

Special Issue

The Influence of Human Behaviour and Cognition on Sustainable Equine Welfare and Horse–Human Interaction

Message from the Guest Editors

Equestrianism is on the cusp of change. The manner in which humans interact with, manage and train horses is being increasingly scrutinized by individuals and organizations both from outside the sector and from within. While the fields of equine and equitation science continue to advance our understanding of the welfare of horses and how this might be affected by human (inter)action, much of that knowledge has not yet been integrated into daily equestrian practice. In order to safeguard and improve equine welfare with a view to ensuring a sustainable equestrian future, we must gain a better understanding of human (equestrian) behaviour. Why do equestrians do what they do, and how can we produce sustainable behaviour change? The aim of this Special Issue is to advance our understanding of equestrian behaviour and cognition with a view towards achieving sustainable equine welfare and harmonious horse–human interactions. We invite fellow scholars to share their original research or reviews.

Guest Editors

Prof. Dr. Inga A. Wolframm

Faculty of Agriculture, Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, Postbus 9001, 6880 GB Velp, The Netherlands

Dr. Gemma Pearson

The Horse Trust & Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (28 February 2025)



Animals

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.2
CiteScore 5.5
Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/162906

Animals
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
animals@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
animals](https://mdpi.com/journal/animals)





Animals

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 3.2
CiteScore 5.5
Indexed in PubMed



[mdpi.com/journal/
animals](https://mdpi.com/journal/animals)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Animals is an on-line open access journal that was first published in 2011. *Animals* adheres to rigorous peerreview and editorial processes and publishes only high quality manuscripts that address important issues in the many varied disciplines that involve animals, with a focus on animal science, animal welfare and animal ethics. *Animals* is covered in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) in Web of Science, with the latest Impact Factor: 2.7 (2024, ranks 15/86 (Q1) in 'Agriculture, Dairy & Animal Science'; 21/170 (Q1) in 'Veterinary Sciences'), 5-Year Impact Factor: 3.2.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Clive J. C. Phillips

1. Curtin University Sustainable Policy (CUSP) Institute, Curtin University, Kent St., Bentley, WA 6102, Australia
 2. Former Foundation Professor of Animal Welfare, University of Queensland and Foundation Director, Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
-

Author Benefits

Open Access:

free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, PubAg, AGRIS, Animal Science Database, CAB Abstracts, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q1 (Veterinary Sciences) / CiteScore - Q1 (General Veterinary)