## **Special Issue**

# Impact of COVID-19 on the Relationships between Human and Companion Animals

#### Message from the Guest Editors

The recent pandemic crisis has generated diverse changes in the way people live their lives. For instance, adherence to telework increased all over the world as a strategy to contain the virus's spread. As a result, people could experience more time with their companion animals, which led to the strengthening of their bond. This Special Issue is focused on the relations between humans and their companion animals in the times after the pandemic crisis, and aims to expand the knowledge about the (1) processes that connect humananimal bonds and diverse outcomes (well-being, health. social relationships, etc.) and (2) the boundary conditions that may amplify or attenuate such relationships. The aim is to expand knowledge about the influence of relationships between companion animals and their humans, namely their role in the recovery after a day's wear and tear-the furr-recovery method; and to outline new avenues of investigation into the role of these relationships in the work context and in everyday life in general.

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