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Message from the Guest Editors

Felids in captivity face numerous situations that may result in welfare and/or reproductive problems related to thwarting of natural behavior, social structure, and natural home range. These welfare problems can be expressed as different abnormal and detrimental behaviors as well as unsuccessful breeding or caring for young. Socialization to humans of wild felids in captivity effects both conservation and welfare as well as the possibility to preserve natural behaviors. In domestic cats, insufficient socialization and the relation with humans is connected to several welfare issues, such as fear and stress.

The aim of the current Special issue is to publish papers elaborating these problems both in wild species of cats kept in zoos and domestic cats kept in private homes and rescue centers. With this Special Issue, our goal is also to help researchers in the field to identify similarities and differences in welfare problems between felid species.

For this Special Issue, we invite you to contribute with your latest findings through literature reviews, empirical research papers, short communications, or discussion papers.



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