

## Special Issue

# Animal-Assisted Therapy in Clinical Rehabilitation

### Message from the Guest Editors

Animal-assisted therapy is the inclusion of animals within clinical interventions with humans to achieve specific therapeutic goals. Animals may be included in the delivery of clinical care because they are expected to reduce patients' anxiety, stress, or clinical symptoms, increase patients' engagement in therapy, or increase their interaction with practitioners. We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue of Veterinary Science focused on the contributions made by assistance animals and therapy animals to the clinical care of humans. We also welcome studies exploring the value of the engagement between therapy animals and clinicians, as well as studies investigating the health, comfort, and wellbeing of therapy animals during their work. In this Special Issue, we aim to include original research manuscripts, particularly clinical trials and systemic reviews of clinical trials of animal-assisted clinical interventions. Although we expect that most studies will include domesticated animals, submissions are not limited to specific animal species. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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