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all of us at ISAZ!



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A Message from ISAZ President - Michelle Szydlowski

One of the most inspiring, helpful (and fun) experiences during my educational journey was finding a group of like-minded individuals who served as emotional support, peer review, and a collaborative writing team. While we had vastly different species of interest, theoretical frameworks, and were spread out across the globe; these people became my friends and mentors, and we are still researching, podcasting, and writing together. The hardest part was FINDING this amazing group of people.



As an ISAZ member, you have support in finding your own team! Thanks to programs led by our membership committee, ISAZ can help you find a mentor, a group of students, or other professionals interested in your area of focus. Reach out to us for more information on mentoring by emailing adm.manager@isaz.net. Perhaps the best way to find people with similar interests is to attend the conference in Paris this July 1-3! While the conference promises amazing podium presentations, the informal conversations that happen between sessions, in workshops, during special events, and while sharing meals are invaluable. The portal is now open, so consider submitting an abstract. The deadline is February 5, 2026.

ISAZ also supports our student members by offering a platform to share their research, both at our conferences and in upcoming newsletters. Student members, instructors, and mentors can find information on this new feature within this issue. Rubrics and support will be provided by board members, and we look forward to sharing the amazing work our student members are doing!

Sending gratitude for all you do,

Michelle Szydlowski

Call for Student Submissions — ISAZ Newsletter

The International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ) invites student members to contribute to upcoming issues of

the ISAZ Newsletter. This is an opportunity to share your work, ideas, and perspectives with an international community of scholars and professionals dedicated to the study of human–animal interactions.

We welcome submissions that reflect the breadth and diversity of student engagement in anthrozoology. Contributions may take a variety of forms, including empirical work, reflections, creative pieces, or commentary on emerging issues within the field.



Submission Categories

- **Research Spotlights:** Summaries of current projects, theses, or recent publications.
- **Student Reflections:** Insights on learning, practice, or professional development in anthrozoology.
- **Conference Reflections:** Experiences from presenting or attending the ISAZ conference.
- **Current Topics in Anthrozoology:** Thoughtful discussion or analysis of timely issues, debates, or innovations shaping the field.
- **Creative Contributions:** Artistic or narrative pieces (e.g., photos, essays, poetry) illustrating human–animal relationships

Selected submissions will be featured in the ISAZ Newsletter and shared with our global readership. We encourage students at all levels to contribute and to showcase the diverse voices advancing the study of human–animal relationships.

Submission Guidelines

- Approximately 300–700 words (flexible depending on format)
- Images or artwork should be no more than 5 MB each and submitted as .jpg files
- Include a brief author bio (2–3 sentences) and, if desired, a professional photo
- Aligns with [ISAZ's mission](#)

To send us your submission, [complete this form and upload the related files](#). We will review your submission for consideration against the Submission Categories and Guidelines as listed above. Incomplete forms will not be reviewed.

For questions, please email ISAZCommunications@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

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DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 5, 2026

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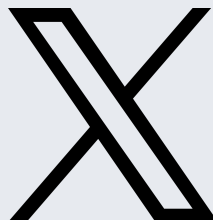
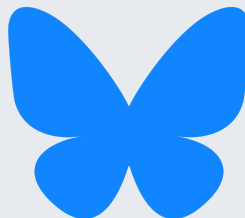


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