

## Special Issue

# Empirical Animal and Veterinary Medical Ethics

### Message from the Guest Editors

Even though interest in empirical studies of animals and human–animal relationships in academia has been high, until recently, there has been very little work based on empirical data in the fields of applied ethics relating to animals. However, some work has recently emerged in animal ethics and veterinary medical ethics that indicates not only an interest in, but also a demand for empirically informed debates within these fields. With this Special Issue, we aim to contribute to the development of this empirical turn in the context of animal and veterinary medical ethics. We welcome contributions from the following areas of study: Reflections on the foundation, meaning or possible scope of empirical animal and veterinary medical ethics; Guidance and discussion concerning methodologies of empirical animal and veterinary medical ethics; Reviews of developments within the field of empirical animal and veterinary medical ethics; Specific studies within the field of empirical animal and veterinary medical ethics including an in-depth and detailed reflection on advantages and limitations of the study design adopted.

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