

Special Issue

Explorations of Pet Owners', Veterinarians', Farmers', and Animal Experimenters' Relationship to Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Research on the relationship between humans and animals has drastically changed over the last years. Recent research has shown that particularly in long-term relationships with companion animals, stressors may arise that significantly affect human wellbeing—a phenomenon that has received relatively little attention so far. At the same time, short-term interventions with animals have demonstrated numerous positive outcomes, however the human–animal relationship in professional settings such as veterinary visits are under researched.

Therefore, we are especially interested in the wide range of human–animal interactions to explore the importance of responsibility in different kinds of human–animal relationships further and understand how varying contexts and relational dynamics influence outcomes for both parties.

We invite papers focusing on different types of relationships between humans and animals. Studies on relationships with companion animals are welcome as well as the relationship to animals in contexts such as veterinary care, farming, shelter work or experimental research.

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