

Satellitensymposium beim ISAZ 2014

Brute facts and normative implications Understanding human-animal interactions

Interdisciplinary satellite symposium of the ISAZ 2014
at the Messerli Research Institute

The [Messerli Research Institute \(MRI\)](http://www.vetmeduni.ac.at/messerli) investigates principles and foundations of the interaction between humans and animals. The work is carried out within the fields of comparative cognition and behavior, comparative medicine and ethics. Key findings serve as a basis on which human-animal interactions can be examined in a practically oriented manner. Furthering our knowledge of the degree to which cognitive, emotional and moral capabilities in animals are analogous to those capacities in humans is the aim of the comparative cognition unit. The focus of the ethics and human-animal studies group is to scrutinize the moral relevance of scientific findings, to develop convincing criteria and methods in animal ethics and to clarify the implications of this research for human-animal interactions. Comparative medical research aims at the promotion of human and animal health in various medical fields, such as cancer research, allergology and nutritional sciences.

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Against this background, the satellite symposium aims at an **interdisciplinary discussion** of issues in human-animal interactions, including the following topics:

- cognition and ethics
- ethology and ethics
- ethics in animal experimentation
- cost-benefit analysis in medical research
- moral agency in animals
- philosophy of mind and ethics
- veterinary ethics

Format: 2 keynote lectures, up to 7 talks (à 20 min), 2 panel discussions, posters & wine

Start: 9 am

We invite **pre- and postdoctoral researchers** to submit a proposal for an **oral** or **poster** presentation via the [main ISAZ submission and registration system](#). Please note that interdisciplinary contributions will be preferred in the evaluation procedure.

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