

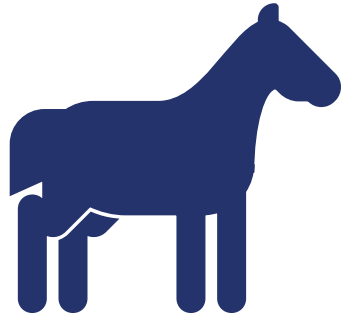
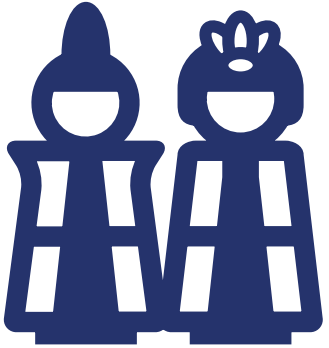
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Equids welfare in Italian traditional equestrian events during 2022/2023





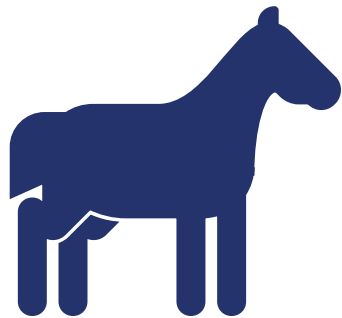
Italian equid popular events



- Range from religious and historical celebrations to sports competitions and folklore events
- Have always been a source of great popular participation and tourist attraction



Equids involved in sporting events



- During 2022 436.477 equids, which 263.382 (60%) were bred for sport purposes
- During 2023 469.387 equids, which 291.154 (62%) were bred for sport purposes



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Welfare issues



Increasing
attention on
the impact of
such events
on welfare

21/07/2011 Ministerial
Order for “*public or
private events at which
equids are used, outside
officially authorized
facilities and trails*”

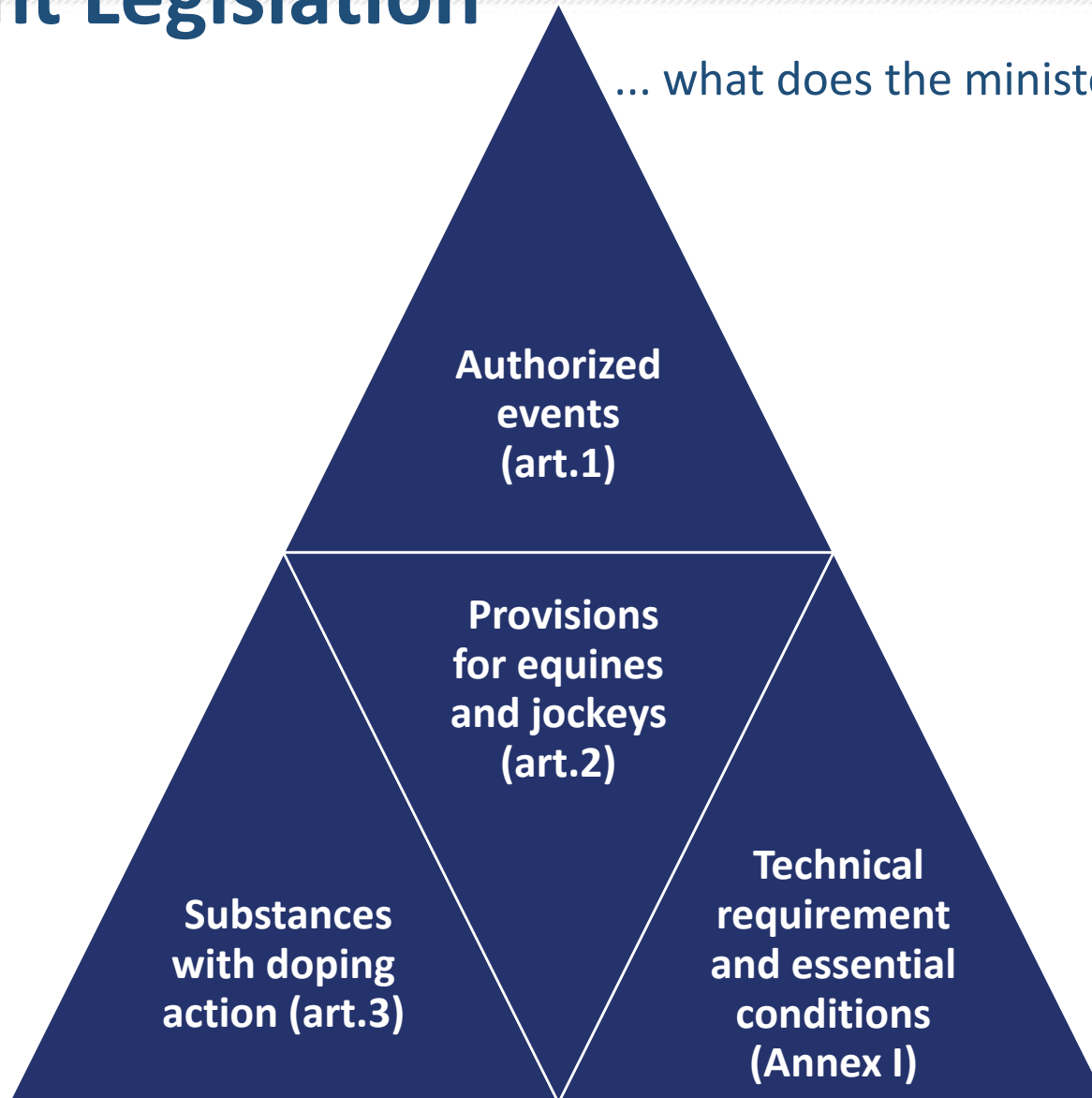
Frequent
accidents resulted
in injuries and
deaths of both
animals and
people

