

## Special Issue

# Animals Assisted Therapy and the Interactions between Human and Animals

### Message from the Guest Editors

Animal-assisted therapies have seen a rapid increase in research interest since about 1980. Researchers from around the world have explored the human–animal bond phenomenon throughout the years, beginning with veterinarian researchers and now encompassing researchers from education, disability, human services, occupational therapy, and health disciplines. There is still much more to be explored, including the lived experience of disabled people, older people, and children in relation to the benefits they can derive from relationships with dogs or other assistance animals. Your research may expand international understanding and bring the discipline of animal-assisted therapy beyond a promising alternative therapy, into the realm of a more highly developed and utilized intervention to improve wellbeing, life satisfaction, happiness, and quality of life. We invite original research papers that address the use of animal-assisted therapy and its benefits to adults, children, and therapists. Topics may include the use of animals in hospital and ICU settings, in clinical, residential, school, community, and other settings.

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