

English Abstracts

Quality requirements for animal assisted interventions

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The complex and multidimensional notion of quality is addressed from the perspective of animal assisted interventions. The article reviews the relevance of quality standards and discusses which standards are required and reasonable in this field. The special feature of the discussed quality standards is that they are designed in an Open Source manner. Though they could be easily adapted to

species specific requirements and be applied, hence, also for the therapeutic and educational intervention with horses.

Key words: Quality, quality requirements, animal assisted interventions, structural quality, process quality, quality of results, planning quality

Selection horses for equine therapy – Can behaviour test help?

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Selection of suitable horses for therapeutic riding is an every day problem especially in the practice. Large claims are made particularly concerning the behavior of horses that are used for therapeutic purposes. These claims do not always coincide with their natural behavior and instincts. That is why it is important to develop appropriate methods and objective guidelines which allow the selection of horses for therapeutic riding. Little research has been done in science on this topic. Some projects are explained in more detail here, even if the

results are not suitable in practice. A study with 1028 horses could be used by the large data base as a pretest for a selection, but it must also be more geared towards the specific requirements of the therapy horses.

Key Words: Temperament and character, behavior, temperament test, horses for therapeutic riding programmes, selection criteria



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