Specific
guidelines for the
protection of
equids



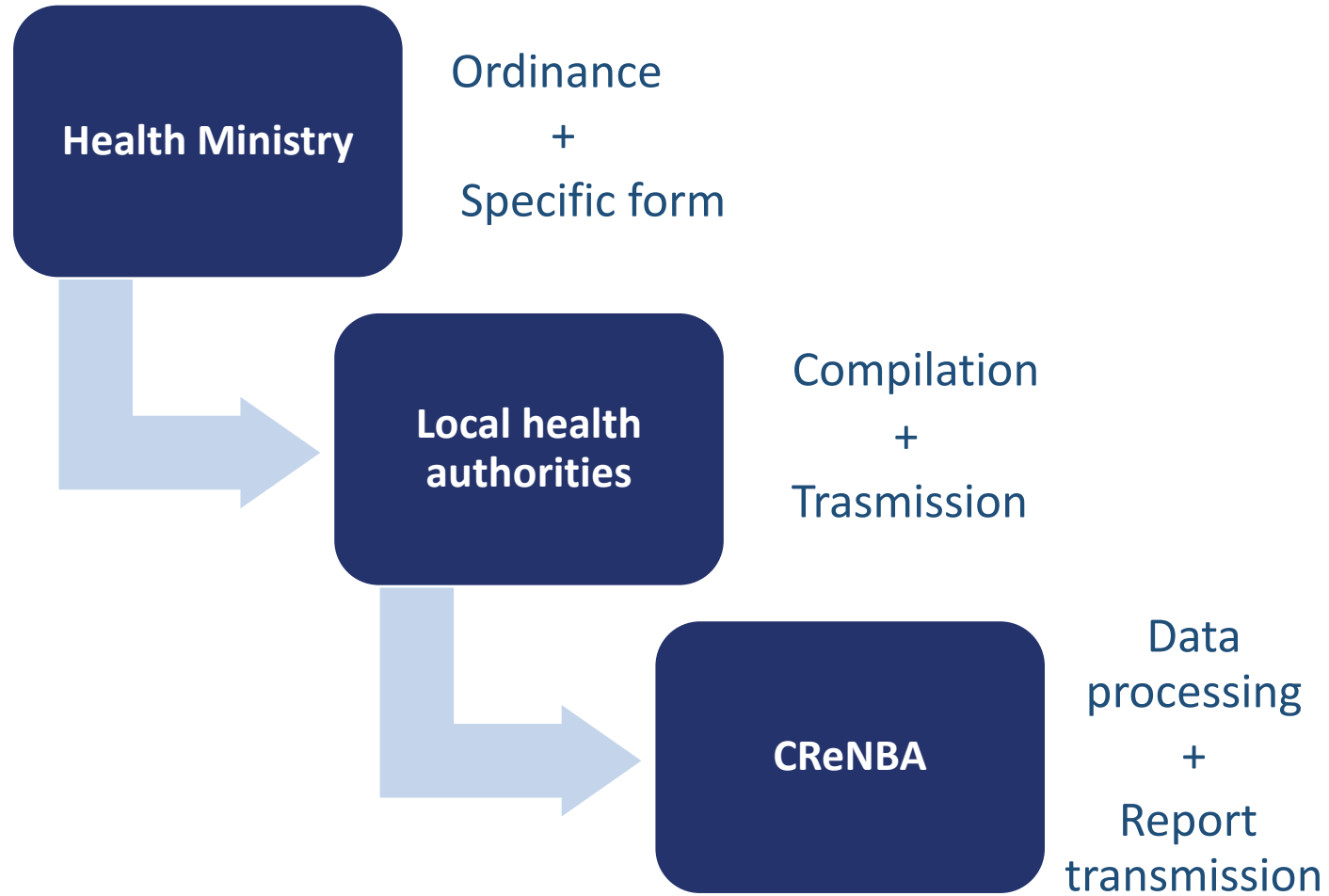
Current Legislation

... what does the ministerial Ordinance 21/07/2011 regulate?





Data analysis





Form contents





Objective



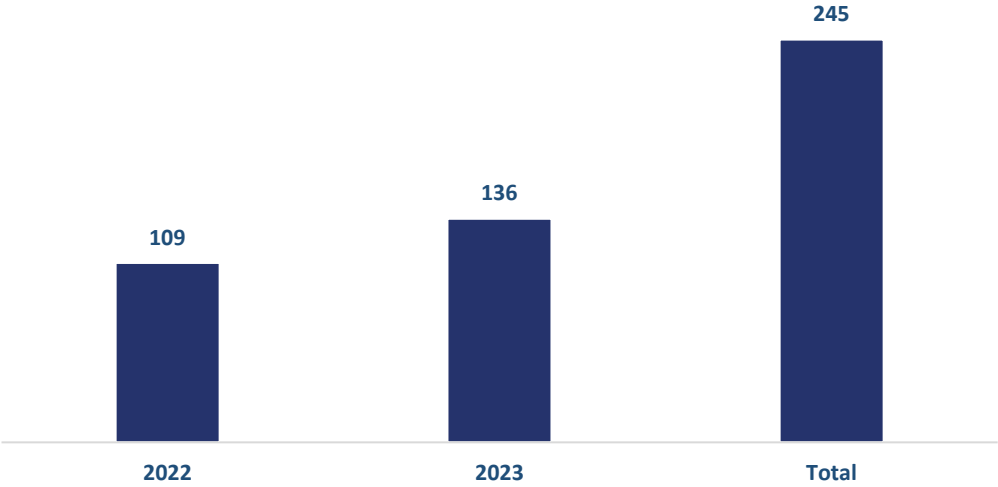
