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Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Animals*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the *Animals* 2022 Best PhD Thesis Award. This award is for a PhD student or recently qualified PhD who has produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential.

2022 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD WINNER

The award has been granted to:

“Importance of older males: influence of age structure on social dynamics between males in an elephant bull area”

By Dr. Connie Allen, University of Exeter, UK.

The winner will receive CHF 1000, a certificate and an offer to publish a featured paper in *Animals* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of 2023.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I congratulate the winner on her accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the applicants for submitting their exceptional theses, and thank the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

Prof. Dr. Clive J. C. Phillips
Editor-in-Chief, *Animals*