

## Special Issue

# The Relevance of Companionship and Social Behaviour for Horses

### Message from the Guest Editor

It is obvious that social companionship and related behaviour is important to horses. But what aspects of social interactions make them happy and resistant to environmental challenges? Social/pair bonds? Their place within the group? What about “only-mother” and “group” rearing of foals or perceiving the agonistic behaviour of other horses? Do horses bond with humans? Does bonding with humans satisfy equine needs? From the perspective of individual owners' frequent solitary keeping of horses, can we always say that they are unhappy without conspecifics? These questions await scientific responses from those invited to this Special Issue of *Animals*. The first five high-quality papers accepted for publication may be eligible for a **40% discount** on publication fees. If you are interested, please send the title or abstract of your paper to the journal office at [joyce.sun@mdpi.com](mailto:joyce.sun@mdpi.com) in advance.

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