Processing and analysis of data related to popular events involving equids in Italy in order to monitor animal welfare during such events



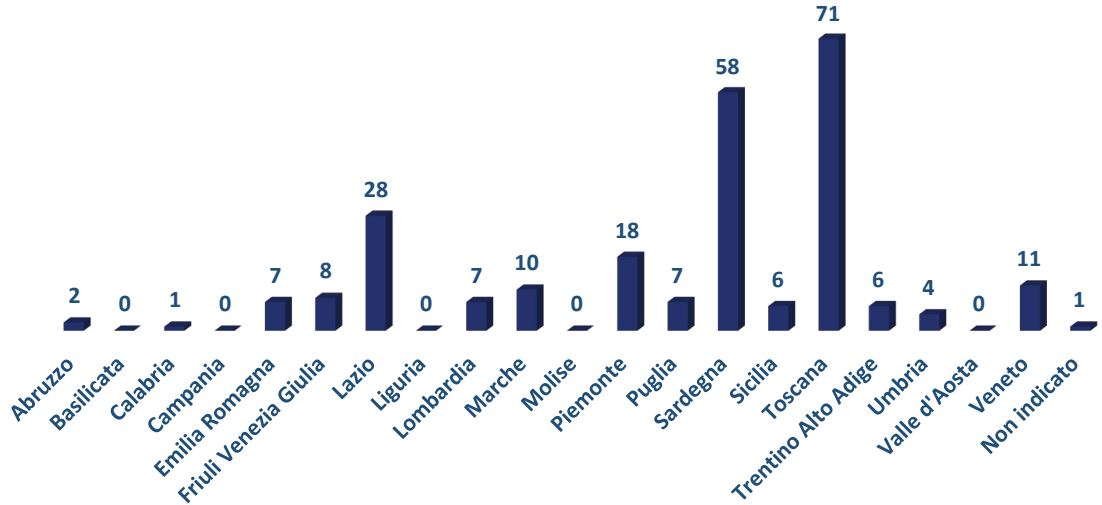
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Events number



