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Human-Animal Studies Corner

New Research Blog

Interested in the latest research on animal welfare and human-animal relationships? No time to sift through dozens of journals? From anthropocentrism to zoos, ASI has you covered with our newest blog series, the New Research Corner! Every week we publish short summaries of brand new journal articles. So far we have covered topics such as the environmental consequences of domesticated animals, animal assisted therapy and intervention, companion
animal ethics, and more! The only trouble is that since everything can't be at the top of our homepage, our new Blog is a bit hard to find on our website. A link to the Blog and the five most recent articles are located on the right side of our homepage about halfway down - where the smaller highlighted circle is on the photo above. Of course we'll also post links to blog entries on facebook, so be sure to follow us there to make sure you don't miss any of these fascinating article summaries!

First Ever German-Language HAS Textbook

We are thrilled to announce the publication of Human-Animal Studies, the first German-language textbook in the field. Written by Gabriela Kompatscher, Reingard Spannring, and Karin Schachinger, all of the University of Innsbruck, this text arose from the HSI-ASI International Development Project which provided resources to the university for the development of a Human-Animals Studies program. It is so rewarding to ASI's hard work impacting the academic world in this way. Congratulations to the university and the authors, and also to ASI's Margo DeMello to whom this important new book is dedicated!

Human-Animal Programs Corner

Lisa Lunghofer to Present at SAWA 2017 Conference

Our Director of Human-Animal Programs Lisa Lunghofer will be headed to Long Beach, California, next week to present at the Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) 2017 Management Conference. As funders and donors alike are increasingly interested in measurable
outcomes, her presentation, "Planning for Success: Using Logic Models as a Road Map," will help animal welfare professionals learn how to work smarter and use evaluation as a tool for continuous improvement. She'll be discussing how logic models can increase a program's likelihood of success and the ways in which they can support program planning, implementation and evaluation. Attendees will return home with a tool they can use to develop new programs and ensure current programs are getting results.

From the Board of Directors

ASI Board President, Ken Shapiro, presents at Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Annual Conference

ASI Board President, Ken Shapiro, presented a paper on Human-Animal Studies at the The Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) Annual Conference, held from May 24-25 at the Fordham University Lincoln Center on a panel titled "Qualitative Methods: Advancing Ethical Inquiry in Human-Animal Relations and Studies." The conference was attended by 120 psychology scholars and students. After the conference Ken commented that "as qualitative analysis was my primary field before my career change to animal advocate, it was interesting to me to see that the field has become very much centered on social justice movements, notably African-American Studies and Gender Studies. Given that Human-Animal Studies is a field that also has a strong relationship with a social justice movement, this audience should be ripe and ready for applying their scholarly methods to HAS. However, it appears that this is a development still in a formative stage. While there is much in the HAS literature that links the animal protection movement with other causes, there may be a reluctance by those primarily committed to expand their mission to include another cause. Hopefully, our panel planted some seeds."

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