



## Welfare Impacts of Long-Distance Transfer of Shelter Animals

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The transportation of companion animals across long distances and international borders has become common practice for sheltering and rescue operations. However, information about how companion animal transfer affects animal welfare and disease transmission is currently sparse. This Special Issue invites research contributions on the following topics:

1. Quantitative and qualitative information on companion animal transfer practices and attitudes.
2. Animal welfare and behaviour assessment tools for companion animals pre-, during or post-transfer.
3. Risk and cost/benefit analyses of transfer practices.
4. Interventional studies to improve welfare during or post-transfer.
5. Companion animal infectious disease concerns with long-distance transport and/or importation.
6. Behavioural concerns and welfare of companion animals involved in long-distance transport and/or importation.





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