Geographical distribution

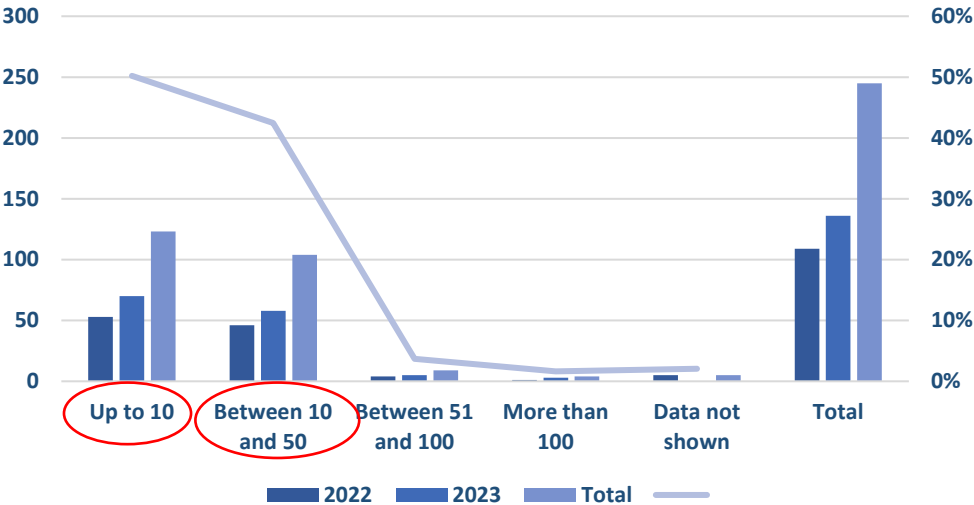




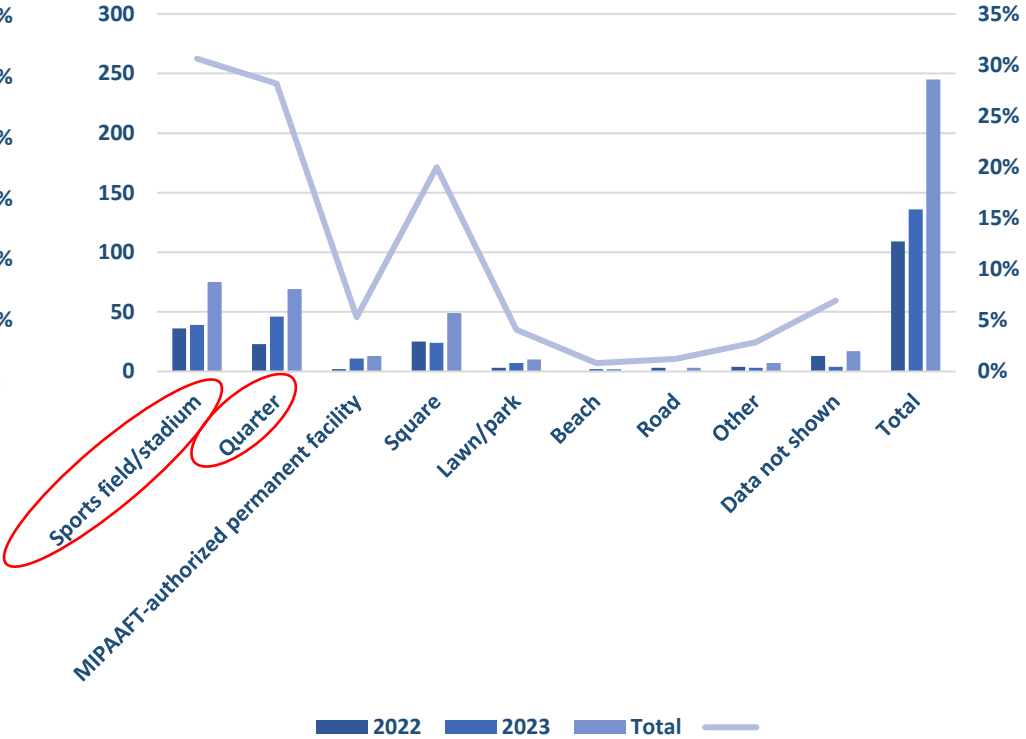
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Participants number



