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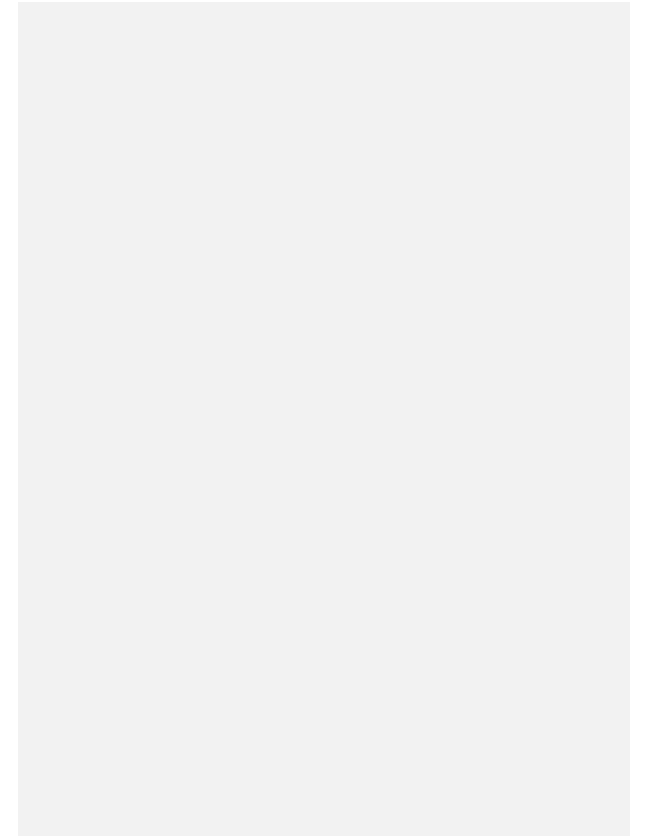
## Working Equid Standards Library of Information (WESLI)

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# What is the Working Equid Standards Library of Information (WESLI)?

- Information to support the implementation of the Welfare Standards for Working Equids
- Includes resources from all four of the ICWE organisations
- Note: they may go beyond the scope of the standards



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HORSES AND DONKEYS



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SANCTUARY**



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- Hosted on the ICWE website
- [icweworkingequids.org](http://icweworkingequids.org) – ICWE

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The International Coalition for Working Equids is comprised of leading working animal NGOs Brooke, The Donkey Sanctuary, SPANA and World Horse Welfare and was established to work with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and its members to implement the OIE Terrestrial Code Chapter 7.12 on the Welfare of Working Equids.

For more information and to contact any of these organisations, please click on the links above or contact [ICWE@worldhorsecare.org](mailto:ICWE@worldhorsecare.org)

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### ICWE'S WORKING EQUID STANDARDS LIBRARY OF INFORMATION (WESLI)

Access resources to help you implement the OIE Chapter on the Welfare of Working Equids, and other guidance.



### FIND OUT HOW WORKING EQUIDS CONTRIBUTE TO THE SDGS

[Download the PDF brochure here](#)



### Watch ICWE's side event at the UN Water Conference 2023

Water, women and working animals - towards intersectoral, locally-owned solutions

YouTube link - <https://youtu.be/Ph6AtBWxz4E>

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## Working Equid Standards Library of Information

ICWE member organisations supported the development of Chapter 7.12 of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code on Welfare Standards for Working Equids which was accepted by WOAHP member countries in 2016.

The four organisations have a number of resources, in various formats, that provide information, evidence and support for the implementation of the standards for the welfare of working equids.

This library provides supplementary information for the articles and lists those resources, with links to the relevant website for access.

It has been set up to support governments in the implementation and regulation of the guidelines in Chapter 7.12 by providing information particularly on how to measure compliance.

These resources have been developed by the four ICWE organisations and are not endorsed by WOAHP and may go beyond the scope of the standards in order to optimise welfare.

Click on the photos to access our library: WESLI.

You will find the following icons for the different needs of donkeys and mules.

