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News and Notes From ISAZ

Celebrating the Successes of the 2021 30th Annual ISAZ Conference

Thank you to all who joined us for virtual #ISAZ2021! We had over 400 registrants from around the world come together for 3 days of virtual engagement on the latest research and advances in anthrozoology. Thank you to our [conference organizers](#) at Canisius College, our [conference sponsors and contributors](#), 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 152 on-demand presentations, 28 symposium presentations across 8 symposia, 32 live stream presentations, and plenary presentations at your leisure in the Oxford Abstracts conference portal for the next 6 months.

Congrats to the ISAZ 2021 Awardees

Dr. James Serpell was the recipient of the ISAZ 2021 Distinguished Anthrozoologist Award



CONGRATULATIONS TO

JAMES SERPELL

ISAZ 2021 DISTINGUISHED
ANTHROZOOLOGIST AWARD

Dr. Karin Hediger was the recipient of the ISAZ 2021 Early Career Anthrozoologist Award



CONGRATULATIONS TO

KARIN HEDIGER

ISAZ 2021 EARLY CAREER
ANTHROZOOLOGIST AWARD

Dr. Anne McBride was inducted as an ISAZ Fellow



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ISAZ 2021 FELLOW



Erin King from Tufts University was the recipient of the Martha Bryant Student Abstract Award

ISAZ 2021 Martha Bryant Student Abstract Award Winner

Erin King
Tufts University
"Inequities in Access to Veterinary Care"



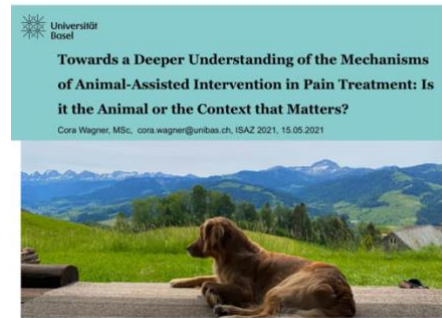
Takumi Nagasawa from Tokyo University of Agriculture was the recipient of the Penny L. Bernstein Human-Cat Interaction Student Abstract Award

ISAZ 2021 Penny L. Bernstein Human-Cat Interaction Student Abstract Award Winner

Takumi Nagasawa
Tokyo University of Agriculture
"The Effects of Interaction With Owners on Urinary Hormonal State of Cats"



Cora Wagner from the University of Basel was the 1st Place recipient of the Best Long Student Presentation Award



Clare Jensen from Purdue University was the 2nd Place recipient of the Best Long Student Presentation Award



Charlotte Solman from Swansea University was the 1st Place recipient of the Best Short Student Presentation Award



Gwen Wirobski from the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna was the 2nd Place recipient of the Best Short Student Presentation Award



Measuring human-animal relationships:
Hand-raised, pack-living dogs and wolves show similar hormonal responses to human contact, but pet dogs stand out

Gwen Wirobski, Friederike Range, Franka S. Schaebs, Rupert Palme, Tobias Deschner, Sarah Marshall-Pescini

ISAZ Virtual Conference 2021
Live Q&A session June 23rd @ 10 am EDT
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Congratulations to the *Anthrozoös* 2021 Most Popular Paper

The open access article "[The Pet-Effect in Daily Life: An Experience Sampling Study on Emotional Wellbeing in Pet Owners](#)" was the most downloaded *Anthrozoös* article during the first six months of being available online. Authors will be awarded \$350 in cash as well as a free ISAZ membership (\$150) from our publisher, Taylor & Francis.



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The Pet-Effect in Daily Life: An Experience Sampling Study on Emotional Wellbeing in Pet Owners

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ABSTRACT The relationship between companion animal ownership and well-being has received an increasing amount of scientific attention over the last few decades. Although the general assumption is that individuals benefit from the presence of companion animals (termed the "pet-effect"), recent evidence suggests that the nature of this association is diverse and complex and that many of the studies performed so far are subject to methodological constraints. This study therefore aimed to investigate the pet-effect in the natural setting of pet-owners' daily life. Using the Experience Sampling Method (a signal contingent ecological assessment technique), 55 dog or cat owners reported for five consecutive days, at ten random time-points each day, in the moment whether a pet was present and to what extent they interacted with it. In addition, at each measurement moment they reported on their current positive and negative affect, using 11 mood-related adjectives derived from the Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS). Multilevel regression analyses showed that negative affect was relatively lower at moments when the companion animal was present (vs. absent) ($\beta = -0.09, p = 0.02, 95\%CI = -0.16, -0.02$). In addition, the level of interaction with a companion animal was positively associated with positive affect ($\beta = 0.04, p < 0.001, 95\%CI = 0.01, 0.07$). These results are in line with the pet-effect hypothesis in suggesting that the presence of and interaction with companion animals is associated with aspects of emotional wellbeing. More specifically, the presence of a companion animal may buffer against negative feelings, while interacting with a companion animal may generate positive feelings. This differential effect on positive versus negative affect also shows that the pet-effect is not an unequivocal effect. Different aspects of the human-animal relationship may influence different aspects of wellbeing.

