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*ON THE STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS OF THE PHRASEOLOGICAL UNITS  
WITH A ZOONYM SEMANTIC BASE*

*The material represents an attempt to throw light upon the nature and the functioning of the structural components of the phraseological zoonyms, namely the noun, the verb and the adjective.*

*Their grammatical characteristics are of paramount importance both for the structural organization of the units and for the overall meaning. The corpus of the present investigation consists of 320 phraseological units in English and 520 phraseological units in Bulgarian with an animal semantic base. The main corpus criterion taken into consideration is the unit's registration in the phraseological dictionaries. The methods of the investigation include 1) contrastive analysis of the units' structure that requires the structural-typological procedure; 2) contrastive analysis of the units' functioning in the speech act that requires the distributional procedure; 3) contrastive analysis of the units' meaning that requires the identification procedure. The leading role is given to the overall expressive meaning.*