## **Special Issue**

# Welfare Issues of "Fashionable" Dogs and Cats Breeding

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to announce a Special Issue of the journal Animals, which will explore the welfare issues of "fashionable" dogs and cats breeding. The designer dog breeds can be considered as fashionable breeds. With such selection decisions often heavily based on aesthetics, health can be detrimentally affected.

We encourage the submission of original manuscripts and reviews that identify welfare issues facing fashionable breeds. In this Special Issue, research areas may include the following: Welfare-relevant aspects of selection:

Animal welfare (including acquisition motivations and practices, husbandry and training);

Welfare assessment within the human-animal relationship;

Human–animal interactions (including human interpretation of behaviour, portrayal of animals in the media):

Animal behaviour (including breed-related behaviour, cognitive abilities, conspecific interactions);
Animal health (including epidemiological and disease-specific studies, and breed-related diseases).

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

#### **Guest Editors**

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