

# Tufts Institute for Human-Animal Interaction



## Tufts Institute for Human-Animal Interaction Spring 2020 Newsletter **Announcements and Events**

**Asian Elephant Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rewilding**, Thursday, March 12, 2020, noon-1pm in the Varis Lecture Hall (VLH on Jumbo's Path at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton. *Speaker: Liv Baker, PhD, Animal Behavior & Conservation Program, Hunter College, CUNY, and Mahouts Elephant Foundation, Research Director.* Part of the spring 2020 Animal Matters Seminar Series presented by Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy with Tufts Elephant Conservation Alliance. Members of the public are invited to this seminar at no charge. Join online or on campus. Contact for more information: [capp@tufts.edu](mailto:capp@tufts.edu), web site: <https://news.vet.tufts.edu/2020/02/asian-elephant-rescue/>.

### **TIHAI Student Scholars Applications due March 15!**

Student Scholars will receive up to \$500 for funding events, projects, and programs related to human-animal interaction research, education, and service.

Funding will be considered for individual students or a group of students, though all applications require a Tufts University faculty or staff mentor. Applications for graduate or undergraduate students are welcomed.

All application materials are due via email to [hai@tufts.edu](mailto:hai@tufts.edu) by 5:00 pm on March 15, 2020. Visit our [Student Scholars](#) webpage for more information.

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** is the application deadline for the M.S. in Animals and Public Policy program. Students in the MS in Animals and Public Policy (MAPP) program develop research, analytical, and communications skills that empower them to promote the status and welfare of animals and deepen public understanding of the role of animals in society. Additional details can be found here: <https://grad.vet.tufts.edu/ms-animals-and-public-policy/>.

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**Behavior Science: How It Affects Our Patients and Our World**, April 21, 2020, noon-1pm in the Varis Lecture Hall (VLH) on Jumbo's Path at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton. *Speaker: Marion Desmarchelier, DMV, IPSAV, DES (Zoological Medicine), DES (Animal Behaviour Medicine), MSc, DACZM, DECZM (Zoo Health Management), DACVB, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of Université de Montréal.* Part of the spring 2020 Animal Matters Seminar Series presented by Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy. Members of the public are invited to this seminar at no charge. Join online or on campus. Contact for more information: [capp@tufts.edu](mailto:capp@tufts.edu), web site: <https://news.vet.tufts.edu/2020/02/behavior-science-how/>.

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**Frontiers in Animal Law & Technology: 25th Anniversary of M.S. in Animals and Public Policy**; registration is now open for the Frontiers in Animal Law & Technology Conference, which will be hosted by the Center for Animals and Public Policy on Friday April 24 – Sunday April 26, 2020 in the Cabot Auditorium at Tufts University in Medford, MA. The Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> class in the M.S. program in Animals and Public Policy with a weekend conference exploring relationships between the rapidly transforming worlds of technology and animal law. Contact for more information: [capp@tufts.edu](mailto:capp@tufts.edu), web site and registration: <https://news.vet.tufts.edu/2019/10/frontiers-in-animal-law/>.



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# Fall 2020 Course Offerings

## **CH 99-03: One Health: Animal, Human, and Environmental Connections**

- Fall 2020
- Mondays 1:30-4:00 PM
- Medford Campus
- Community Health Department
- **Course Description:** One Health is the integrative effort of multiple disciplines working together locally, nationally, and globally to attain optimal health for people, animals, and the shared environment. This course encourages pre-professional students to value the connectedness of animals, humans and the environment and to think innovatively about solutions to health care problems. The course is organized around four key categories relevant to One Health and includes introductions to:
  - Infectious zoonotic diseases (diseases shared between animals and humans) and global health
  - Naturally occurring shared disease in companion animals that can serve as models for human disease, advancing both human and companion animal health
  - Human-animal interactions which address the strong bonds between humans and animals, and how we can positively impact one another's lives
  - Impact of environmental health on human and animal health

This course, coordinated by Dr. Deborah Linder, Co-Director of the Tufts Institute of Human-Animal Interaction, works collaboratively with members of the Tufts One Health Committee who serve as course lecturers from the Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Schools at Tufts University to blend these categories into a cohesive theme of the ways in which animals, people, and the environment have shared health.

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## Research Spotlight



Dr. Richard M. Lerner, TIHAI Board member, Bergstrom Chair in Applied Developmental Science and Director of the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, along with Dr. Jacqueline Lerner, professor of Applied Developmental & Educational Psychology at Boston College, have received a grant from National 4-H Council and the Altria Corporation to extend and replicate the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development. This project

was an early source of developmental information about HAI in the lives of adolescents and will gather more information about the role of HAI in the lives of 4-H Study participants, past and new. Learn more about the institute's work at the following link: [Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development](#).

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## Paws for People Events

Paws for People will be visiting a Tufts campus near you! Below are the upcoming events on the various Tufts campuses. Visit the Paws for People website for further information here: <https://www.pawsforpeople.org/>.

### Medford Campus:

- Wednesday, March 4 from 12 to 1pm - School of Engineering Wellness event, open to interested students and staff.
- Friday, May 1st from 3 to 5pm - Tisch Library "Pause for Paws" open to all.

### Boston Campus

- Thursday, April 23rd from 3 to 5pm - Hirsch Health Sciences "Pause for Paws" open to all.

### Grafton Campus

- Friday, March 6th from 11:30 to 1pm - 2nd floor outside AVA SAVMA Wellness - open to all.
- Tuesday, March 28th from 4 to 6pm - 2nd floor breakroom, small animal hospital - Hospital Wellness program - open to all.
- April and May to be determined.

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## TIHAI in the News

Our newly developed One Health Course has been published in the One Health Journal and is available through Open Access at the link here: [Development, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Novel Multidisciplinary One Health Course for University Undergraduates](#).

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Dr. Megan Mueller, TIHAI Co-Director, is quoted in a CNN article discussing the complex relationships between humans and their pets. Read the full article here: [Benefits \(and Some Surprising Science\) About Owning a Pet](#).

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Dr. Mueller is also quoted in a New York Times article discussing how pets contribute to adolescent development. Read the full article here: [What Do Teenagers Need? Ask the Family Dog](#).

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## Calling Tufts Student Groups!

Are you a member of a Tufts student group that is related to humans and animals or doing work related to HAI? We would love to highlight you on our webpage! Please email us at [hai@tufts.edu](mailto:hai@tufts.edu).