

Special Issue

Animal Welfare Assessment Protocol

Message from the Guest Editors

Assuring animal welfare is one of the key issues in continuation of keeping animals. Many types of stakeholders influence the keeping of farm, zoo, laboratory, and pet animals. Each stakeholder has specific demands for and expectations of keeping those animals and species, based on economy, biology, ethics, or public opinion. Assuring animal welfare has to be done based on protocols that are linked to standards that—in an ideal world—are adopted by the stakeholders. Original manuscripts that address aspects of animal welfare assessment protocols are invited for this Special Issue. Topics of special interest are the development of protocols for animal welfare assessment that (1) may be applied to many or all animal species kept by humans; (2) are shown to be consistent, valid, and repeatable; (3) produce the same outcomes for different observers or assessors; and (4) use only information of the animals' welfare state.

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