

PRESS RELEASE

The ***Portuguese Association of Animal Behaviour Therapy and Welfare*** - PSIANIMAL was established last April by a group of professionals with a deep interest in animal behaviour and welfare. The founders of this project are eager to promote new developments in the field of behavioural therapy and welfare in animals in Portugal.

In order to achieve our goals we have assembled a multidisciplinary team over the last few years consisting of veterinarians, biologists, ethologists, psychologists, anthropologists, and others. All these professionals have a common purpose: to establish a strong association with national and international projection.

The aims proposed by PSIANIMAL are diverse. We aspire, through our extensive research and teaching, to becoming a national entity that could provide support on several fronts to both public and private institutions. Additionally, PSIANIMAL could participate in projects aiming at regulating activities related to animal well-being and behavioural therapy, as well as collaborate with schools in order to make known the existence of behavioral problems, and provide prophylactic measures. PSIANIMAL aims at publicizing this area of research which is still very underdeveloped in Portugal.

Fortunately, the growing demand among the population and academics has strengthened our belief for the need to create this association. In order to achieve our goals, we would like to: support those carrying out research on animals, to collaborate and assist in the production of publications that may contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in the field of behavioral therapy and animal welfare, and finally to promote the exchange of knowledge and experience between national and international institutions both in terms of training, and professional practice.

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