

Special Issue

Physical Training of Working, Service and Sporting Dogs

Message from the Guest Editor

In the past, some dog breeds were developed to perform tasks to help humans, such as herding, hunting, guarding, personal protection, and others. In the modern world, many of these breeds have been demonstrated to possess the necessary physical and temperamental abilities to be trained for and employed in specific tasks to assist humans (working and service dogs) or to participate in canine sports (sporting dogs). Working, service, and sporting dogs share the need of achieving and maintaining an optimal fitness state in order to accomplish the required tasks. Emphasis on factors that support optimal fitness will ensure that the risk of injuries is reduced and that dogs can have long and healthy careers. Research in this field will improve the required knowledge to design proper training systems. Original manuscripts, in the form of research or review papers, that relate to any aspects of the physical training of working, service, and sporting dogs are welcomed for this Special Issue. Topics of interest include studies of training methods, performance analysis, exercise physiology, and biomechanics.

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