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A Message from the ISAZ President – Nancy Gee

Greetings, fellow ISAZ members!



It is with great pleasure that I pen this first message to you as President of ISAZ. Patricia Pendry, with the support of Abbey Thigpen, Anthony Podberscek, and the ISAZ board, has done an outstanding job over the past two years. Patricia has left large shoes to fill, but I hope that with similar support we can continue to move ISAZ forward.

In June, many of you attended the first in-person ISAZ conference since before the pandemic; your enthusiasm made this the largest ISAZ conference ever! It was clear that we all missed the opportunity to come together to meet old friends and make new ones, present our research results, exchange ideas, and plan new projects. I'd like to extend another round of thanks to Jo Williams and the local host committee, Abbey, and Patricia for their amazing teamwork and willingness to act as hosts in Edinburgh, their excellent organization and fine hospitality, and the flawless delivery of an amazing conference.

We are very excited to announce our 2024 conference location at Hartpury University in the Cotswolds region of England. The ISAZ 2024 conference will be held on June 27-30, 2024. We want to thank Drs. Clare Thomas-Pino and Darcy Bornemann for their willingness to co-chair the Hartpury host committee. We are confident in their ability to put together a great conference for the anthrozoology community.

While I understand the desire of many who would like to see ISAZ return to North America, the reality is that we rely on willing volunteers to host our conferences and did not have any North America-based proposals submitted to the ISAZ 2024 conference call. If you would be willing to host the ISAZ 2025 conference, or if you know someone who might be, please visit our [**Host a Conference**](#) page on the [**ISAZ website**](#) or reach out to me directly at [**nancy.gee@vcuhealth.org**](mailto:nancy.gee@vcuhealth.org).

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A Message from the ISAZ President – Nancy Gee (continued)



I certainly understand the desire to make ISAZ a hybrid conference, one conducted simultaneously in-person and online. This would eliminate travel costs and reduce time for those who are short on one or the other (or both). However, the cost to do this is currently outside of our budget. If you are aware of a potential new sponsor who would be willing to fund the technology expenses to cover the online delivery of the conference, please let me or our Secretary for Development, John-Tyler Binfet (development@isaz.net) know about it. We would love to pursue this possibility!

One of my goals for the coming year is to grow the membership of ISAZ while staying true to our mission of “supporting research, publishing and disseminating new insights and discoveries, and promoting the exchange of knowledge and expertise within the field.” Along with that is a desire to increase the involvement of members, both new and old. If you are curious about how you might play a role, please visit our [website](#) or [contact us](#) and we'd be happy to chat with you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gee

ISAZ 2023 Conference Awards

Congratulations to the ISAZ 2023 Awardees!



ISAZ 2023 Distinguished Anthrozoologist Award

ISAZ 2023 Distinguished Anthrozoologist Award Winner

**Prof.
Harold Herzog**
Professor Emeritus
Western Carolina
University



ISAZ 2023 Most Popular Paper Award

ISAZ 2023 Most Popular Paper Award Winner

Understanding the Human–Reptile Bond

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Open Access



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Joel Ferraz,
Martin Whiting, &
Manuel Magalhães-Sant'Ana

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Congratulations to the ISAZ 2023 Awardees!



Presentation Awards

ISAZ 2023
Student Oral Presentation Award –
First Place

Lexis H. Ly

University of British Columbia, Vancouver

*"Home-to-home rehome: Predictors of successful
diversion of cats and dogs away from animal
shelter intake through a self-rehoming website"*

ISAZ 2023
Student Oral Presentation Award –
Second Place

Heidi A. Monkman

Flinders University

"Could cats help solve crime?"

ISAZ 2023
Student Poster Presentation Award –
First Place

Rohan Sarkar

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
Kolkata

*"Hierarchy of human-generated signals in free-
ranging dogs' approach decision"*

ISAZ 2023
Student Poster Presentation Award –
Second Place

Shantelle Tjaden

Idaho State University

"Relationships and Resilience at the Zoo"

Travel Awards

ISAZ 2023 Penny L. Bernstein
Human-Cat Interaction
Student Travel Award Winner

Bailey Eagan

University of British Columbia
Animal Welfare Program

*"The effect of daily gabapentin
on behaviour modification
progression and signs of stress
in fearful shelter cats rescued
from hoarding environments"*



ISAZ 2023 Martha Bryant
Student Travel Award Winner

Rohan Sarkar

Indian Institute of Science
Education and Research
Kolkata

*"Hierarchy of human-generated
signals in free-ranging dogs'
approach decision"*



DEI Award

ISAZ 2023 DEI Award Winner

**Parizad Baria-
Unwalla**

i3S - Institute for
Research and Innovation
in Health, University of
Porto



ISAZ Announcements

ISAZ 2023 Conference Recap

Thank you to conference organizers, presenters, and attendees for contributing to the success of the 2023 conference! We had a total of 263 conference registrants – our largest delegation to date! In addition to official conference activities, many attendees visited the Edinburgh Zoo together, creating a lasting memory within the ISAZ community.



ISAZ Officers

At the Annual General Meeting, the **ISAZ board** elected officers for the new term. Meet our current officers!

Nancy Gee, PhD

President

John-Tyler Binfet, PhD

President Elect

Secretary for Development

Alexa Carr, PhD

Treasurer

Erika Friedmann, PhD

Treasurer Elect

Kerri Rodriguez, PhD

Secretary for Communications

Jo Williams, PhD

Programs Officer

ISAZ 2024

We are excited to announce that ISAZ 2024 will be hosted by Drs. Clare Thomas-Pino and Darcy Bornemann at Hartpury University on June 27-30, 2024.

Call for ISAZ 2025

Are you interested in hosting the ISAZ conference in 2025? We want to hear from you! Contact **Abbey Thigpen** or **Nancy Gee** with ideas and/or questions.

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Featured Articles

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 **Routledge**
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 Check for updates

Dogs Can Enhance Social Perceptions: The Influence of Dogs on Women's Perceptions of Safety in Emotional Contexts

Rafael Delgado-Rodríguez ^a, Paula Mena Cabrera^a, David Ordóñez-Pérez^b, and Rafael Martos-Montes^a




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Sex and Parental Status Impacts Human-to-Pet Attachment and Caregiving Attitudes and Behaviors in a Japanese Sample

Shelly Volsche ^a, Felix Frailey^a, Namiha Ihara ^b, and Hiroshi Nittono ^b

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Read the newest issue of Anthrozoös, Volume 36, Issue 4
(available free to ISAZ members)!

Interested in submitting your work to Anthrozoös? **[Click here.](#)**

Renew Your ISAZ Membership

It's not too late to renew your membership to ISAZ for 2023! Our membership year runs from January to December, so we encourage you to renew as soon as possible to maximize your access to all ISAZ has to offer.

Our new renewal process will only require **5 minutes or less** of your time. Click the link below to log in to the ISAZ website.

[Log in to Renew Your Membership](#)

Membership benefits include:

- Six (6) issues per year of Anthrozoös
- Online access to the full back catalog of Anthrozoös
- Eligibility for membership in the ISAZ listserv
- Access to the Society's annual membership directory
- Substantially reduced registration fees for all ISAZ conferences
- A 30% discount on books published by Routledge

Most importantly, ISAZ membership connects you to colleagues from around the world, a vibrant international community of researchers focused on human-animal interactions and relationships. We encourage you to invite a colleague or student you believe may be interested in joining ISAZ – we are eager to greet new members and build an even stronger network!

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