



## The Impact of Companion Animals on Public Health

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Improving public health is an important objective for urban planners and policy makers. Public health refers to preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting physical, mental, and social wellbeing. However, since (companion) animals and nature are an important part of the public domain, public health is depending on a 'one health' approach in which animal wellbeing, human wellbeing, and the environment participate. What role do (companion) animals (and nature) play in preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting our physical, social, and psychological wellbeing?

This Special Issue is open to any subject area related to the impact of (companion) animals and nature on public health.

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