

## The APA InterDivisional Animal Summit

The next APA Summit takes place on August 6-8, 2026 at the American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, DC, and is hosted by APA Division 6 (Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology).



### **Join Us for the APA Animal Summit Friday, August 7, 1:00 pm EDT – Division 6**

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 2026 APA Animal Summit is Supported by 18 Divisions**

The 2026 Animal Summit is hosted by Division 6 (Society for Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology) with support from Division 1 (Society for General Psychology and Interdisciplinary Inquiry), Division 2 (Society for the Teaching of Psychology), Division 3 (Society for Experimental Psychology and Cognitive Science), Division 7 (Developmental Psychology), Division 9 (Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues), Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging), Division 21 (Applied Experimental and Engineering Psychology), Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology), Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology), Division 25 (Behavior Analysis), Division 28 (Society for Psychopharmacology and Substance Use), Division 32 (Society for Humanistic Psychology), Division 33 (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism Spectrum Disorder), Division 34 (Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology), Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women), Division 41 (American Psychology-Law Society),

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.

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