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A Message from ISAZ President - Michelle Szydlowski



Dear ISAZ members,

On behalf of the ISAZ board, I would like to thank our conference planning team, hosts, and everyone who participated in this fantastic event!

A huge thank you to our sponsors:

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Student presentation award competition sponsors: CABI Human-animal interactions journal and USASK One Health.

We had amazing exhibitors on site, offering information, stickers, dog cuddles, treats and other goodies including Routledge, the Pawsitive Connections Lab, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundations, Save Rez Dogs, St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, and Waltham.

We had 168 delegates in total, three keynote speakers, four workshops, 111 presentations including 46 podium and six community and personal experience talks. We also saw nine lightning talks, enjoyed two symposia (with seven research presentations) engaged with 34 attendee posters and another nine DEIB posters. WOW! Thank you to everyone who made this such an exciting, educational, and memorable conference.

Congratulations to our award winners and our newest ISAZ fellows (listed later in this newsletter). If you missed our big announcement, next year the conference is heading to Paris, France from July 1-3! I hope to see you all there!

Michelle Szydlowski

ISAZ 2026 Conference Announcement - Save the Date!





Meet our Conference hosts:


Adrienne et Pierre

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SAVE THE DATE
JULY 1-3, 2026
ISAZ 2026 CONFERENCE
Paris, France

Conference Venue:
Cité des sciences et de l'industrie

Conference website & more details coming this Fall!

Are You Interested in Hosting a Future Conference?

Are you interested in hosting a future ISAZ conference? We'd love to hear from you to schedule an exploratory discussion! Reach out to Abbey Thigpen, adm.manager@isaz.net, to start the conversation

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From Dogs to Frogs: A Summative Content Analysis Spanning Four Decades of Scholarly Contributions to Anthrozoology

Kristine Hill , Sarah Oxley Heaney , Jes Hooper , Michelle Szydlowski  & Thomas Aiello 

Pages 587-613 | Published online: 28 May 2025

 Cite this article  <https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2025.2496033>



Research Article

The Drivers of Community Expectations Surrounding Punishment for Animal Welfare Offences: Findings From Online Focus Group Discussions

Rochelle Morton, Michelle L. Hebart, Rachel A. Ankeny & Alexandra L. Whittaker 

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[Read the newest issue of Anthrozoös, Volume 38, Issue 4](#) (available free to ISAZ members)!

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ISAZ 2025 Award Winners

Join us in congratulating the award winners from our ISAZ 2025 Conference!

Most Popular Paper Award Winner: **Jennifer Golbeck** "I Saw Her With My Heart: Supernatural Experiences and Continuing Bonds After the Death of a Dog."

PJ-Hart Student Scholar Award: **Meaghan Buisson**

Penny Bernstein Human-Cat Student Travel Award: **Héloïse Vesque-Annear**

Martha Bryant Student Travel Award: **Megan Ross**

DEIB Award: **Sonya E. McDowall**

Student Poster Presentation Award - First Place: **Catherine A Beaupre**

Student Poster Presentation Award - Second Place: **Dara Jonkoski**

Student Oral Presentation Award - First Place: **Claire Musser**

Student Oral Presentation Award - Second Place: **Nikki Bennett**

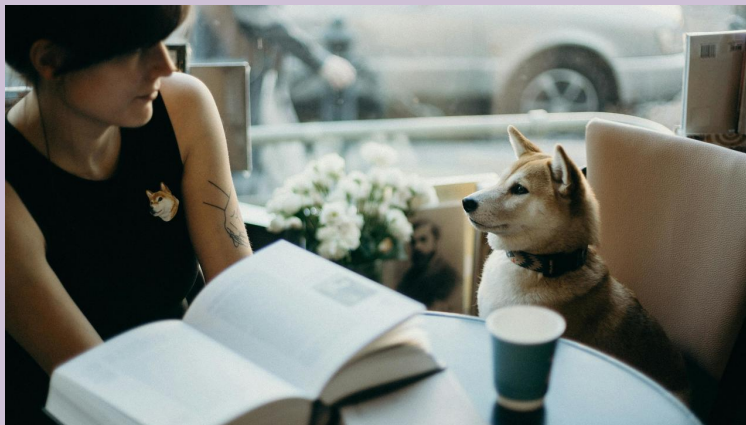
Congratulations to our new ISAZ Fellows:

Miki Kakinuma and Kristen Jacobson!





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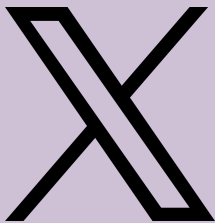


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