

Special Issue

Equine Physiotherapy and Functional Recovery: Advances in Diagnostics and Therapeutic Approaches

Message from the Guest Editors

Physiotherapy and functional recovery have become essential components of equine healthcare, enabling the transition from injury to rehabilitation and then return to performance. As equine athletes are increasingly required to perform at high physical and mental levels, the demand for evidence-based diagnostic and therapeutic approaches continues to grow. Scientific progress in these areas is providing new insights into how we can optimize recovery, improve welfare, and prevent the recurrence of musculoskeletal disorders. We welcome contributions exploring novel diagnostic tools, therapeutic methods supporting functional recovery, and interdisciplinary approaches integrating veterinary medicine, physiotherapy, and biomechanics. Studies on both sport and working horses, as well as those addressing welfare in different management contexts, are particularly encouraged. By promoting the exchange of scientific knowledge and practical experience, this Special Issue will enhance the standards of equine physiotherapy, contributing to improved health, welfare, and sustainable athletic performance in horses.

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