



Animal Practitioners' Occupational Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

Animal practitioners represent a large number of people involved in production, services, and medical systems. The most common causes of occupational disease in animal practitioners are related to close contact with animals and exposure to environmental contaminants or pollution. The heterogeneity and the complexity of these diseases and the lack of epidemiological and ecological data mean they are often unrecognized and poorly reported. New strategies for the control and monitoring of occupational diseases in animal practitioners may be advantageous to enhance preparedness regarding occupational disease caused by animal and environmental exposure, improving prevention programs and risk assessment. Animal practitioners' occupational disease surveillance may be a sensitive indicator, providing an early warning system for public health intervention.

Focusing on both animal exposure and environmental issues role of the occupational human risk, this Special Issue of *IJERPH* aims to collect papers focused on occupational exposure to infectious and non-infectious diseases, environmental harmful substances, and their associations with acute/chronic diseases in animal practitioners.





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