

Special Issue

Dog Behaviour, Physiology and Welfare

Message from the Guest Editors

Dogs were the first animal species to be domesticated, and since then the dog has played a special role in human life. However, the study of dog behaviour has gained interest only in recent decades. Considering the wide range of environments in which dogs live and the kinds of human–dog relationships that can be established, research on dog behaviour is largely increasing, with studies ranging from those having an ethological approach to those more focused on applied ethology, animal welfare, behavioural medicine, etc. The most common fields of research on dog behaviour concern:

- Dog-human bond
- Dog social behaviour
- Canine behavioural problems
- Working dogs
- Dog welfare
- Dog cognition
- Dog-wolf comparison
- The behaviour and welfare of other Canids

In all cases, behavioural, physiological, and endocrine parameters can be helpful to better understand “man’s best friend”. This Special Issue welcomes contributions on these topics in literature reviews, empirical research papers, or opinion pieces.

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