

Conclusion

WBFSH Workshop 2022 in Dresden about animal welfare and megatrends

Question 1:

„What are the main welfare issues in starting to work young horses, and where do you see the greatest potential for abuse?“

26 sticker points

- Lack of education
- Need of better handling
- Need for common guidelines

Question 2:

„How would an ideal young stallions selection process look like in the context of welfare?“

40 sticker points

- **Change of terminology (e.g. work with young horses)**
- **Social licence/ Guidelines**
- **Education on foal handling**
- **Educate breeders on how to handle horses (not only trainers)**
- **Understanding of the specific needs of individual horses**
- **Find a balance between testing and the natural ability of a horse**
- **Seperation of selection/training and commercial purposes**

Question 3:

„What regulations are already in place in your countries to protect the welfare of foals and young horses?“

14 sticker points

- Only a few countries have rules
 - Big variation of rules
- => need for common guidelines between studbooks



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Question 4:

„What other animal welfare issues will affect horse breeding in the near future, and what should be regulated or forbidden?“

51 sticker points

- **WBFSH is not in a position to make binding rules, but can advise.**
- **Issues are i.e.**
 - **foal jumping**
 - **Problems arising from new breeding techniques**
 - **Weather (e.g. extreme heat)**
 - **Transport**
 - **Breeding of defects**
 - **Medication**





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Question 5:

„How can the WBFSH and its members contribute to a positive public image of equestrianism and horse breeding, ensuring the long term sustainability of both?“

60 sticker points

- Education (e.g. Create educational videos)
- Cooperation with partners, governments and umbrella societies such as FEI
- Create a code of conduct
- Become a proactive federation
- Share the feeling and the love of horses

