

Special Issue

Positive Aspects of Animal Welfare

Message from the Guest Editor

The interest in animal welfare has been greatly increasing and several indicators were developed and used to assess animal welfare. Most indicators focus on negative aspects, and only a few indicators are available to highlight positive aspects. To guarantee high standards, animals should experience positive conditions, that allow them to live a life that is really worth living. For these reasons, the new frontiers should aim to reach the high-quality life, and research should focus on the development and validation of positive welfare indicators. Original research papers addressing positive aspects of animal welfare, both in farm, companion animals and in zoo animals, are welcome. Topics are the development and validation of new positive welfare indicators, the testing and refinement of existing indicators, the assessment of reliability and feasibility, and the development of new assessment protocols focusing on positive aspects. Additionally, special interest will be given to interdisciplinary approaches, such as the inclusion of neurosciences and recent technical advances that may open up new perspectives.

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