

Special Issue

Working Dogs: Health, Diseases, Behavior, Welfare and as Sentinels

Message from the Guest Editor

Working dogs have been an integral part of human cultures for many millennia. Despite this long-standing cross-species relationship continuing into modern times with advances in science and medicine, the health, welfare, and behavior of these dogs remain largely overlooked. But these dogs still hold great meaning in some cultures and perform a wide range of essential tasks worldwide. Moreover, they often live outdoors at the interface between nature and human society, making them valuable sentinel species for human and ecosystem health, as well as for studying physiological responses to extreme climates.

We would like to dedicate this Special Issue for these loyal colleagues and highly encourage our colleagues to submit any research related to this subject. As guest editor, I look forward to sharing the interest by viewing your work and publishing your interesting work of scientific quality! My own merits lie in years of studying the genetically, physiologically and historically unique Greenland sled dogs. I know, from this work, that there are many fascinating aspects yet to elucidate for working dogs around the World.

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