Special Issue

Health, Safety, and Welfare in Horse Racing

Message from the Guest Editors

It is critical that the horse racing industry addresses health, safety, and welfare concerns using evidencebased approaches, and continues working to maintain its social license to operate. The purpose of this Special Issue is therefore to provide a collection of research and discourse that improves conditions within the horse racing industry. We invite original research and review articles aimed at addressing the improvement of health, safety, and welfare in the horse racing industry. This includes, but is not limited to, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, or Standardbred racing, conducted on the flat or over jumps. Papers may encompass research related to equine exercise physiology, musculoskeletal and cardiac and airway disorders, injury prevention, poor performance, equine behavior, equine welfare, ethical implications, or social license to operate. Because incidents involving the horse may also adversely affect their rider, research involving horse-rider interaction and their linkage are also welcome.

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