Special Issue

Trends and Prospects in Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)

Message from the Guest Editors

We invite you to contribute to this Special Issue of Applied Sciences titled "Trends and Prospects in Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)". The One Welfare concept recognises the interconnections between animal welfare, human wellbeing and the environment. One of the five sections that made up this theoretical framework is animal-assisted intervention (AAI). However, the practical application of the One Welfare framework in AAI programs lacks guidelines and protocols at the moment. Therefore, its implementation in animal-assisted therapy, education, or activities involving domestic animals in different contexts needs to be investigated. This Special Issue is addressed to collect theoretical and practical research focused on the methodology and design of AAI and all practical tips to improve the application of the One Welfare framework in this field. Keywords:

- One Welfare
- animal-assited interventions (AAI)
- animal-assisted therapy
- animal-assisted education
- animal-assisted activities
- multidisciplinary team
- human wellbeing
- animal welfare
- AAI setting/AAI design/AAI methodology

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