

Special Issue

The Sustainable Equine

Message from the Guest Editors

Increasingly, there is an emphasis on taking a joined-up approach to improve animal welfare, human well-being, and environmental sustainability, termed One Welfare. An inter-disciplinary approach is required to establish methods of improving equine welfare and the sustainability of equine populations while reducing the deleterious impact of equines on the environment. The role of the equine in human society is diverse, ranging from elite performance animals that partner human athletes in sporting activities, through animals employed in human therapeutic applications, to working animals required for human survival. The management, training, and health of elite equine athletes are increasingly under public scrutiny. Less visible but potentially of greater concern is the large numbers of unwanted and/or neglected equines that are surplus to human requirements. Contributions to this Special Issue are welcome from research areas that address these topics directly or provide complementary evidence that can be applied to increase the sustainability and welfare of equines in free-ranging or domestic situations, in whatever role they occupy.

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