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The Pet-Effect in Daily Life

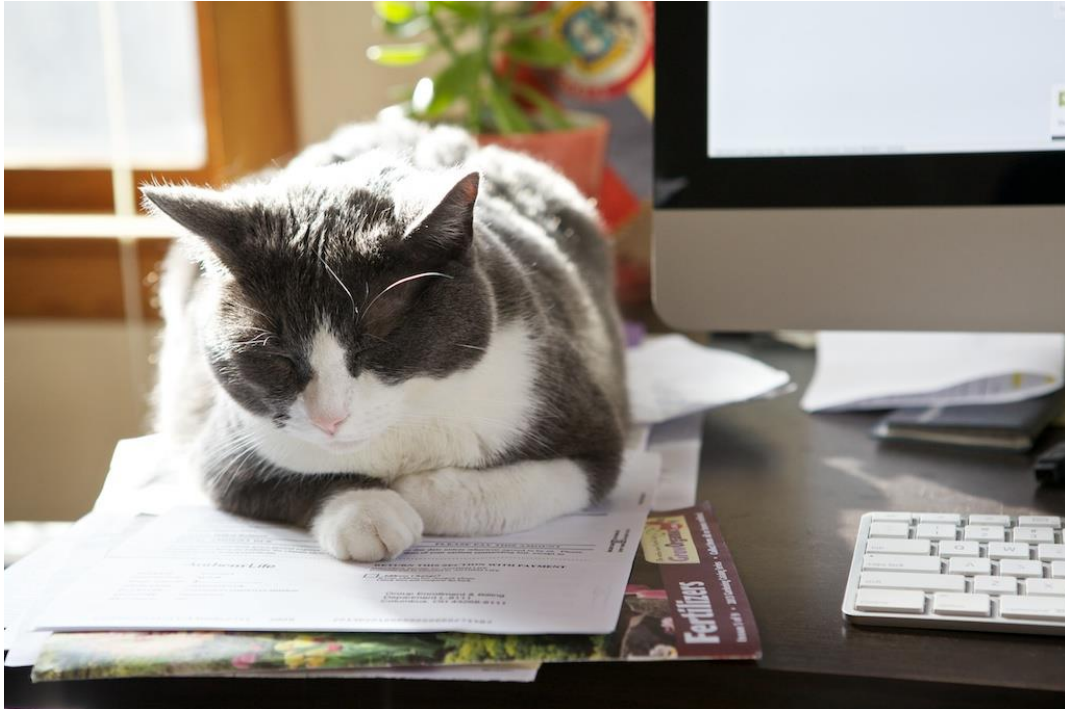
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Upcoming Funding Opportunities

- 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, 2021**.
 - R01 Research Project Grant, PAR-20-031
 - R03 Small Grant Program, PAR-20-032
 - R21 Exploratory/Developmental Grant, PAR-20-033
- The **2022 Purina Sponsorship for Human-Animal Bond Studies** has been announced to provide research funding to applicants affiliated with (but not limited to) universities, foundations, charities, and NGOs on high-quality scientific studies that lead to a better understanding of the Human-Animal Bond. Applicants may request up to \$30,000 USD per proposal. Applications are due by **July 15th, 2021**. [Learn more here.](#)

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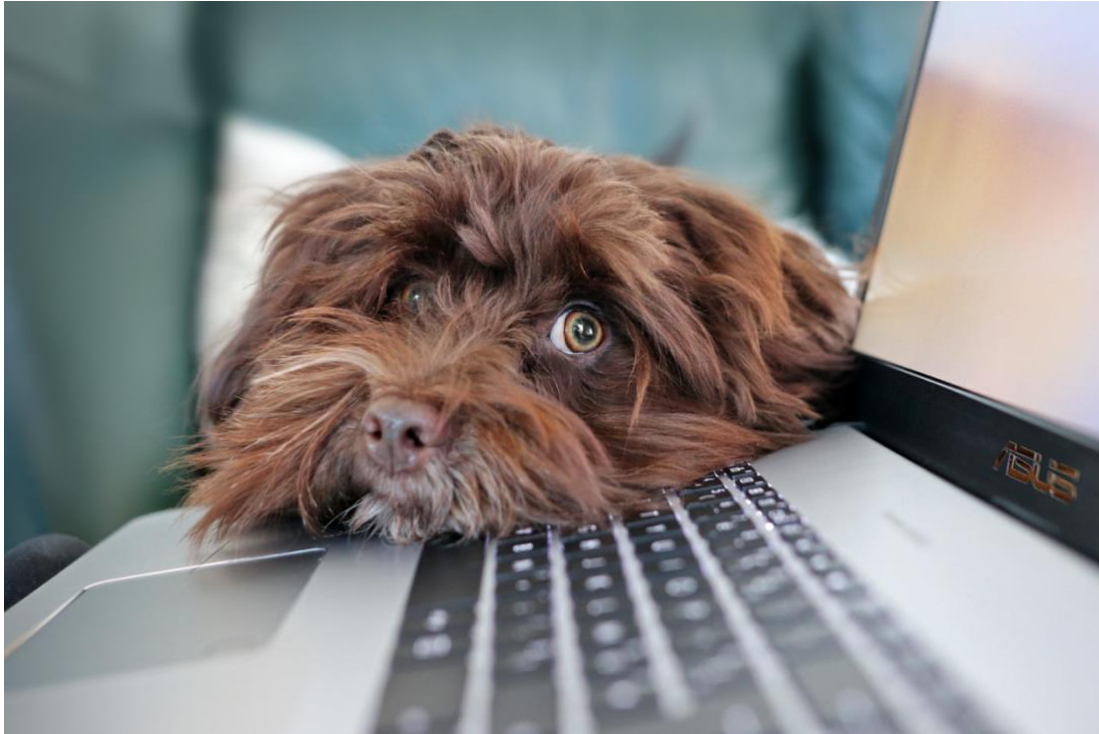
Upcoming Special Issues



