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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to present this Special Issue of *Children* in which we aim to highlight the current state-of-the-art approaches that incorporate animals to contribute to children's health and wellbeing.

There is a growing interest for the potential benefits of animal-assisted interventions (AAI). These interventions can be utilized in healthcare, education, and other services to reduce symptoms and improve the health and wellbeing of children with different types of behavioural and developmental disorders, including children with autism spectrum disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, Down syndrome, obesity, and children who were sexually abused.

Although a growing body of literature indicates that incorporating animals into these interventions is promising, more research on AAI is warranted to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of AAI. We welcome reviews, original articles, case reports, opinion papers, and brief reports on animal-assisted therapy, animal-assisted education, and animal-assisted activities.



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