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News and Notes From ISAZ



To find out more about ISAZ, visit our website at www.isaz.net.

Register for ISAZ 2018

ISAZ 2018 will be July 2nd-5th in Sydney, Australia



Registration for ISAZ 2018 is now open. Go to the [ISAZ 2018 website](#) for more information about the conference and to register.

Plenary Speakers



Cultural connections: Understanding the Relationship Between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Animals, and the Implications for Delivery of Dog Health and Community Wellbeing Programs in These Communities

Ted Donelan
University of Melbourne, Australia

**Dogs Helping People:
In Families, Hospitals, Colleges, and at Work**

Sandra Barker
Center for Human-Animal Interaction, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Managing Human-Wildlife Interactions:
Conflicts and Communication**

Neil Jordan
University of New South Wales, Australia

**Human-Animal Interactions in Zoos:
Balancing Urban Biophilia with Species Conservation**

Vicky Melfi
University of Sydney, Australia

**Animals Like Us:
Self and Identity within the Furry and Therian Communities**

Courtney Plante
Iowa State University, United States

**Animals on Screens:
Thinking Critically About Animals, Audiences and Empathy**

Claire Parkinson
Edge Hill University, United Kingdom

[See conference website for full details.](#)

Conference Photography Competition

Sponsored by CSIRO Publishing



Categories:

- Humans and Wildlife-
- Humans and Companion Animals-
- Animals Working with Humans-

There will be one winner awarded per category. The winner of each category will receive a fabulous book from the CSIRO Publishing range.

Please visit the [conference website](#) for details on conditions for entry and to enter.

Conference Room Share Forum

The ISAZ Student Committee has put together an online forum for conference attendees to connect with others who may be interested in sharing lodging in Sydney this July. If you are interested in being added to the forum, or if you would like more information, [contact Molly](mailto:molly.crossman@yale.edu) at molly.crossman@yale.edu.

The forum is open to all who are interested in attending the conference.

This Month On The Student Blog

For the April edition of [Becoming an Anthrozoologist: The ISAZ Student Blog](#), we have a post from Hailey Silas, a fourth-year biology student at the University of British Columbia. Hailey wrote about her work on emotional contagion between handlers and therapy dogs at U.B.C.'s Building Academic Retention Through K9's (B.A.R.K.) Program. Be sure to check out Hailey's post to learn more!



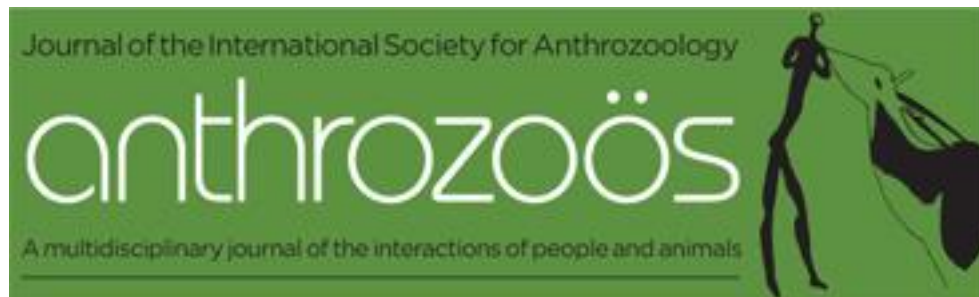
Anthrozoös Featured Article

["Animals Like Us": Identifying with Nonhuman Animals and Support for Nonhuman Animal Rights](#)

Courtney N. Plante, Stephen Reysen,
Sharon E. Roberts, & Kathleen Gerbasi

[International Anthropomorphic Research Project](#)

This article reports on three studies assessing the association between identification with nonhuman animals and concern for the wellbeing of nonhuman animals. Across all three studies, participants who identified more strongly with animals on explicit measures (but not implicit measures) were more likely to endorse attitudes in favor of animal rights. The full article is available in the [latest issue of Anthrozoös](#) (available free to ISAZ members).



Take the ISAZ Survey

The ISAZ Membership Committee is conducting a [survey](#) to gather information about researchers, scholars, and others in anthrozoology. The goal of the survey is to inform efforts to develop new opportunities for networking and professional development among individuals in anthrozoology. You do not need to be an ISAZ member to

respond. Go to tinyurl.com/ISAZmember to participate. Please note that there is a [separate survey](#) for student members, administered by the ISAZ Student Committee.



For Students

Are you a student who is interested in anthrozoology? Take the [ISAZ Student Survey](#), join the student [Facebook group](#), consider submitting to the [ISAZ Student Blog](#), or join the [ISAZ Student Google Group](#).

Professors, please share the ISAZ Student Survey with your students.
They can find it at tinyurl.com/ISAZstudent.



Courses on Animal Welfare Science, Ethics & Law 2018

Four professionally developed [courses](#) providing attendees with a broad appreciation of animal welfare science, ethics and law will take place in Cambridge, UK, from September 9 to 21. CAWSEL is aimed at anyone with a professional or personal interest in animal welfare. [Fifteen experts](#) in the field are involved in delivering the course material through a combination of lectures, videos and discussions. CAWSEL welcomes attendees from any corner of the world and [grants](#) are available to fund attendance. **Early Bird rates and funding application deadlines are approaching fast on April 30!** Read more and [book online](#) at www.cawsel.com.



