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Chronophysiology and Body Temperature Homeostasis in Domestic Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Chronophysiology is a key subject in the field of animal science that examines the temporal processes of living organisms. In particular, chronophysiology, through certain signals, regulates many physiological processes in domestic animals, such as body temperature, through the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamus. The homeostatic regulation of body temperature is a fundamental physiological process that ensures health assessment in domestic animals. The biological daily rhythm of body temperature in domestic animals is established from the earliest hours of life, but it can be influenced by some external factors such as more or less intense exercise, management conditions, stress, and diet. It is therefore proposed to further study the circadian rhythmicity of body temperature in domestic animals and what it can be influenced by, particularly using increasingly innovative methods such as infrared thermography.

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