

## Special Issue

# Companion Animal Cognition, Communication, and Behavior

### Message from the Guest Editors

For companion animals, communication within and between species may be impacted by both the social and physical environment, which very often are profoundly different from those in which their signal evolved. In this context, companion animals may exhibit behaviors that are perceived negatively by owners, which may also reflect underlying communicative, affective, or cognitive disorders. In these circumstances, assessment of physiological, endocrinal, behavioral, and cognitive parameters in companion animals may be fundamental to achieve and maintain higher welfare standards. This Special Issue is interested in both reviews and research papers on all aspects of companion animals' communication, cognition, and physiological behavior, and it is also interested in how dogs, cats, and horses are affected by their roles in society, including predicting, preventing and treating behaviors perceived as problematic by owners. Research articles focused on individual differences in behavior and cognition, measurement of emotions in companion animals, as well as applied studies in the field of clinical animal behavior, are welcome.

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