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Assessing Behavior and Welfare in Sheltered Animals: Research Progress and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editor

Welfare assessments come in many shapes and forms that are not universal between species. This Special Issue seeks to identify key factors in assessing the welfare of sheltered animals with the goal of presenting the results of research covering a wide range of behavior and welfare assessment topics. Equally important are questions about tools for assessing the welfare of kennel-housed companion animals, including appropriate procedures/protocols, the effects of their implementation, realistic expectations, limitations regarding practical use, and opportunities for further improvement.

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