SUMMARY
Definition, brief description of how to assess and score social behaviour in horses
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SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR FOR HORSES
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Social behaviour

Definition
Horses are social animals; therefore social behaviour is important to guarantee good welfare.

Why is important to assess possibility of social interaction?
The most common stabling of horses is individual housing. This type housing system limits the possibilities of horses to freely express normal social behavior.

How to assess

Assess the quality of the possibilities for social contact (interaction) between horses.

Determine for the horse which situation is applicable over a 24-hour period.

How to score

1. No possibilities for visual or physical contact

2. Possibility to have visual contact (with horse in opposite box)
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