Special Issue

Companion Animal Neonatal Health

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will focus on neonatal care in small animals (canine and feline species), including publications that address the stages from before birth to the first 4 weeks of life, related to pregnancy monitoring, the use of different procedures (ultrasound, hormone assessment) to define the beginning of labor, the study of the circumstances that can favor the birth of a stronger and more vigorous litter, the medical and surgical treatments used to solve dystocia. The determination of neonatal viability in the first hours after birth will be another aspect discussed, including the Apgar score, lactate and glucose determination. We will clarify the necessary care during the first weeks of life, focusing on ensuring safe, responsible breeding.

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