### KEY



Water



Nutrition



Shelter



Diseases and Injuries



Handling and management



Behaviour



End of life



Appropriate workloads



Harnessing



Farriery



# Water

## Water

The most important nutrient for the welfare of working equids is water (1). Working equids need regular and adequate access to palatable, safe water that meets their physiological and work requirements, which may vary.

[Click here to go to the library](#)

### THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER...

The consequence of insufficient hydration in working equids is that food intake becomes depressed (2) and leads to an apathetic animal incapable of performing its usual work duties at full capacity (1).

### HOW MUCH WATER DO WORKING EQUIDS NEED TO DRINK?

- Voluntary water intake will depend on hydration status, type of feed and opportunity to drink.
- Working equids very rarely have unlimited access to water and estimating how much they need requires consideration of many variables.
- Assumptions have been made in the referenced article (1) and expected requirements for daily intake of water are:



**A working horse in a hot climate might need 40-60L/day.**



**A working donkey in a hot climate might need 20 L/day.**

 D	Research shows that 'Donkeys are far more drought-resistant than horses (2). It is not uncommon for wild donkeys to go to water only once every 2-3 days' (1).
 D	The donkey is able to rehydrate quickly as it can drink 20-30l in a very short space of time (1). Horses are able to rehydrate quickly if given free access to water. There is no need to restrict water intake after a period of water deprivation (3).
 H M D	Repeated studies have shown no ill effects in allowing horses, donkeys and mules to drink their fill and return to work (1, 4).

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Books/ manuals to download = blue

Courses = Purple


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## 7.12.6 – Feed

### Body Condition Scoring Leaflet



FOR OWNERS AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
HOW TO BODY CONDITION SCORE DONKEYS



PDF


1590797378\_Body condition scoring\_FINALbooklet

### Feeding Donkeys




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### Guidelines for Farmed Donkeys: Nutrition, Feeding and Water



GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF FARMED DONKEYS  
2. NUTRITION: FOOD AND WATER



PDF

2 Nutrition feeding and water A4 booklet 24.01.2020

### How much water do working equids need?



## Shelter: 7.12.7

### Stable measurements guide



FACTSHEET: OWNERS  
SETTING UP YOUR DONKEY'S STABLE: A GUIDE TO REQUIREMENTS

Donkeys have specific needs when it comes to stabling. Based on our extensive experience and research, this factsheet provides useful measurements to help you prepare a stable for your donkey.

What is the ideal stable or shelter size for my donkey?

- For a standard-breed small donkey allow approximately 4.7 m<sup>2</sup> (50 sq ft) of covered area per donkey for their bedded area. This is approximately 3.4 m<sup>2</sup> (36 sq ft) for a pair.
- Make sure there is sufficient headroom for both animals and humans. Your donkey should be able to rear without touching their head.
- Consider that your donkeys need indoor space that provides enough bedded space to rest, but should ideally have more room to move around indoors if unable to go outside.

PDF

stable-measurement-guide final - Copy

### Housing and Shelter Poster



HOUSING AND SHELTERS

Donkeys need access to safe, secure shelter to meet their welfare needs.

HOUSING WILL:

- KEEP DONKEYS SAFE FROM DAMAGE
- SHELTER FROM THE WEATHER
- PROTECT AGAINST PESTS

## 7.12.8 – Disease and injuries

### EZL Awareness video - overview



Video • 02:11

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## 7.12.9 – Handling and management practices

YouTube

How to work with donkey feet - handling issues

Training the nervous or unhandled donkey

YouTube

Training the nervous or unhandled donkey

Compassionate handling

thebrooke.org

Animal Handling

A series of resources to support the safe, kind and compassionate handling of working equids

## 7.12.10 - Behaviour

Donkey Behaviour

thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk

behaviour

Welfare, behaviour and handling of working equids

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Welfare

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Case study – Firing	2.5
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Brooke Working Equid Veterinary Manual

## 7.12.11 - End of life

Euthanasia

Euthanasia

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Methods of euthanasia	8.2
Case study – Euthanasia	8.3
References	8.4

PDF

WEVM-chapter-8

Brooke Working Equid Manual

## 7.12.12 - Appropriate work loads

Underage working

Poor Human Practices Underage Working

SEWNET parameter

Age

Weight

Welfare issues

Welfare implications

Physical

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## 7.12.13 - Farriery

BAD VS. GOOD

PDF

Hoof care poster

Donkey hoof disorders and their treatment

PDF

foot article in practice pdf

Donkey Hoof Care

FACTSHEET-OWNERS DONKEY FOOT CARE

Donkey's feet are all different to horses' feet...

