Special Issue

Animal Ethics: Questioning the Orthodoxy

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to collect a series of papers that dispute the orthodoxy in animal ethics. Therefore, we invite submissions addressing below and further relevant topics:

- Classical premises: papers that address key terms and claims that were previously taken for granted, such as speciesism, the dichotomy moral agents/patients, the inherent disvalue of animal pain and suffering, the is/ought gap, etc.
- Classical methodologies: papers that apply methodologies that until recently were often neglected, such as phenomenology, pragmatism, feminism, interdisciplinary and empirically-informed approaches, etc.
- Classical topics: papers on topics that were ignored or under-treated in the canonical texts, such as human interventions in nature, the predator-prey problem, companion animals, enhancement and disenhancement of animals, representation of animals, duties towards invertebrates, etc.

With this Special Issue, we expect to map out new directions in the field of animal ethics and contribute to clarifying the self-understanding of the discipline. Please kindly note that there is a word limit of 8,000 words (references not included).

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