

Special Issue

Ruminant Welfare Assessment —Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editor

The goal of this Special Issue is to identify the key factors in assessing the welfare of different groups of ruminants. This Special Issue is a forum for presenting the results of research covering a wide range of topics in ruminant welfare, in conjunction with its assessment indicators. Equally important are questions about tools for assessing the welfare of ruminants, including appropriate procedures/protocols, the effects of their implementation, limitations in practical use and opportunities for their further improvement resulting from the development of knowledge on welfare. A valuable contribution to the development and summary of knowledge about the welfare of ruminants is made by the previously known and new proposals for indicators of welfare assessment. The subject formulated in this way is of interest to many research teams conducting research with ruminants. However, the subject of ruminant animal welfare assessment also includes studies with ruminants that live in the wild. This Special Issue of *Animals* aims to draw works from all these teams, providing a forum for interdisciplinary discussion on how to improve the assessment of ruminant welfare.

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