Opportunities and Resources

Funding Opportunities in Anthrozoology:

New Waltham is excited to announce funding of up to £240,000 for each of three successful research projects in the following areas; 1) The impact of pets on human physical and socio-emotional health, and 2) Maintenance of healthy body weight in people and pets. For more information please visit the website: <https://www.waltham.com/grants-awards/hai/>

New \$50,000 Available to Researchers Investigating the Therapeutic Effects of Horses on Humans. Horses and Humans Research Foundation (HHRF) announces an open call for proposals to investigate the therapeutic

effects of horses on humans. The Foundation's broad research agenda includes basic research as well as clinical studies that will ultimately impact physical and mental health and quality of life for those engaged in equine-assisted activities/therapies (EAA/T). Deadline for submission proposals is June 30, 2018. Information for applicants, including [application materials](#), previously funded projects, review guidelines and more are available at horsesandhumans.org.

NICHD has 3 funding opportunities in Anthrozoology: an R01, an R03, & an R21.

Interested in additional resources?

Mars-Waltham has put together a [comprehensive list of resources](#) in anthrozoology.

Become an ISAZ Member!

Not an ISAZ member? Find [applications for membership](#) on the ISAZ website: <http://www.isaz.net/isaz/membership/>.



Membership benefits include:

- Six (6) issues per year (starting 2018) of *Anthrozoös*; the leading journal on human-animal interactions and relationships;
 - Online access to the full back catalog of *Anthrozoös*;
 - Eligibility for membership in the ISAZ listserv;
 - Access to the Society's annual membership directory;
 - Substantially reduced registration fees for all ISAZ conferences;
 - A 35% discount to *Society and Animals*, a social science journal of the human experience of other animals; and
 - A 20% discount on books published by Routledge.
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Meet the Anthrozoologist:

Cheryl Krause-Parello, ISAZ President



For the April edition of Meet the Anthrozoologist, we are excited to have a conversation with Dr. Cheryl Krause-Parello, ISAZ President, Director of Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors, and Associate Professor at the University of Colorado College of Nursing.

Name: Cheryl A. Krause-Parello, PhD, RN, FAAN

University: University of Colorado College of Nursing

Location: Aurora, Colorado, USA

Position/Title: Associate Professor; Director, C-P.A.W.W. (Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors), Health Research Initiative for Veterans

What is your research focus?

I am the director of C-P.A.W.W., which stands for “Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors.” C-P.A.W.W. is a health research initiative for veterans, which I established in October of 2013 to advance the health and well-being of members of the armed forces.

What’s an example of the kind of work you do at C-P.A.W.W?

We just finished study at with active duty military who were aeromedically evacuated (“aerovaced”) from Germany to the United States. We had a therapy dog-handler team greet the military members upon landing. We examined the stress levels if the military members (using salivary markers for stress and self-report measures) once they had landed, and throughout the night. We compared the stress levels for those who had the therapy dog interactions to the stress levels of those who did not. If we find that those who had the dog interactions had a reduction in stress, the findings could support the use of facility dogs at the military bases and hospitals.

What is a research project/paper of yours that you are especially

excited about?

There was one data-driven paper that I had published with undergraduate students in the beginning of my research career, when I was first getting involved in the biology of human-animal interactions via stress biological markers. For this study I was able to partner with the psychology department, and I had psychology students who were taking a research course participate. I brought a therapy dog into the university and students interacted with the real dog and watched a Lassie movie on separate occasions. It was my first experience conducting an intervention study, as well as my first experience running my own biomarker assays in the lab.

What do you see as the most pressing (or interesting) current public debate/discussion related to anthrozoology?

The animal welfare piece of animal-assisted interventions is something I am interested in learning more about. Sometimes, when I see dogs that are working dogs, whether military working dogs, service dogs, or therapy dogs, I wonder if they ever really take a break. When the vest comes off and/or they are given a command that indicates they are no longer working, are they really “off”? When they go to bed at night, do they actually go to bed, or do they have one ear up? I’ve always thought about that. That’s why I have recently started looking at the stress of animals during animal-assisted intervention studies. We’re using collars that are used for veterinary care to monitor dogs’ stress in the shelter, on walks, and during training.

What advice do you have for students and early career researchers in anthrozoology?

If you have found your passion in this field, don't give up. There's not a lot of funding readily available for human-animal interaction research, so you need to be creative and you need to persevere. Don't let anybody tell you that you need to do something else.

When I was going through my PhD studies, I decided to change my dissertation topic. The summer after I was accepted for my PhD, professors were emphasizing that we needed to pick something we were passionate about for our studies. I went in that fall and told them I had changed my topic, and that I wanted to do something with pet attachment. Not everybody was happy about that change. Anthrozoology wasn't as popular as it is now—it wasn't in the media. But I found the right people to support me. They told me to never give up, and I didn't, and here I am today. So, if you find your passion in this area, you need to stick with it.

What is one thing that ISAZ members may not know about you?

I work out almost every day. In my role as a university professor (and now as president of the society), I, like many other folks, have a lot on my plate. I need a release from the pressure and the deadlines, so working out is my thing. Running, biking, swimming—they're my natural high. I also have two little dachshunds and they inspire me every day.

What would you like to say to ISAZ members in your new role as president of ISAZ?

I feel that the board has been doing wonderful things. Everyone is really taking an active role, and if any members out there are interested in getting

involved, I'm all ears.

**Anything else you would like to share with readers of the ISAZ
newsletter?**

If readers or members have any suggestions or ideas how to grow our organization, send them my way!

Meet the Anthrozoologist interviews are edited for length and clarity.
