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Animal Assisted Therapies and Interventions 2019

Message from the Guest Editor

As the field of human–animal interactions has grown in scale and complexity, there has been rapid growth in animal-assisted therapies and interventions. While animal-assisted intervention practices are increasing, and there is evidence of a range of potential human therapeutic benefits, there remains a lack of clarity regarding the therapeutic or psychological mechanisms involved. We invite original research papers that address current trends and developments in animal-assisted therapies and interventions. We welcome papers proposing frameworks for defining and describing animal-assisted intervention practice, evaluation studies that reveal the underlying psychological mechanisms, research on the benefits of animal-assisted therapies for both human and animal participants, and studies investigating animal-assisted interventions with different human populations (including children and adolescents, vulnerable adults and older adult populations). The focus of these papers should be methodologically strong empirical research, but evidence-based guidelines for practice, and systematic reviews and meta-analyses of the literature, are also encouraged.

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