

Special Issue

Horse Welfare

Message from the Guest Editors

Horses, due to their multiple status of companion, leisure, sport and livestock animals, have to face major modifications of their environment and life conditions from their youngest age. These constraints may include, but are not restricted to, social, spatial, nutritional and physical restrictions, as well as the omnipresence of humans, which can impact the welfare state. There is evidence that horses' welfare and perception of humans are closely linked, as the first can impair the second and vice versa. We invite original research or review papers that address the improvement of all the potential components of horse welfare, including breeding and weaning conditions, management, working conditions, welfare evaluation, and the management of geriatric horses. Additional topics may include horse education, transportation and the effect of training on the improvement and evaluation of horse welfare. As the definition of welfare depends on constant states, cases of acute pain or sickness states will not be treated in this Special Issue.

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