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Message from the Guest Editor

Scientific relevant concepts (in animal welfare, behavioural and social psychology, neurobiology, etc.) as well as research techniques (behavioural genetics/genomics, endocrinology, neuroimager, artificial intelligence/deep learning) in the field have been on the rise in recent years. In addition to looking at "traditional pets", we especially encourage contributions regarding the following:

- Humanities and social sciences outside the fields of biology and veterinary medicine;
- Species other than dogs and cats, including non-domesticated species (considering possible conservation issues relating to, e.g., keeping reptiles, amphibians, etc.)
- Feral populations of domesticated species insofar as they help to better understand the needs and necessities of species under human care (e.g., activity budgets, ranging behaviour, dietary composition, etc.).

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