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”Barkgras” Syndrome - A Case Report of Canine Capgras Delusion

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Capgras delusion or syndrome is a specific form of delusional misidentification syndromes, which is described by the assumption of the patient, that someone or somebody in their social sphere had been replaced by an identical impostor. The replacement usually happens in the case of friends, parents and spouses, while in some cases pets are being involved. In our presentation we will introduce the case of a young female client from the psychiatry ward, who believed that her romantic partner's soul somehow replaced her dog's soul, and after this process they watch and check her everyday routine. Differential diagnostic consideration will be presented, with special attention to neurocognitive involvement, psychodiagnostic challenges and (pharmaco)therapeutic options. As we will see, personality organization and possible characteropathic features serve as important sources of the interpretation of this special symptom. Our aim is to provide a novel contribution to the clinical psychology of the understanding of delusional disorders.

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