APA 2025

The APA InterDivisional Animal Summit

The next APA Summit takes place on August 7-9, 2025 at the American Psychological Association Convention in Denver, Colorado, and is hosted by APA Division 6 (Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology).



Join Us for the APA Animal Summit

The APA Animal Summit poster session and networking meeting at the APA Convention highlights the impact of human interactions with animals in psychology within areas of research, practice, and teaching. The purpose of the APA Animal Summit is to facilitate the exchange, application, and dissemination of scientific information about interactions between humans and animals in psychology.

The 2025 Animal Summit is Supported by 10 Divisions

The 2025 Animal Summit is hosted by Division 6 (Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology) and co-listed by Division 1 (Society for General Psychology and Interdisciplinary Inquiry), Division 7 (Developmental Psychology), Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology) and Section 13 Human-Animal Interaction, Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology), Division 25 (Behavior Analysis), Division 32 (Society for Humanistic Psychology), Division 34 (Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology), Division 43 (Society for Couple and Family Psychology), and Division 46 (Society for Media Psychology and Technology).

Example topics and issues: companion animals; animal interactions in psychotherapy and human services; service animals; emotional support animals; pet loss and grief; violence between people and animals; social attitudes towards animals; co-sheltering; comparative psychology; animals in human work, sport, and recreation; human-animal conflict; ethical issues in human-animal interactions; justice, rights, and legal issues; One Health; ecopsychology.

APA 2025 Animal Summit Co-Chairs: Grant Rich, Harold Takooshian, Nina Ekholm Fry, and Scott Churchill