

Special Issue

Human-Animal Communication

Message from the Guest Editor

An effective communication can lead to a better management of domestic animals, both in farm situations, or at home or shelter for pet animals. Gathering information on animals' communication is becoming more important also in veterinary practice, offering the possibility of early detection of many diseases that can be promptly controlled or cured. Furthermore, understanding how animals communicate their needs or emotions may be a way to improve their welfare, preventing them from unnecessary suffering or providing them with an appropriate environment. This Special Issue is interested in both reviews and research papers on all aspects of human-animal communication, from both human and animals (farmed and pet) point of view. It is also interested in understanding how empathy can affect the ability of humans to interpret communication cues. Papers can also present results on automatic systems used to record vocalizations or body language and facial expressions, and how these systems can help humans to understand animals or, on the contrary, reduce their ability to connect with animals.

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