

Special Issue

Free-Roaming Cats and Dogs: Ecology, Management and Inter-Species Interactions

Message from the Guest Editors

Dogs and cats hold a special place in the lives of many as companions and family members; yet, when free roaming, both species can impact the health and welfare of humans, other non-human animals, and the environment. As sentient beings, the health and welfare of free-roaming cats and dogs themselves also warrant consideration. Constructively addressing the issue of free-roaming cats and dogs demands a multi-disciplinary One Health or One Welfare approach that considers the perspectives, values, and objectives of diverse stakeholders. We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue. We welcome submissions that explore the topic of free-roaming cats and dogs from various angles, encompassing the health and welfare of cats and dogs themselves, ecological considerations relating to wildlife conservation, as well as the broader implications for human and environmental health and welfare. Submissions that incorporate humane, place-based, and nuanced approaches to free-roaming cat and dog management are encouraged. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome.

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