## 7.12.13 - Harnessing

Harness guide poster

HARNESSES EQUIPMENT

GOOD EQUIPMENT

BAD EQUIPMENT

PDF

Harness guide

How to make, fit and use a pack saddle

WORKING WORLDWIDE

HOW TO MAKE, FIT AND USE A PACK SADDLE

A Donkey Sanctuary Harness Resource

PDF

pack-saddle-booklet-july-2018

YouTube



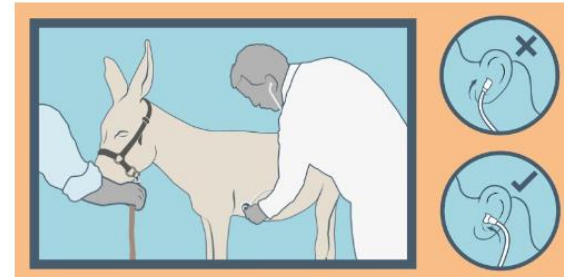
# THE POCKET GUIDE TO WORKING EQUID VETERINARY CONSULTATIONS

A user-friendly consultation guide for use in the field

The Pocket Guide to Working Equid Veterinary Consultations is a useful aid to animal health professionals treating working horses, donkeys and mules, especially those mentored through Brooke's Animal Health Mentoring Framework.

[DOWNLOAD FREE BOOK](#)

The 26-page book contains core information on recognising pain, performing a thorough clinical examination, making treatment choices and calculating and administering medication safely. It also has kit check-lists, guidance on clinical governance and communicating effectively with the owners and carers of working equids.



Hot and humid temperatures can result in high heart rates. It is worth re-checking heart rates once animals have rested in the shade. Make sure your stethoscope is in your ears correctly.

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World Horse Welfare  
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World Horse Welfare  
218K views · 7 months ago

Abandoned foal finds new family  
World Horse Welfare  
129K views · 8 months ago

Neglected rescued horses n helping humans - equine...  
World Horse Welfare  
51K views · 1 year ago

https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/all-about-donkeys/behaviour

# DONKEY BEHAVIOUR

Understanding donkey behaviour is vitally important. Find all you need to know here.

**Understanding donkey behaviour**  
Donkeys have certain behavioural traits which is important to understand before handling or training

**Pair bonding in donkeys**  
Do donkeys really form strong, long-lasting friendship groups and pair-bonds?

**Donkey stallions, mares and geldings**  
Learn the difference in behaviour in stallions, mares and geldings

## HARNESSES

### EQUIPMENT

#### GOOD EQUIPMENT

- Comfortable
- Correct size and fit for the animal
- Doesn't cause wounds
- Must be well maintained e.g. ensure tyres are inflated, the cart is light weight and well balanced
- A swingletree **MUST** be used with a chest band, and the traces to the swingletree should be in a straight line

#### BAD EQUIPMENT

- Poorly fitted
- Rusted or damaged
- Dirty and damaged
- Causes injury, reduced productivity and sometimes death (e.g from tetanus)
- Keep clean!

#### SADDLE

- Must be balanced and the correct size
- Ensure there is good airflow through the centre/ gullet over the withers
- The saddle must not pull, push or stop, it is only present to support the back band and shafts

#### NOSE BAND

- Used for steering and controlling speed
- Ensure a soft, well-padded band is protecting the nose

#### CHEST STRAP

- Provides the pulling power
- Should be placed over the front of the pectoral muscles (maximum power and comfort)
- Should NOT restrict movement (too low/ loose) or breathing (too tight)
- Proper padding, position and weight distribution will reduce wounds and improve efficiency