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Why Animals Die: Forensic Science in Veterinary Practice

Message from the Guest Editors

Animal cruelty, also called animal abuse, is a significant problem affecting nonhuman animals. It includes various types of behaviors that cause unnecessary pain or stress to animals, such as neglect and physical violence. Abuse experienced by animals may come from customs such as religious rites or dog or cockfighting. It is important to detect this type of behavior not only to protect animals in society, but also because it is a potential indicator of interpersonal violence. Although each country, state or local administration has different animal protection laws with specific actions prohibited against companion and wild animals, they all share the same premise of ensuring animal welfare. This Special Issue on veterinary forensics seeks to reveal and denounce different types of animal mistreatment, some of which are not yet described in the current literature.

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