

## Special Issue

# Precision Domestic Animal Nutrition: Microbial Interactions to Metabolic Optimization

### Message from the Guest Editor

Precision livestock farming continues to evolve, making optimized nutrition critical for efficiency and animal health. Nutritional needs are shaped by genetic, environmental factors, and complex host-microbiome interactions. Gastrointestinal microbial communities are pivotal in breaking down feed, producing short-chain fatty acids, and influencing metabolic processes, immune responses, and health. Advancing precision nutrition requires systematically exploring interaction networks between gut microbiota and nutritional metabolism. Such insights will improve animal welfare and optimize production performance. This Special Issue welcomes original research and reviews on topics including:

- Microbiome role in nutrient absorption/digestion
- Dietary influences on gut microbial structures
- Metabolic changes/health under varied nutrition
- Microbial metabolites' impact on health
- PLF applications with microbiome interactions
- Microbiome relationship with immune responses

I look forward to your contributions.

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### Guest Editor

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