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Dear Colleagues,

Key to our understanding of animal welfare, and how to improve it, is the ability to measure animal emotion. Given contemporary societal and economic pressures, the need to reliably assess the emotions of companion, farm, laboratory, and wild animals is more important than ever—both in alleviating animal suffering and promoting positive emotions. Yet, despite increasing interest in this area, we are still faced by many problems—indicators of emotion may be difficult to interpret and/or conflict with other measures, they can lack specificity and/or have limited cross-species translatability, and all measures require comprehensive validation and refinement before practical implementation.

The challenge for us as researchers is to deliver effective, reliable, and practical methods for measuring animal emotion, as well as providing a greater understanding of how such emotions are generated and in what ways they can either be sustained or relieved. The aim of this Special Issue is therefore to collate a body of work on the theme of “animal emotion”, to demonstrate both current progress and future solutions.

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