

EQUINE BEHAVIOR & WELFARE SCORING RUBRIC

Scientific Merit	<p>Weak hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and/or preliminary data (if applicable), with significant flaws.</p> <p>The project does not address the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field.</p>	<p>Adequate hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable), with minor flaws.</p> <p>The project may directly or indirectly address the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field.</p>	<p>Excellent hypotheses and objectives, experimental design & methods, data analysis and preliminary data (if applicable) with no significant flaws.</p> <p>The project directly addresses the stated problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field, with a strong interventional component.</p>
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Impact	<p>Unclear and unlinked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that are not attainable and lack engagement with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal do not inform each other and do not result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is no clear pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized in preventing or improving important health or welfare issues of domesticated and/or wild horses.</p>	<p>Mostly clear and linked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that may be attainable and engage somewhat with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal somewhat inform each other and may result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is a described and moderately credible pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized in preventing or improving important health or welfare issues of domesticated and/or wild horses.</p>	<p>Clear and linked impact plan goals, objectives and activities that are attainable and engage widely and clearly with appropriate beneficiaries.</p> <p>The impact plan and proposal inform each other and result in outcomes that scientifically advance the field.</p> <p>There is a well-described and credible pathway for findings from the proposed work to be utilized in preventing or improving important health or welfare issues of domesticated and/or wild horses.</p>
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Significance	<p>There is not a clear focus on equine behavior as it relates to health and welfare.</p> <p>The behavioral factors relate to equine health and welfare issues that are not severe and impact a small proportion of the overall equine population.</p>	<p>There is some focus on equine behavior as it relates to health and welfare.</p> <p>The behavioral factors relate to equine health and welfare issues that are moderately severe and impact a moderate proportion of the overall equine population, are severe and impact a small proportion of the population or are not severe and impact a large proportion of the population.</p>	<p>The focus is on equine behavior as it relates to health and welfare.</p> <p>The behavioral factors relate to equine health and welfare issues that are severe and impact a large proportion of the equine population.</p>
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Attainability of Objectives	<p>Objectives are unlikely to be completed in the given timeline, objectives are dependent, potential pitfalls are not addressed, and/or expertise facilities and equipment are inadequate.</p> <p>The research team does not have sufficient expertise and there is no clear evidence of useful connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required.</p>	<p>Objectives may be completed in the given timeline, some objectives are dependent, some potential pitfalls are addressed, and/or expertise, facilities and equipment are adequate.</p> <p>The research team has expertise and some evidence of credibility and connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required.</p>	<p>Objectives are likely to be completed in the given timeline, objectives are independent, potential pitfalls are addressed, and facilities and equipment are excellent.</p> <p>The research team has significant expertise and well-documented credibility and connection with stakeholder groups whose involvement may be required.</p>
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Grantsmanship & Budget	<p>Writing is unclear and disorganized. Proposal does not adhere to one or more guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is not appropriate and is not properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>	<p>Writing is not completely clear or organized. Proposal does not completely adhere to guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is mostly appropriate and properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>	<p>Writing is clear and organized. Proposal adheres to guidelines.</p> <p>Budget is appropriate and properly justified, particularly with regard to salary.</p>
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