



HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTION

SECTION 13 OF DIVISION 17 OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Human Animal Interaction (HAI) Section members,

April is:

Adopt a ferret month



Adopt a greyhound month



CE opportunities:

Our next FREE online CE for HAI members only: Grab a spot!

Aspects of Canines in Mental Health - (1.5 hours / 1.5 CE)

Presenter: Lynn J. Piper, Ph.D.

Dates:

Fri May 4 at 10:30 -12 EST, 8:30-10 MT

Tues May 8, 2:30-4pm EST, 12:30-2 MT

This training will provide participants with an understanding of the distinction between the many roles canines perform to assist humans, including service dogs, therapy dogs, emotional support animals, and others. This course will also cover the important issue that has had a lot of media attention recently – that is, the evaluation of and provision of letters regarding an emotional support animal. The course is designed to help counseling psychologists be knowledgeable about the different human aide canines can provide, whether to evaluate/write a letter in support of an emotional support animal, and what information the letter can contain.

There is no cost to attend. There are no conflicts of interest with the sponsor, Division 17, and the Division 17 section is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The HAI maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Limited space, so be sure and save your place – email Lori.kogan@colostate.edu for questions or to reserve a spot.

Announcements

Call for Papers:

Basic Social and Personality Psychology Research on Human-Animal Interactions

The field of human-animal interactions and the exploration of new ways in which animals can facilitate physical, social, and psychological well-being are growing rapidly. Much of the research, however, has been applied in nature – focusing on assessing a specific issue or testing the effectiveness of interventions. In contrast, far less research has evaluated the basic psychological processes that underlie human-animal interactions. This work is critical in helping inform existing interventions and creating the foundation for the development of novel treatments. Thus, the aim of this special issue is to promote and advance research regarding the psychological roots of human-animal interactions from social and personality perspectives.

Papers for this special issue may include (but are not limited to) one or more of the following topics: fundamental relationship processes underlying the human-animal relationship; social cognition and perception related to animals; animal stereotyping and discrimination; understanding the role animals play within the self-concept; attitude formation and attitude change in animal preferences; and contagion of emotions between humans and animals.

All submissions focusing on basic research and processes underlying human-animal relations from a social and personality psychology perspective (experimental, correlational) will be considered for this the special issue.

Although all types of HAIB submissions will be consider for the special issue (see [Author Information](#)), preference will be given for empirical and descriptive investigations. Manuscripts should not exceed 8000 words and should conform to the sixth edition of the [APA style manual](#). Manuscripts should be submitted using the regular HAIB online system, specifying that the submission is for the special issue on basic research on social and personality psychology in human-animal interactions. Papers should be submitted by November 30 2018 with reviews to be completed by June 2019.

Please direct any inquiries (e.g., suitability, format, scope, etc.) about this Special Issue to the guest editor: Anthony Coy (coya@usf.edu).

Opportunities:

WALTHAM Human-Animal Interaction Research Program

A call for research project applications to the 2018 Collaborative WALTHAM Human-Animal interaction Research Program. There are up to three awards available, each for a maximum of £240,000 (\$338,594.40 US Dollars) to support high quality, innovative research collaborations. Research eligible for funding under this call must focus on HAI (specifically companion animal ownership or interaction) as it relates to one or more of the following preferred topic areas:

- The impact of pets on human physical and socio-emotional health (includes the concepts of physical activity, wellness, engagement, social support, usefulness, purpose and connectedness)
- Maintenance of healthy body weight in people and pets (includes how the behaviors of both species impact the other)

Please note, preference will be given to projects that examine these issues across the lifespan and consider the importance of animal attachment and/or degree of interaction in the outcomes.

For more information on the call, please review all the supporting documents below.

The deadline for applications is **23 July 2018**

Additional information available at: <https://www.waltham.com/grants-awards/hai/>

Upcoming HAI conferences:



Starting in 2010, the Penn Vet Working Dog Center has held the Working Dog Conference, a gathering of working dog professionals including veterinarians, academics, working dog handlers, breeders, students, behaviorists, and those interested in what makes a better working dog. **April 20-23, 2018** Essington, PA



Registration for ISAZ 2018 is now open. Go to the [ISAZ 2018 website](#) to register. The deadline for early bird registration is March 29, 2018. The [abstract submission system for ISAZ 2018](#) opened on Tuesday October 17th (Australian time).

HAI news:

[Great work by our past chair, Dr. Phyllis Erdman.](#)

Dr. Erdman is a Professor in the Counseling Psychology program and Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Education at Washington State University. She has conducted research in parent/child relationships and HAI, specifically looking at the effectiveness of equine facilitated activities. Great work, Dr. Erdman!

[Leading Equine-Assisted Mental Health Groups: An Exploratory Survey of Practitioner Characteristics, Practices, and Professional Development](#)

[Great work by one of our members, Dr. Scott Baggett.](#)

Scott has been working with dogs in Animal Assisted Interactions for 13 years. He is the Pet Therapy Chairman at his local hospital as well as working with the R.E.A.D.ing Paws Program 3 yrs, and is currently at USF Medical College Shimberg Library. Check out an article about his work with dogs and children with cancer: <http://www.oncnursingnews.com/web-exclusives/therapy-dogs-reduce-stress-in-families-of-pediatric-patients>

Other articles:

The Power of Pets - Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interactions

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/02/power-pets>

Why people will give their lives to save their pets:

https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/people-will-give-lives-save-pets-163703197.html?soc_src=social-sh&soc_trk=ma



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Check it out! <https://www.apa-hai.org/human-animal-interaction/>

Do you have news to share? Please send for next monthly email!!

I would like to begin including more members' publications, seminars, etc in these monthly updates, so please email me and tell me the great work you are doing.

Email me directly at Lori.Kogan@colostate.edu

Thank you!

Lori Kogan, Chair