

Special Issue

Disease and Health in Free-Ranging and Captive Wildlife: Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Wildlife is declining globally at an astonishing rate, in terms of both diversity and numbers. To conserve endangered species and species diversity, many species of wild animals are maintained as captive and/or free-ranging animals. While the pros and cons of keeping wildlife this way are still controversial, much focus has been placed on animal welfare through behavioral observations. The need for improved and increased knowledge about the health and disease states of both free-ranging and captive wildlife species is greater than ever.

We welcome a range of research types, including case reports on health and disease in free-ranging and captive wildlife; studies documenting disease, including infectious agents, nutritional disorders, toxicologic conditions, and neoplasia; as well as baseline health, microbiome, and clinicopathologic reference range studies. Manuscripts on zoonoses involving wildlife and on the chemical immobilization of wild animals are also welcome. Manuscripts dealing with surveys and case reports may be published provided that they contain significant new information or have significance for a better understanding of health and disease in wild populations.

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