

## **BSA Animal/Human Studies Group Annual Report (2016)**

**Name:** Animal/Human Studies Group (AHSG)

**Established:** June 2006

**Number of members:** 75 members of which 16 are postgraduate students.

**Income:** closing balance at 30/09/16 is £1,013.05

**Aims:** key aims of the AHSG include:

- create a specialist research/academic forum and useful resources for specialists, mainstream sociologists and colleagues working in cognate disciplines
- provide opportunities for networking and interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration
- identify gaps in the animal-human research agenda
- raise the profile of animal-human related research in mainstream sociology

**Review of the year:**

- Rhoda Wilkie continues to circulate a monthly newsletter to the Group
- Dr Rebekah Fox continues to oversee the Group's bibliographic database
- A proposal to establish a Sociology and Animals thematic group within the Australian Sociological Association (ASA) is currently being considered. I am currently looking into this new initiative as it could enhance networking opportunities for members of the AHSG with colleagues in Australia. Given the early stages of this proposed development, it is currently under review.

**Concluding remarks:**

The AHSG looks forward to the forthcoming year.

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