

Special Issue

Animal Use in Competitive Sport: Ethics and Welfare

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, societal views about the human use of animals have shifted considerably, and consequently the “social license” to use animals in competitive sport has come under scrutiny. At the same time, those working as veterinary clinicians have become increasingly aware of the potential challenges to professional ethics and to animal welfare thrown up by involvement in animal sport. The Special Issue is intended to reflect current thinking about ethical issues and the current evidence base about welfare issues relating to the use of animals in sport, and to identify necessary areas for future research. Original research papers and review papers are welcomed. The scope includes all species used in competitive sport, throughout their lives. Topics can include ethical or ethico-legal analyses, original research papers relating to particular ethical or welfare issues, and papers which aim to identify ethical or welfare problems from the perspective of the practitioner. Review papers are also welcomed, provided that they give a new perspective of the research topic and use up-to-date literature.

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