

Special Issue

Critical Thinking and Animal Ethics

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will address issues concerning critical thinking—broadly understood as intentional, reflective, evaluative thinking about thinking, especially about arguments, concepts, and definitions—about ethical issues concerning non-human animals. The broad topic, then, is more on the thought processes and methods of understanding and engaging with those ethical issues and less on the ethical issues themselves or directly.

The goal of this issue is to encourage reflection on the status of different types of arguments and persuasive attempts about ethics and animals. This reflection should yield critical-thinking insights into how to make stronger, more persuasive, and effective arguments and cases regarding ethics and animal issues.

Given the broad interest in these topics, articles for this issue should be written in such a way that they will be valuable to experts in philosophy and ethics but also be accessible to scholars from all disciplines, as well as general readers, including social justice advocates and activists who work on ethical issues concerning animals.

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