

Special Issue

Equine Cognition and Behavior in Human–Horse Interactions

Message from the Guest Editor

We are excited to announce a Special Issue of *Animals* on “Equine Cognition and Behavior in Horse–Human Interactions.” Horses work closely with humans in sport, leisure, equine-assisted services, and management, yet many practices rely more on tradition than evidence. Advances in cognitive and behavioral science, along with well-being assessments, offer insights into how horses perceive, learn, communicate, and experience their environment, and how human interactions, including handling and training, shape outcomes for both horses and humans.

The aim of this Special Issue is to showcase research that enhances our scientific understanding of horse–human dynamics while aligning with the journal’s scope in animal behavior, cognition, and welfare. We welcome submissions on topics such as equine learning and memory, communication, affective state, stress physiology, welfare indicators, cognitive bias, and the impacts of training and handling. Original research, systematic or narrative reviews, and method-focused papers (e.g., ethograms, observational approaches, or applied tools) are encouraged.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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