

Special Issue

Evolving Trends in Pain Management for Surgical Procedures in Small Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to explore recent developments and innovations in pain management for surgical procedures in small animals, including companion species such as dogs, cats, and other small mammals. Effective pain control is essential for promoting animal welfare, optimizing recovery, and improving surgical outcomes. Advances in anesthesia techniques, analgesic protocols, and pain assessment tools have greatly enhanced our ability to manage perioperative pain in these species. However, challenges remain around standardizing pain assessment, individualizing analgesic plans, and balancing efficacy with safety. This Special Issue will focus on both clinical and research-based approaches to evolving the practices of small animal perioperative pain management.

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