



DR. ANASTASIA STELLATO

Assistant Professor,
Animal & Food Sciences

*All companion animals deserve to feel **safe** and **connected** with their human counterparts, my work will help **reduce animal stress** and support the human-animal bond within various environments.*

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- Applied ethology
- Low-stress handling
- Epidemiological survey development and analytical modelling
- Identifying and reducing companion animal fear and stress
- Companion animal welfare

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

- B.S. University of Toronto, 2014
- M.S. University of Guelph, 2015
- Ph.D. University of Guelph, 2019

FAVORITE ARTICLE

Carroll, A. D., Cisneros, A., Porter, H., Moody, C., & Stellato, A. C. (2022). Dog owner perceptions of veterinary handling techniques. *Animals*, 12(11). doi: 10.3390/ani12111387.

This article was an undergraduate research project, with the first three authors being undergraduates who worked tirelessly to not only develop and disseminate the survey but also successfully write a manuscript worthy of publication in an open-access peer-reviewed journal. These students demonstrated initiative and passion for animal welfare research. Seeing my students' passion and dedication served as a powerful reminder of the impact that I can make as an advisor and reaffirmed my commitment to this rewarding career in academia.

WHAT MAKES THE DAVIS COLLEGE GREAT?

What makes Davis College great is their student-centered approach. By having one-on-one interactions with students helps create a more engaging, supportive, and effective learning environment.