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Kris Gommeren graduated from Ghent University in 2002, where he completed an internship and residency in internal medicine. In 2009, he became a diplomate of the European College of Internal Medicine and worked briefly in a referral practice before moving to the University of Liège, where he developed the ECC service. Since then, the emergency and intensive care service of the University of Liège has grown into a service with a team of 12 veterinarians, including 2 specialists and 4 residents in training, supplemented by 6 full-time ECC veterinary assistants, and assisted by rotating interns. The service sees more than 3,500 emergency rooms every year, and offers an average of 8 intensive care patients the best care every day whilst trying to provide students with the necessary basic knowledge about this field. In 2017, Kris became a diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care and in the meantime completed a PhD on the effects of systemic inflammation on the cardiovascular system. Kris is former president of the European Society of Emergency and Critical Care (EVECCS), founding member of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care UltraSound (VECCUS) interest group, and co-founder of the Animal Blood Bank Benelux. His main areas of interest are point-of-care ultrasound, assessment of the cardiovascular system in critically ill patients, fluid therapy, and the assessment of volume status and fluid responsiveness.