



## Social Isolation and the Roles That Animals Play in Supporting the Lives of Humans: Lessons for COVID19

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### Message from the Collection Editor

Dear Colleagues:

I wanted to take this opportunity to invite the academic community to consider contributing an article to an upcoming this special issue (SI) of **Animals** that relates to the impact of the Covid pandemic on the relationships between humans and their nonhuman animal companions. I would like to encourage researchers to submit their research and scholarly papers pertaining to what we have witnessed over the past 10 months on the changes and effect of the pandemic on our relationships with animals, as well as some of the other outcomes that have been witnessed and studied. As we all have observed, the pandemic has not only impacted the lives of humans who may be experiencing isolation and loneliness but also has had an effect, both positive and negative, on the animals who live with them. The deadline for article submissions is June 2021.

I am hopeful that some of you will consider publishing within this SI. The papers integrated could help many better understand some of the implications that have been revealed due to this horrific global catastrophe. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or the staff at the Journal.

Sincerely,

Aubrey H Fine





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