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The Psychology of Animal Emotion and Personality

Message from the Guest Editor

There continues to be an intense debate surrounding the extent to which non-human animals (henceforth animals) are psychological. There is a general reluctance in the scientific community to use the term psychology with reference to animals. There is no journal of animal psychology and the relevant existing journals use terms such as behavior, cognition, and learning in their titles. *Emotion* and *personality* are key psychological terms for both scientists and the everyday public. Despite scientific reluctance to use the term “animal psychology”, there has been an increasing volume of scientific work focused on personality and emotion in animals. A review of knowledge in this area is timely given the burgeoning scientific interest, the importance of emotion and personality for issues surrounding animal rights, and more fundamentally, what we think animals are.

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