# **Special Issue**

# Advances in Small Animal Gastrointestinal and Hepatic Diseases

# Message from the Guest Editors

Gastrointestinal diseases are receiving increased attention in veterinary research due to their rising prevalence. In recent years, novel tools—such as fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT)—have emerged as promising options for managing chronic enteropathies in dogs and cats. The intestinal microbiota plays a key role in disease pathogenesis, and its modulation has opened new perspectives. The gastrointestinal tract is now increasingly recognized as a central organ that interacts with the liver and other systems through mechanisms such as the gut-liver axis. These interactions influence disease progression and expression. We invite you to contribute to this Special Issue, which could advance our understanding of gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary disorders in companion animals. Original articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to): chronic enteropathies, hepatic diseases, gutliver axis, microbiome-based therapies, inflammatory markers, pancreatitis, feline inflammatory disease vs lymphoma, and novel diagnostic or treatment strategies. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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