

Special Issue

Coccidian Parasites: Epidemiology, Control and Prevention Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

Coccidian parasites are a group of protozoan parasites belonging to the subclass Coccidia within the phylum Apicomplexa. They primarily infect the intestinal tract of their hosts, which can include a wide range of animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, and humans.

Understanding the epidemiology of coccidian parasites is critical for developing effective control and prevention strategies. This Special Issue aims to compile research and reviews on various aspects of coccidian parasites, including but not limited to the molecular epidemiology of coccidian parasites in different host species, new risk factors contributing to the spread of coccidian infections, host–parasite interactions and co-evolution, advances in diagnostic techniques for coccidian infections, gold-standard methods of controlling coccidian infections in animal husbandry, environmental management strategies to reduce the transmission of coccidian oocysts, novel therapeutic agents, and approaches to control and prevent coccidian infections.

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