

Special Issue

The Behavior, Management, and Welfare of Male Horses

Message from the Guest Editors

Previous research has demonstrated that male horses are at an increased risk of developing stereotypic and other abnormal behaviors. Geldings displaying stallion-like behavior towards other horses or expressing unwanted and potentially dangerous behavior at the human–horse interface present challenges for caregivers and equine facilities. Furthermore, the traditional practice of keeping stallions in relative isolation from conspecifics remains a welfare concern. Increased knowledge of male horse interactions, and specific, evidence-based handling and management practices that improve the safety and well-being of male horses and of their handlers or riders deserve to be highlighted and disseminated. Therefore, we have identified a need to open an international discussion that addresses these topics. For this Special Issue, we are inviting original research and review papers that advance our understanding of gelding and stallion behavior, the management and training of male horses, and the horse–rider and horse–discipline match based on sex, to ultimately improve and safeguard horse welfare, performance, and human safety.

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