eyeballs to turn on (oculophilia), but what a boring world would we live in if there weren't interesting and unusual people like that around!