

ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2025

PROGRAMME

ROOM W, ULLS HUS, SLU CAMPUS ULTUNA, UPPSALA

DAY 1. MONDAY, MAY 26TH

13:00 - 13:15 Welcome and introduction (Linda Keeling)

THEME: POSITIVE ANIMAL WELFARE

Chairperson: Enya Van Poucke

13:15 – 14:00 Sara Hintze Let it flow – balancing skill and challenge for positive animal welfare

10 min pause

14:10 – 14:45 Kirste McCrea Investigating the effects of an animal-led, positive human-animal relationship on dairy calf personality

Lina Roth Enhancing human-dog relationships: The impact of play and training interactions

Rebecca Oscarsson Play ontogeny in young chickens – individual variation and connection to affective state

14:45 – 15:15 *Coffee*

15:15 – 15:50* Vitor Ferreira Chickens perceive humans as social buffers and might follow human-given cues

Carlos Guerrero-Bosagna Hemispheric epigenetic asymmetry in the pig brain following early-life environmental enrichment

Lena Lidfors Behaviour and welfare of dogs involved in animal-assisted interventions in Swedish schools

15:50 – 16:10 Group discussion (incl. one group for plenary)

16:10 – 17:00 Questions to speakers

5 min pause

THEME: NEGATIVE ANIMAL WELFARE

Chairperson: Johan Lindsjö

17:05 – 17:50 Lynne Sneddon Evidence for pain in fishes and decapod crustaceans

18:00 *Buffet dinner at Logen*

** 10 minutes per abstract presentation*

DAY 2. TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

THEME: NEGATIVE ANIMAL WELFARE - CONTINUATION

Chairperson: Johan Lindsjö

09:00 – 09:45*	Felicia Palm	Assessing owners' ratings of pain and stress sensitivity and expression in their dogs through questionnaires
	Robin D. Johnsson	Sleep deprivation in wild birds
	Lise Pinaqui	Organic pig farmers' perceptions of leg health issues and associated risk factors in their herd
	Farnaz Sourani	Epigenetic changes in red blood cells during the life of chickens exposed to stressful or enriched environments

09:45 – 10:15 *Coffee*

10:15 – 10:35 Group discussion (incl. one group for plenary)

10:35 – 11:10 Questions to speakers

5 min pause

THEME: ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY AND WELFARE ASSESSMENT

Chairperson: Linda Kjellberg

11:15 – 12:00 Paul Hemsworth Effects of stockperson interactions on the welfare of livestock: positive or negative effects?

12:00– 13:00 *Lunch*

13:00 – 14:00*	Sofia Wilhelmsson	Training using the ProHand® concept improves pig transport drivers' handling practices
	Svea Jörgensen	Research animal welfare at risk due to critical gaps in the ethical review of animal research
	Lena Skånberg	What matters most? Experts rank welfare priorities for dairy cattle
	Ida Nordin	Agricultural support to compensate for ambitious national animal welfare legislation
	Lauren Hemsworth	Human-animal interactions: ProHand in 2025 and beyond

5 min pause

14:05 – 14:25 Group discussion (incl. one group for plenary)

14:25 – 15:10 Questions to speakers

15:10 – 15:25 Prize for best talk and closing the symposium

15:25 – 16:00 *Coffee and end of symposium*

** 10 minutes per abstract presentation*