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Animal-Computer Interaction: Advances and Opportunities— Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue highlights new research in animal-computer interaction, exploring how technology can enhance multi-species harmony. We welcome articles such as reports, case studies, reviews, methods, and perspectives that examine techniques for advancing human understanding of non-human perception and cognition. Topics of interest include:

- Refining technology to be more animal-friendly;
- Designing systems that give animals greater control over their technological experiences and the insights this offers for welfare, research, and design;
- Enhancing human-animal relationships across contexts including wild, domesticated, managed, working, and laboratory animals;
- Engaging with animals through cognition-related activities, recognizing species-specific sensory perception;
- Learning from non-human perception to inform conservation, system design, route planning, and environmental impact;
- Investigating conspecific and interspecies communication strategies;
- Using sensors and computer vision not only to monitor behaviour but also to support enriching, animal-initiated activities.

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