

Special Issue

Assessment and Improvement of Husbandry and Management Relating to Farm Animal Welfare

Message from the Guest Editors

In recent years, there has been an increasing demand for animal-based (outcome) indicators to assess animal welfare. However, in order to improve animal welfare, changes in husbandry and management practices are often required; yet too many such changes can have consequences for animal welfare. Therefore, it is important to recognise the role of these practices in securing good animal welfare and determine a way to assess these inputs. This Special Issue will present the most recent research on the relationships among husbandry, management practices and animal welfare outcomes. This may include the assessment of recent developments and new practices as well as the implications of changes in animal welfare outcomes for management. In addition, a more comprehensive understanding of behavioural requirements and the experience of positive emotions may lead to new husbandry and management systems. Furthermore, these practices need to be evaluated for their welfare outcomes, both intended and unintended. With this in mind, we are inviting papers that investigate a wide spectrum of interactions among animal welfare outcomes and husbandry and management practices.

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