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Applan-D-13-277 Research Highlights

- To date, very little research has been undertaken to identify the key factors associated with recreational horse welfare and the underlying causes of these welfare concerns
- Limited literature identifies possible relationships between recreational horse owner attributes and recreational horse welfare outcomes
- Recreational horse owner attitudes are associated with the frequency and nature of human-horse interactions, and the performance of horse husbandry and management practices
- Further research is required to investigate potential sequential relationships between recreational horse owner attitudes, recreational horse owner behaviour and recreational horse welfare outcomes.
- Obtaining a greater understanding of the relationships between horse owner attitudes, horse owner behaviour and horse welfare outcomes will enable appropriate education and training programs to be developed in order to modify or change the behaviour of recreational horse owners and subsequently improve the welfare outcomes in recreational horses

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