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News and Notes From ISAZ



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2020 ISAZ Conference Postponed

After much discussion regarding the impact of the coronavirus on travel and meeting plans, the ISAZ Board has decided to postpone the ISAZ 2020 conference in Liverpool. **The new dates are September 3-5, 2020.** The conference venue and University accommodation option will be the same.

If you have registered for the June dates, your registration will roll over automatically to the new dates. We will offer a full refund to anyone who cannot attend the new dates.

Please contact isaz@kc-jones.co.uk to request a refund.

The health, safety, and well being of everyone involved with the 2020 conference is of paramount importance. ISAZ leadership is carefully monitoring the situation and will be

consulting with the latest guidelines and advice from various public health and state departments in the UK, the USA, and other countries. Notification of future changes to meeting plans will be issued as necessary.

[Visit the conference website for more information](#)

Opportunities & Resources

HAI Funding Opportunity

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has several funding opportunities for Human-Animal Interaction research. The next deadline is **November 30, 2020**.

- R01 [Research Project Grant, PAR-20-031](#)
- R03 [Small Grant Program, PAR-20-032](#)
- R21 [Exploratory/Developmental Grant, PAR-20-03](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- [Funding opportunities](#) and other support for researchers, non-profit organizations and commercial organizations, specifically for COVID-19 and coronavirus-related research
- [CDC recommendations for pet owners](#)
- [AVMA resources for pets and COVID-19](#)

Want to share opportunities and news in the field of Anthrozoology? Post to the moderated membership listserv by emailing memberlist@isaz.net

ISAZ Members in the News

How are pets influencing our lives during a global pandemic?



- [Can pets relieve loneliness in the age of coronavirus?](#) *Psychology Today; Hal Herzog.*
- [Science says pets can buffer stress, boost productivity and help keep you healthy while you work from home.](#) *CNBC; Sandra Barker.*
- [Is it just you or do your pets feel different too in the age of COVID-19?](#) *CBC News; Beth Daly.*
- [Why your pet is acting like a weirdo during quarantine, explained by animal behaviorists.](#) *Vox; Zenithson Ng.*
- [Why we're turning to new pets in this pandemic.](#) *CNN; Megan Mueller.*
- [Four-legged, furry friends can help ward off the isolation blues.](#) *CTV News; Catherine Amiot.*
- [Tips for working at home with your dog, cat.](#) *MLive; Mikel Delgado.*

Have an update you want to share? Send media submissions to membership@isaz.net

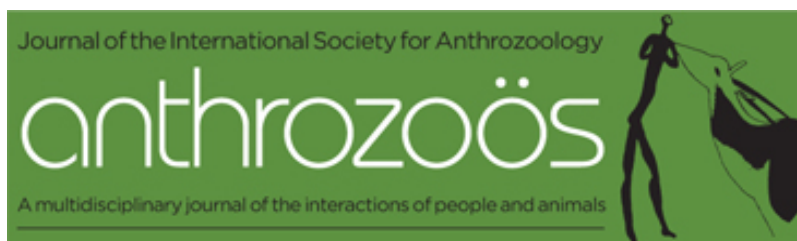


Meet the Anthrozoologist Interview

In this month's "Meet the Anthrozoologist" we chatted with Dr. Maggie O'Haire, Associate Professor at the Purdue University Center for the Human-Animal Bond.

[Read the full interview here](#)

Anthrozoös Featured Articles



["Effects of Human–Dog Interactions on Salivary Oxytocin Concentrations and Heart Rate Variability: A Four Condition Cross-Over Trial"](#) by Lauren Powell et al., University of Sydney, Australia

This study examined the effect of dog-walking and affiliative interactions on salivary oxytocin concentrations and heart rate variability among 29 dog owners while investigating the

moderating role of human–dog attachment.

["A Qualitative Analysis of Pets as Suicide Protection for Older People"](#) by Janette Young et al.,
University of South Australia, Australia

This study interviewed 12 older adults ages 60 to 83 about the role of their pets on their mental health in terms of suicidal ideation, distress, and depression.

Both articles are available in the [latest issues of Anthrozoös](#)
(available free to ISAZ members!)

Write for the ISAZ Student Blog

We are now accepting submissions for the [ISAZ Student Blog](#). All current student members of ISAZ are eligible to submit. The goal of the ISAZ Student Blog is to encourage student networking and facilitate collaboration among researchers in anthrozoology.

We encourage 500-1000 word submissions on the following topics:

- Commentary on a topic of public interest related to anthrozoology
- Overview of a recently published empirical study or literature review
- Synthesis/discussion of recent studies in a particular area
- Brief essay/commentary on experiences conducting research in anthrozoology

If interested, send submissions along with details of author background (name, school, program, research focus) to rodri403@purdue.edu

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