

Special Issue

Functional Prebiotics and Probiotics: Impact on Animal Growth, Development and Health

Message from the Guest Editors

From an animal health perspective, ongoing global health challenges and the growing issue of antibiotic resistance highlight the urgent need to promote the study of innovative strategies that contribute to preserving the health of various animal species. In this context, prebiotics and probiotics stand out as promising tools, offering sustainable solutions and positioning themselves as alternatives to the excessive use of antibiotics. Thus, this Special Issue will focus on exploring novel topics related to the impact of functional nutraceuticals applied to companions, livestock, and wildlife animals. Its scope will encompass research on the modulation of gut microbiota, their impact on the immune system, optimization of key physiological functions, prevention of infectious diseases, and their effects on zootechnical parameters. In addition, cutting-edge advances in personalized product design will be also covered, with a focus on encapsulated additives delivery systems, along with supplementary biotechnology strategies using circular economy principles.

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