- *Animals* Special Issue: [Factors That Influence Problem Behaviour in Companion Animals: Genetic, Developmental, Health, Lifestyle, Environmental, Learning, Temperament, and Human-Animal Interactions](#)
Deadline: **July 30, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Coping, Stress and Crisis Response within the Field of Human-Animal Interactions](#)
Deadline: **August 31, 2021**
- *Social Sciences* Special Issue: [Human-Animal Interactions and Issues in Criminal Justice: Toward a Humane Criminology](#)
Deadline: **August 31, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Human-Animal Communication](#)
Deadline: **September 30, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Domestic Dog \(Canis familiaris\) – Attention To, Cooperation With, and Attachment Towards the Owner](#)
Deadline: **September 30, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Management and Monitoring of Feral Cats](#)
Deadline: **October 31, 2021**
- *Animals* Special Issue: [Perception and Expression of Facial Expressions in Animals](#)
Deadline: **November 30, 2021**

- *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)* Special Issue: [Human-Animal Interactions: New Perspectives on the Impact on Human Health and Animal Welfare](#)
Deadline: **October 31, 2021**
 - *Animals* Special Issue: [The Social Agency of Animals in Animal-Assisted Interventions](#)
Deadline: **December 31, 2021**
 - *Animals* Special Issue: [Working Animals: Welfare, Ethics and Human-Animals Relationship](#)
Deadline: **December 31, 2021**
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Upcoming Conferences



- [58th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society \(ABS\)](#)
Virtual, **August 2-6, 2021**
- [54th International Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology \(ISAE\)](#)
Bangalore, India, **August 3-6, 2021**
- [American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#)
Virtual, **August 12-14, 2021**
- [Animal-Assisted Social Work Conference](#)
Virtual, **August 13-16, 2021**
- [8th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level \(WAFL\)](#)
Virtual, **August 16-19, 2021**
- [2021 Assistance Dogs International \(AD\) Conference](#)
Virtual, **September 12-15, 2021**
- [2021 One World One Welfare Conference](#)
Virtual, **September 15-16, 2021**
- [2021 Society for Companion Animal Science \(SCAS\) Conference- Animal-Assisted Interventions: Research meets Practice](#)
Virtual, **September 19, 2021**

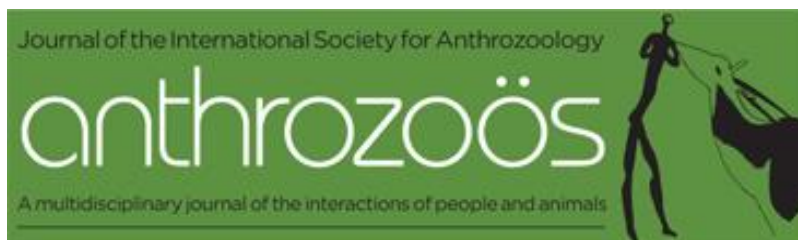
- [Association of Zoos and Aquariums \(AZA\) Annual Conference](#)
Virtual, **September 20-24, 2021**
 - [ASPCA Applied Research Forum](#)
Virtual, **November 3, 2021**
 - [2021 Centers for the Human-Animal Bond Conference](#)
Virtual, **November 4-5, 2021**
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Job & Student Opportunities

- The **Purdue University Center for the Human-Animal Bond** is hiring a lab manager for the research group of Dr. Maggie O'Haire related to the psychology of human-animal interaction. [Learn more and apply here.](#)
- The **ASPCA** is seeking a Director of Research to join their Strategy & Research team. This is a remote position that requires an individual with a strong research background and experience/interest relevant to the position's focus on research in the areas of animal-related public policy and equine welfare. [Learn more and apply here.](#)
- **Eckerd College** is conducting a search for a tenure-track faculty position (Assistant Professor of Animal Studies - emphasis on social sciences/human-animal interactions) with a start date of August 2022. [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.

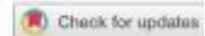
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Featured articles:

[“I Can’t Give Up When I Have Them to Care for”: People’s Experiences of Pets and Their Mental Health](#)

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“I Can’t Give Up When I Have Them to Care for”: People’s Experiences of Pets and Their Mental Health

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Hidden in Plain Sight: Uncovering the Obesogenic Environment Surrounding the UK’s Leisure Horses

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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

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- Eligibility for membership in the ISAZ listserv
- Access to the Society's annual membership directory
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