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Call for Narratives: Special Section on People and Animals Together ***Heart on Sleeves: On the Transformative Power of the Human-Animal Bond***

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Rationale

Extensive research in disciplines such as social work, nursing, rehabilitative psychology, special education and other related fields have documented the powerful nature of the interaction between humans and animals and the different ways the human-animal bond impacts and enriches lives. Furthermore, the bond between people and their companion animals is sustained by veterinarians and related professionals who play a crucial role in providing care for the companion animals' health as well as providing support to individuals and families during difficult times when their pets are ill. Despite the odyssey of the human-animal bond, little is known about human-animal relationships from the perspective of professionals who work with both humans and animals.

Aim and Scope of Special Themed Section

The editor is seeking lively narratives from practitioners, educators, clinicians, and other helping professionals who work with people and animals in a broad array of practice and applied settings. The editor is particularly interested in narrative expositions and reflections that are delicately nuanced and personalized. Submissions of any length – from short narratives focused on a single vignette to longer stories with multiple portrayals of interaction and references to the literature – are welcome (within an overall range of 1200-8000 words).

This Special Section Focuses on Narratives From.....

Professionals in the Field of Human-Animal Interaction

The editor welcomes narratives from professionals from a variety of fields who work in the area of animal assisted intervention, animal assisted therapy, animal assisted education, animal assisted activities and related fields.

Professionals in the Field of Veterinary Medicine

The editor welcomes narratives from professionals who provide health care to companion animals in a variety of places. These include but are not limited to veterinarians, veterinary technicians and related professionals who provide healthcare to companion animals.

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