

Special Issue

Animal Sentience: Theories and Practices

Message from the Guest Editor

There is something of an “it feels like” factor to sentience in animals, and that something matters. Which animals are sentient is important scientifically, ethically, politically, psychologically and practically. Being deemed sentient is often an “entry ticket” to respect, protection or consideration under national and international legislation. We use scientific, philosophical and empathetic methods to ascribe sentience to some animals – and not to others. There is considerable disagreement about which animals are sentient, what (and how much) evidence is necessary or sufficient to warrant an ascription, and which methods are valid and appropriate to use. Now is the time for us to review, evaluate and apply what we understand about sentience, in order to address, and perhaps resolve, some of our long-standing questions. This Special Issue welcomes submissions on all aspects of sentience, in particular its definition, ascription and implications, encourages interdisciplinary efforts, new methodologies, and treatments of topical issues in the current public and political forums.

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