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Research on the Factors Affecting the Performance of Sport Horses—Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editors

Horses are incredible athletes, being able to perform exercises of different duration and intensity requiring great technical skills, in a perfect combination of endurance, speed and strength. The assessment of fitness is essential in order to design and modify a training program that highlights the greatest athletic potential and limits the unnecessary repetition of exercises that lead to mechanical and functional overload. In recent years, the application of various management, training, nutritional, and physiotherapeutic techniques has reached great relevance in an attempt to enhance fitness. On many of these therapies or strategies, in-depth research is needed to confirm their effects or to evaluate various application protocols or procedures.

We welcome the submission of original clinical research or reviews on equine exercise physiology and sports medicine, regarding the following topics: 1) physical fitness assessment; 2) implementation of measures, strategies, and techniques to enhance sports performance; 3) use of innovative diagnostic techniques for performance loss; 4) studies regarding horse–rider interactions; 5) welfare in equine sports.

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