

## Special Issue

# Viral Infections in Companion Animals

### Message from the Guest Editors

Viral infections can have devastating effects on the health and welfare of companion animals and are therefore of direct importance for their owners. Major infections include feline coronavirus (related to the novel coronavirus currently the focus of media attention), virulent systemic variants of feline calicivirus, canine distemper virus infections of dogs and large felids and equine herpes virus and West-Nile virus that cause severe diseases in horses. Companion animal viruses such as rabies virus have zoonotic potential, and the significance of the recently discovered feline gammaherpesvirus and morbillivirus is unknown. Thus, improved knowledge on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention and control of companion animal viral infections is crucial. Submissions are invited from researchers working in fields relating to viral infections in companion animals. Submissions from participants presenting on this topic at the 2020 symposium of the International Society for Companion Animals (ISCAID) in Glasgow, Scotland from September 6–9, will be particularly welcome and will receive a 10% discount for Article Processing Charge.

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