The Welfare of Cats and Dogs

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Dear Colleagues,

As the keeping of companion animals has become ubiquitous, the relationships between people and companion dogs and cats continue to evolve in their diversity and significance. Despite the numerous ways in which companion cats and dogs enhance human quality of life, such animals continue to face myriad welfare challenges in which they are commonly kept, requiring ongoing scientific and ethical consideration of their needs and interests. Advancements in animal welfare and their applications to cats and dogs are therefore critical to better understand and meet their needs.

We invite original research papers that address novel methods for evaluating the welfare of cats and dogs as a function of their selection, housing, care and management in homes, shelters/rescues, research, breeding, or veterinary clinical environments. Additional topics may include the effects of human-animal interactions on canine or feline welfare, interactions between behavior, nutrition, health and/or welfare, genetic aspects of cat or dog welfare, public perceptions of canine or feline welfare and associated practices, and ethical issues associated with the keeping of cats and dogs.

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