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News and Notes From ISAZ



Celebrating the Successes of ISAZ 2020

Thank you to all who joined us for our first ever virtual conference this month! **ISAZ 2020 was our biggest and most successful conference yet** with over 400 registrants from over

40 countries. A huge thank you to our [conference organizers](#) at the University of Liverpool, our [conference partners and sponsors](#), and everyone who was able to attend and present.

If you registered for the conference, don't forget that you can still re-watch all workshops, plenaries, and presentations at your leisure in the Oxford conference portal.

Missed the live conference? It's not too late to register in order to access all recorded content from the conference (including recordings of the live events and all pre-recorded presentations)! [Register here](#).



Save the Date!

ISAZ 2021 will occur on June 22-24th, and will again occur in a virtual format.

While we look forward to the day when we can again return to an in-person ISAZ conference, the ISAZ board is mindful of the uncertainty of the future of COVID-19.

However, to make the 2021 ISAZ Virtual Conference the best that it can be, **we need your help!** *What went well during ISAZ 2020? What could have been improved?*

If you haven't yet, tell us your thoughts in the ISAZ 2021 Planning Survey



Congrats to the ISAZ 2020 Awardees

- **Dr. Cheryl Krause-Parello** was elected as an [ISAZ Fellow](#)
- **Dr. Karin Hediger** received the [ISAZ Early Career Scholar Award](#)
- **Clare Jensen** and **Jennifer Applebaum** received [ISAZ Student Poster Awards](#)

- **Carmen Glanville** and **Rahel Marti** received [ISAZ Student Oral & Flash Presentation Awards](#)
- **Angela Matijczak** and **Jennifer Applebaum** received [Martha Bryant Student Travel Awards](#)
- **Kris Hill** received the [Penny L. Bernstein Human-Cat Interaction Student Travel Award](#)
- **Dr. Deborah Wells** won the [2019 Anthrozoös Most Popular Paper Award](#) for her paper "[The State of Research on Human-Animal Relations: Implications for Human Health](#)"

Congrats to the ISAZ 2020 Photo Contest

Winners

The theme for this year's contest was "What Anthrozoology Means to Me."

Congrats to Dr. Rise Van Fleet whose winning photo "**Building Awareness of the Animal's Point of View**" was a crowd favorite.



Risë VanFleet, 2020

Congrats to Birgit Stetina for her 2nd place photo entitled **"Connection"**



Thanks to all who submitted and voted. Check out [ISAZ social media accounts](#) to see more runner-up photos!

"Becoming an Anthrozoologist"

New Blog Posts

A new blog post by Michelle Szydlowski, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Exeter, describes her experiences conducting elephant welfare research in a rural village in Southern Nepal. [Read it here.](#)

My Experience Conducting Elephant Research in Nepal



Another new blog post by Kristine Hill, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Exeter, describes her personal journey and research on companion animal tattoos. [Read it here.](#)

Furever Tattoos: An Expression of the Lasting Bonds We Form With Companion Animals



New Funding Opportunities

- The Human-Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI) has released its 2021 request for proposals to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted activity or therapy, both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals

are due **February 11, 2021**. [Click here to learn more.](#)

- 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](#)
- The Morris Animal Foundation has open proposals for Established Investigator, First Award, Pilot Study and Fellowship Training Grants under the Wildlife/Exotics category due **November 11, 2020**. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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

Upcoming Special Issues



- *Animals* Special Issue: [Human-Animal Interactions and Their Relationships with Animal Welfare, Emotions, and Personality](#)
Deadline: **October 31, 2020**
- *Human-Animal Interaction Bulletin* Special Issue: [Therapies Incorporating Horses to Benefit People: What are They and How Are They Distinct?](#)
Deadline: **November 30, 2020**
- *Diversity* Special Issue: [Humans and Wild Animals: Interactions in Deep Time, Recent History, and Now](#)
Deadline: **December 1, 2020**
- *Frontiers in Veterinary Science* Special Issue: [Our Canine Connection: The History, Benefits and Future of Human-Dog Interactions](#)
Deadline: **December 20, 2020**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Working Methods in the Field of Animal Assisted Therapy \(AAT\), Activities \(AAA\), and Education \(AAE\): An Open Discussion](#)
Deadline: **February 28, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Human-Animal Communication](#)
Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

Upcoming Virtual Conferences



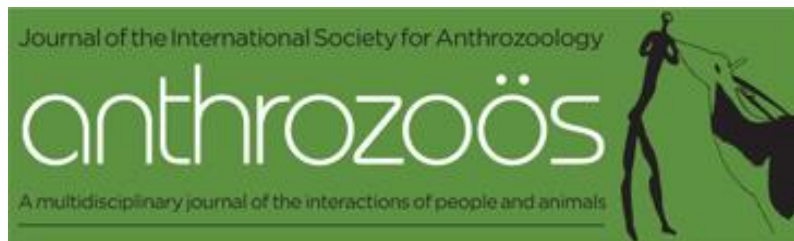
- Virtual Animal Law Conference: [Impacts on Animals in a Changing Climate](#)
October 23-25, 2020
- The 1st International Electronic Conference on Animals (IECA): [Global Sustainability and Animals: Science, Ethics and Policy](#)
November 2-27, 2020

Job & Student Opportunities

- A competitive position is available at the **Purdue University Center for the Human-Animal Bond** for a research-focused Ph.D. with Dr. Maggie O'Haire related to the psychology of human-animal interaction. [Learn more and apply here.](#)
- **The Arizona Canine Cognition Center** (PI Evan MacLean) and Laboratory for the Evolutionary Endocrinology of Primates (PI Stacey Tecot) seek two full-time Research Coordinators to assist with studies on the biology of human-animal interaction. [Learn more and apply here.](#) The Arizona Canine Cognition Center is also hiring one full-time Laboratory Coordinator to assist with studies of cognitive aging in dogs. [Learn more and apply here.](#)
- Applications are open for the 2021 **Green Chimneys Sam & Myra Ross Institute Nature-Based Internships** in farm animal education, equine education and interaction, wildlife rehabilitation, and dog interaction. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

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Anthrozoös Featured Articles



Anthrozoös publishes studies on the relationships between people and animals across areas as varied as anthropology, medicine, psychology, veterinary medicine and zoology.

[Read the newest issue published in July and September 2020 \(available free to ISAZ members!\)](#)

Featured articles:

[Stroking a Real Horse Versus Stroking a Toy Horse: Effects on the Frontopolar Area of the Human Brain](#)

[The Pet-Effect in Daily Life: An Experience Sampling Study on Emotional Wellbeing in Pet Owners](#)

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 kerri.rodriquez@gmail.com

Become an ISAZ Member

Not an ISAZ member? Find [applications for membership here](#).

Membership benefits include:

- Six (6) issues per year of Anthrozoös

- 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 30% discount on books published by Routledge

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