



## Novel Approaches to Comparative Study of Human and Animal Emotions

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Dear Colleagues,

Human and non-human animals have traditionally been studied with very different methods, and often with very different aims, and this has been the clear trend in psychological and neuroscientific study of emotion and affective states. Human research has progressed holistically, examining complex psychosocial emotions from a whole organism and whole-brain perspective. In contrast, animal research has more often attempted to clarify granular neurophysiological details linked with circumscribed behavioral states. Fortunately, human research approaches are being increasingly applied to work with animals. We now see an increasing number of animal emotion studies utilizing the psychological and non-invasive systems neuroscience methods typically deployed in human research. The aim of this Special Issue is to encourage such open-mindedness in approaches to studying affect and emotion in non-human animals and to promote interdisciplinary cooperation in these endeavors.





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