New Insights into the Physiological and Ethological Dimensions of Human-Animal Interactions

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Message from the Guest Editors

Human-animal interactions (HAIs) have been defined as the degree of relatedness or distance between animals and humans. HAIs may be either positive, negative, or neutral and their quality depends on a variety of factors. The quality of a HAI can have a profound impact on the welfare of both humans and animals. Therefore, assessment of physiological, behavioural, and cognitive parameters in interacting partners is required for achieving and maintaining high standards of welfare, which in turn is critical to the success of an interaction. In the past several years, there has been a growth in studies on human–animal interactions. The most of the research has been focused on companion or farm animals, but there is a growing interest in laboratory animals, zoo animals, and wildlife. We invite original manuscripts that address any aspects of human-animal relationships with the aim of helping us to understand and promote the health and well-being of both from a One-Health/One-Welfare perspective. Articles on HAIs that involve domestic animals in various contexts, including sports, animal-assisted interventions and farms, zoo/wild animals, and laboratory animals are welcome.

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