



The guide for good animal welfare practice for the keeping, care, training and use of donkeys and donkey hybrids - Factsheet

Assessment of the welfare of donkeys

Welfare assessment is vital to identify welfare concerns in an individual donkey or group of donkeys and their cause.

Welfare assessment goals

Monitor and assess changes in welfare status and changes in donkey welfare over time.
Identify areas of concerns for animal welfare.
Provide guidance on structural or management changes needed to improve welfare.

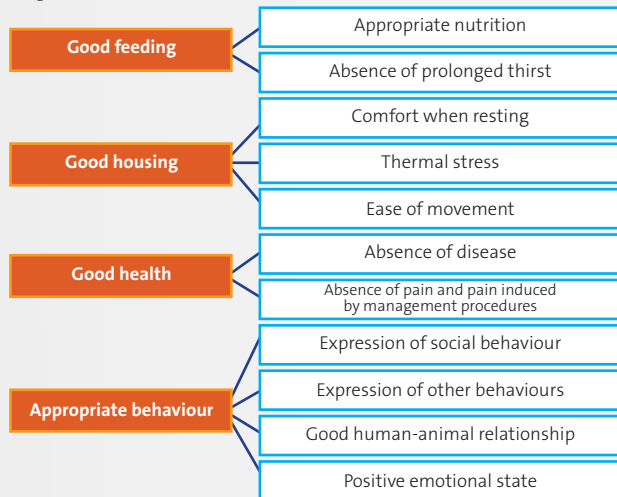
How to do it properly

- The correct application of welfare protocols requires that assessors be adequately trained.

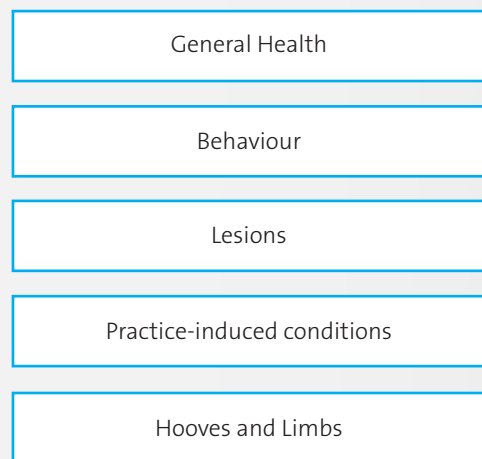


Donkey welfare assessment protocols may be used as monitoring and evaluation tools

Donkey Welfare assesment should include:



(The Animal Welfare Indicators (AWIN) Welfare assessment protocol for donkey)



(Standardised Equine-Based Welfare Assessment Tool)

- Welfare assessments do not replace daily inspection.
- When disease or injury is suspected or identified, a clinical examination should be performed by a certified veterinarian.

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