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Conservation and Sperm Quality in Domestic Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

In contemporary livestock management, both the preservation and assessment of sperm quality hold paramount importance. The reproductive success of domestic animals directly impacts agricultural productivity, making it imperative to safeguard and optimize sperm quality. This Special Issue discusses the pivotal role of sperm conservation and quality determination in modern animal husbandry. With the shrinking gene pool in many livestock species, preserving genetic material through cryopreservation and long-term storage is essential for sustaining breeds and adapting to changing environmental conditions. Furthermore, an assessment of sperm quality is critical for maximizing reproductive efficiency. Quality assessment techniques, such as semen analysis and advanced molecular tools, allow breeders to identify and select superior sires for artificial insemination and selective breeding programs. By focusing on highquality sperm, producers can enhance the genetic potential of their herds, leading to improved livestock performance and increased profitability. These practices ensure the preservation of genetic diversity and contribute to the success and resilience of livestock systems

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