Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The study of HAI has received an enormous amount of multidisciplinary interest over the past few decades, including research on therapy and service animals. Our relationships with nonhuman animals is now being examined in more depth to understand the physiological and psycho-social benefits of these interactions throughout the lifespan. Additional attention has been given to investigating the role of animals in supporting the lives of vulnerable populations, including the elderly and persons with disabilities.

This Special Issue is open to any subject area related to the psycho-social benefits of human-animal interactions. The listed keywords suggest just a few of the many possibilities.

Prof. Dr. Aubrey H. Fine
Guest Editor
Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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