

Special Issue

Infectious and Parasitic Diseases of Cats

Message from the Guest Editors

As the most popular pet species worldwide, cats are often in close contact with children and adults. Despite being submitted to regular controls by veterinarians, they may contract infectious and parasitic pathogens, leading to mild to severe clinical forms of disease. When pet cats are affected by zoonotic pathogens, they become an important source of infection for their owners, particularly immunocompromised persons, such as elderly people, children, pregnant women, and people with pathologies. Stray cat populations play an important role in the transmission of several pathogens. They can contaminate the environment with their secretions and excreta, which may infect other cats as well as other animal species and humans. Moreover, stray and domestic cats may harbor hematophagous arthropods, which serve as vector of blood-related pathogens. This Special Issue of *Animals* aims to collect and disseminate some of the most significant and recent research regarding infectious and parasitic diseases of cats. Authors are invited to submit relevant research studies and review articles about zoonotic diseases.

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