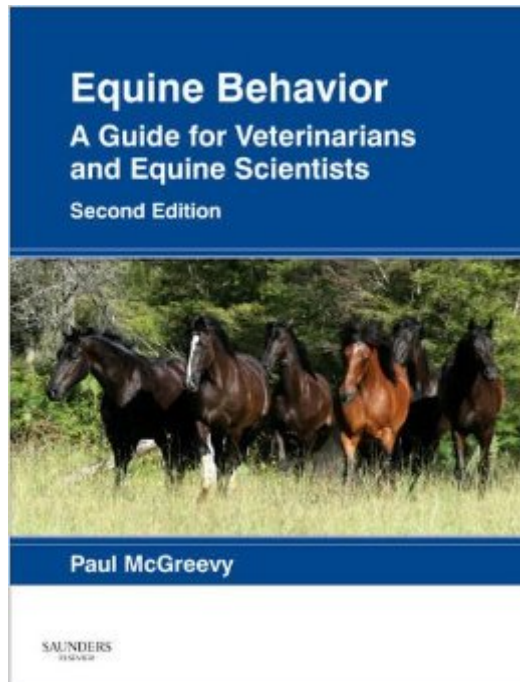


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# Equine Behavior: A Guide For Veterinarians And Equine Scientists, 2e



## Synopsis

Equine Behavior: A Guide for Veterinarians and Equine Scientists is written for all those who really want to know what makes horses tick. Behavioral problems in the stable and under saddle are of concern to equine veterinarians worldwide because they lead to welfare issues, abuse and ultimately wastage. Equine veterinarians, trainers and handlers must be aware of each horse's behavior as a first step in detection of problems, whether they are clinical maladies or training issues. As they constantly study their horses' responses to their environments they are, in effect, students of horse behavior. Drawing on over 1,000 references, Equine Behavior explores the subject from first principles by considering the behavior of free-ranging horses and considering ways in which management and training influences the responses of domestic horses. All too often veterinarians feel that management of the mental health of equine patients is beyond their expertise. This book addresses many important gaps to enable practitioners to understand how horses can learn to perform unwelcome behaviors and how to change those behaviors where appropriate. The new edition builds on the success of its pioneering predecessor and presents a thorough revision of all chapters to reflect the latest developments in this dynamic field. The chapter on equitation science has been expanded and there have been major revisions to the sections on stereotypic behavior, cognition studies, nutrition and housing. The book remains a must-have purchase for all veterinarians who deal with horses, for equine scientists, trainers and everybody with an interest in the subject.

Features a practical, hands-on approach to all aspects of equine behavior  
Discusses all factors that effect equine behavior  
Contrasts normal behavior with abnormal behavior  
Reviews all behavioral problems  
Lists and reviews the latest drug therapies  
Addresses difficult-to-treat clinical problems such as head-shaking, with insights from the leading researcher in this area  
Provides a brief clinical evaluation of 'horse-whispering'  
Illustrates the key behavioral differences between horses and donkeys

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## Customer Reviews

Don't let the academic title fool you - this is a very accessible, reader-friendly book. It is an enormous collection of information on horse behavior with extremely useful illustrations. It takes the reader through all aspects of equine behavior, from the aspects familiar to many owners and trainers, to the more subtle aspects that will undoubtedly assist everyone who is seriously interested in working around or communing with horses. I can't recommend this highly enough. Worth every penny of the textbook-over-the-top price (!) it is entertaining reading, and will prove a great and lasting addition to any serious horse person's library.

I bought another book on horse behavior and it has nothing to compare with this one. It is excellent, lots of content with different perspective. The author offers the horse's point of view of human management of their needs. Chapters are interesting, complete, the layout is firendly users, pics helps to understand. A must, as soon as you are seriously interested to understand equine behavior.

If you are at all intersted in horse behavior this is an excellent book to have. It is easy to read, but yet doesn't dumb down the information. Well worth the price.

This book is clearly written for scientists, even though still in a digestable language that makes it quite palatable for the non-scientist. However, as a non-scientist, I do have to look up some terms and reread some passage, which I don't mind. The important thing: Even an experienced trainer can gain incredible insights into equine behavior, learning mechanisms and training approaches. As a scientist, the author does not stick to any particular 'dogma' and thus presents the topic from a refreshingly objective perspective. It's a pleasure reading this book and I plan to reread it again. Even half through the book, I felt that--by reading this book--I had done a favor to all horses I come in contact with and that the knowledge gained enables me to understand them better as a species with their own (sometimes mysterious, now less mysterious) behavior make-up.

I can not praise highly enough the contents and form of this textbook. "THE BOOK" on horse behaviour and educated (=humane) treatment of horses I was looking for. This is a well written book stating facts, information and data expertly and critically presented and explained. Evidence-based digested scientific information on horse behaviour, physiology and learning theory essential if you aim to be well informed. In particular, the cases presented, including the solutions with practical advice in an educated approach are invaluable, even if you do not have a similar problem, as I found the descriptions inspiring. This was an interesting read for me, I enjoyed learning from this book and definitely intend to refer to it for the benefit of improving my approach to my pet. I have also recommended the book to people who work or own horses.

This book is an excellent resource for not only veterinarians like myself, but any true professional in the equine industry. It contains fascinating scientific evidence (as much as is available at this time), as to the hows and whys of many equine behaviors. What I found particularly interesting was the case studies done which reveal the true significance to the long term behavior of the animal when handled extensively as a foal, versus not. Excellent insight for anyone making judgement calls and establishing training protocols for nearly any horse.

I've been looking into taking classes to more effectively "get into horses minds" and found this book. It is very "textbook-ish" but is a great resource for all you knowledge seekers looking to learn more about horses and their tendencies. I've trained horses for years and will never stop learning from them, but this book has given me more insight as to why they are the way they are. Great service, shipped fast, excellent condition!

Decades of experience including competing at FEI level did not provide me with some of the insights provided by this book. So many "AHA!" moments. Simple changes in technique produce such profound benefits for both horse AND rider. Knowing WHY.. priceless. This book cuts through all the nonsense and mystique surrounding horse training and opens a window, takes a breath of fresh air and says "look, this is how horses learn, this is what we know, this is how they are" This book ( and those by Andrew Mclean) is a big step in the right direction to get horse people to change THEIR behavior, because that is the problem!

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