

Special Issue

Sports Medicine, Health, Welfare, Rehabilitation, and Aftercare of Racehorses

Message from the Guest Editors

Due to social licenses putting increased pressure on horse sports, and particularly racing horses, the health and wellbeing of horses under our care has never been more important. This Special Issue will focus on the science around optimizing the health, welfare, and wellbeing of racehorses within and after their racing careers. This intentionally broader scope encompasses the entirety of the racehorses' career after it enters racing, with a focus on positive interventions intended to improve health and wellbeing outcomes. Its purpose is to broaden the conversation within the racing industry beyond a focus on optimizing performance and towards optimizing performance within an industry with the primary outcome of always protecting the health and wellbeing of its equine participants. It is intended that this Special Issue will provide valuable additional scientific data to further the implementation of wellbeing-orientated outcomes. In doing so, it intends to provide a broad range of stakeholders within the racing industry with the information necessary to make evidence-based decisions relating to racehorse health and wellbeing.

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