

Special Issue

Mutual Recognition of Emotions in the Human-Animal Relationship

Message from the Guest Editors

Recognizing the emotional states of others plays a pivotal role in both intra- and inter-specific social relationships. Humans have shared their life with either companion or farm animals for a long time but today there is a growing need to develop a respectful and ethical relationship with them. This requires a deeper understanding of their emotional life and of the different modalities animals use to express. Yet, the human-animal relationship is based on reciprocity which includes animals' ability to recognize humans' emotions. Despite the popular opinion that animals are sensitive to human emotional states and that humans can easily recognize emotions expressed by species living close to us, researchers are still far from having a clear insight on whether and how the mutual emotion recognition occurs. The aim of this Special Issue is to gather the latest scientific findings on inter-specific emotion recognition. Original manuscripts that address different aspects of this topic are invited: especially behavioral, motivational and neuro-physiological perspectives on mutual recognition and sharing of emotional states within the human-animal relationship are welcome.

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