# Special Issue

# Animal Rights—Challenges and Perspectives

### Message from the Guest Editor

It has long been recognised that animals, as sentient beings, have the capacity to suffer, and animal welfare science was born out of this premise. However, does welfare go far enough? Welfare- and utilitarian-based ethics assume that the use of animals and various degrees of suffering is morally acceptable for the benefit of humans, which is speciesism. It is time to look at the biological and philosophical evidence that animals should be apportioned rights protected by law. This Special Issue invites papers on any aspect of animal rights, for example: the presentation of neurobiological or ethological evidence which makes a case for animal rights, surveys of attitudes to animal rights and factors affecting them, studies on vegan diets and lifestyles, dietary studies using meat substitutes and their effects on health, philosophical arguments for animal rights, legal discussions of rights-based systems and how they could be applied to animals, animal rights–conservation conflicts, discussions of how particular uses of animals infringe rights, and other topics in the broad category of a rights-based systems for animal protection.

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