Preface

Companion Animal Medicine: Evolving Infectious, Toxicological, and Parasitic Diseases

Expansion of growing human populations into wilderness has increased the opportunity of exposure to infectious agents because of contact between companion animals with urban wildlife. Most newly emerging RNA viruses jump species from wildlife exposure. Moreover, there has been an increase in sensitivity in the detection of novel canine viruses in the last few years with the application of metagenomics and newer sequencing methods on canine samples.

In this issue, I have invited experts who have made significant contributions to emerging infectious disease, parasitic, and biologic poison issues that affect the health of companion animals. I thank all of the authors for writing their articles and providing color pictures in a timely manner. I also thank John Vassallo and the Elsevier staff for help. I hope this issue will be helpful to practicing veterinarians and animal owners.

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