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**Making Animals Too Smart for Their Own Good:
The Ethical Concerns Associated with Enhancing
Non-Human Animals**

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Abstract:

The future holds promise for enhancing human cognitive capacities in ways never before achieved. The ethics of cognitively enhancing human's capacity for reasoning, memory, or virtue have all received attention. However, before these technologies are deemed safe for human use, they will almost certainly be tested on non-human subjects. Will cognitively enhancing non-human research subjects make them morally on par with humans? What ethical concern does this raise? This talk discusses the possibility and probability of enhancing animal's moral status and their sensitivity suffering via cognitive enhancement, the ethical concerns that such enhancements raise, and strategies for avoiding ethical misconduct.