

Special Issue

Understanding of Equine Physiology

Message from the Guest Editors

The adequate integration of a horse with its own means and the environment ensures welfare, satisfaction of essential needs and health. Adaptive changes maintain horse emotional, behavioral and functional homeostasis in challenging the effects of environment, or managing stress. Stress conditions affect horse emotional and functional homeostasis as well as cognitive processes. For this Special Issue, original manuscripts covering all aspects of the link between cognitive processes and the emotional and functional state, including the implication of sensory cues to increase social discrimination capacity, are invited. The focus is on the dependence of functional and neuroendocrine responses to stressors on collative factors, on the understanding of the influence of physical or mental stressors and the role of affective processes underpinning temperament and emotional reaction in horses. These may prove to be of the outmost importance in determining welfare, functional and reproductive performances, adaptive responses, discipline-specific performance and appropriate psychological state for competition and any horse utilization.

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