



Psychology Research Seminar Programme

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Promoting Positive Interactions Between Children and Animals

Abstract

This talk provides an overview of an innovative cross-disciplinary research programme on interactions between children and animals. Taking a developmental approach the talk will consider pre-schoolers interactions with animals in the context of safety and health. We will then discuss how to promote positive interactions between primary school-aged children and animals. A DEFRA funded project will be outlined along with an introduction to a current collaborative project with the Scottish SPCA. We will consider issues such as empathy, compassion, knowledge and attitudes to animals and how these may be influenced through educational intervention. The talk will then consider adolescent's interactions with animals and review progress on a current DEFRA funded project that is investigating the role of animals in teenagers' lives and how we might promote positive adolescent/animal interactions.

**Seminars are free of charge and held on
Thursdays @ 4:00 pm Room 3A94**

Refreshments are served upon arrival * All are welcome

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