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Respiratory Diseases of Companion Animals

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Dear Colleagues,

Respiratory diseases in dogs and cats are considered part of general internal medicine, or cardiology. Moreover, there are few veterinarians specializing in this field, with only a few specialized departments. Therefore, research on respiratory diseases in dogs and cats is sparse. For the definitive diagnosis of respiratory diseases, endoscopic examination and imaging tests, such as CT/MRI under general anesthesia, are often necessary. However, they are not always possible in all cases owing to the risk of general anesthesia and other facility issues. This is one of the reasons why there has been so little research on respiratory diseases. Although a few reports have been made in Europe and the United States, these results cannot necessarily be applicable to dogs and cats in Japan and other Asian countries because the popular breeds are different from those in Europe and the United States. Consequently, we call for research on respiratory diseases in dogs and cats, especially in non-European countries and the United States.

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