Event location

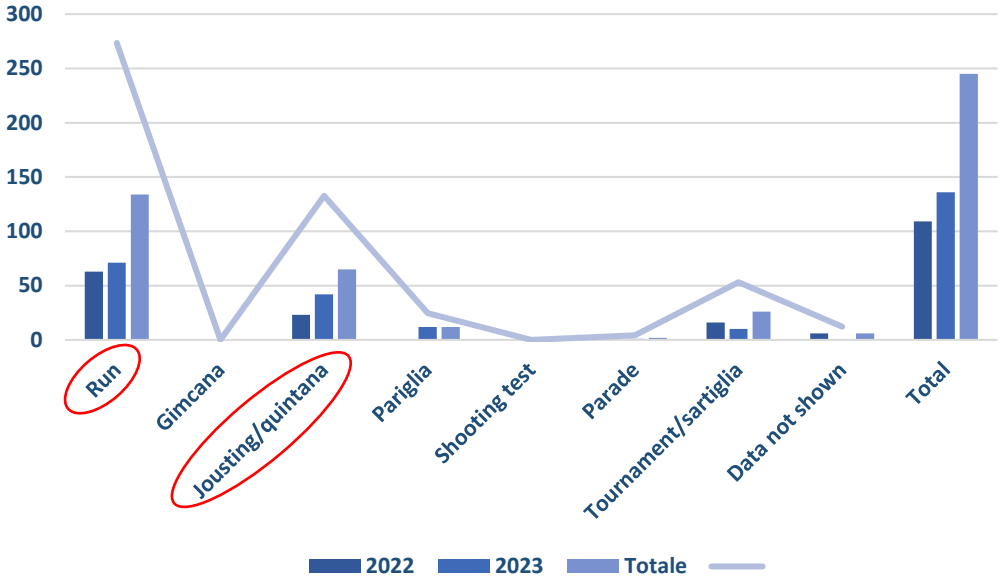




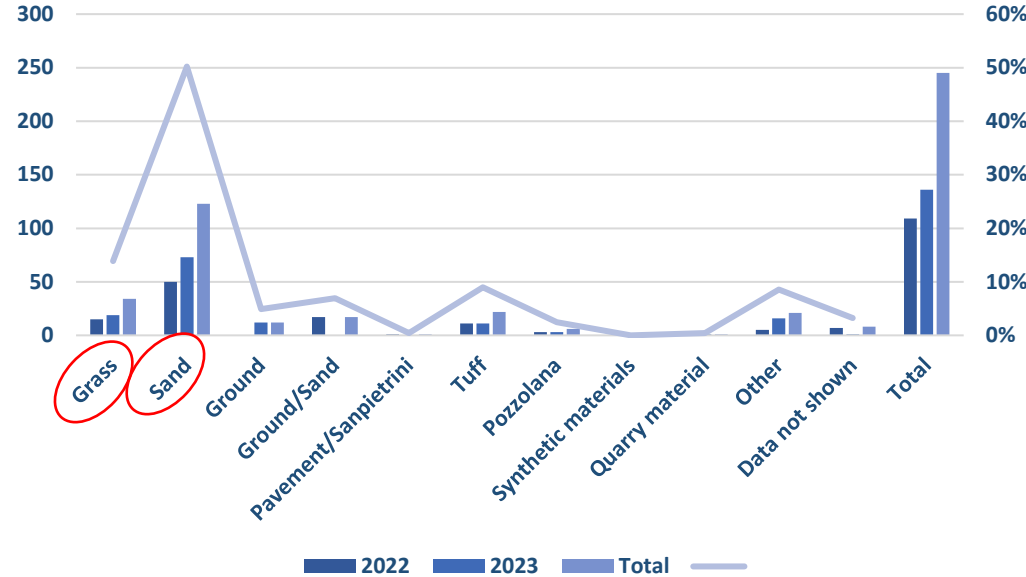
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Manifestation type



Bottom track

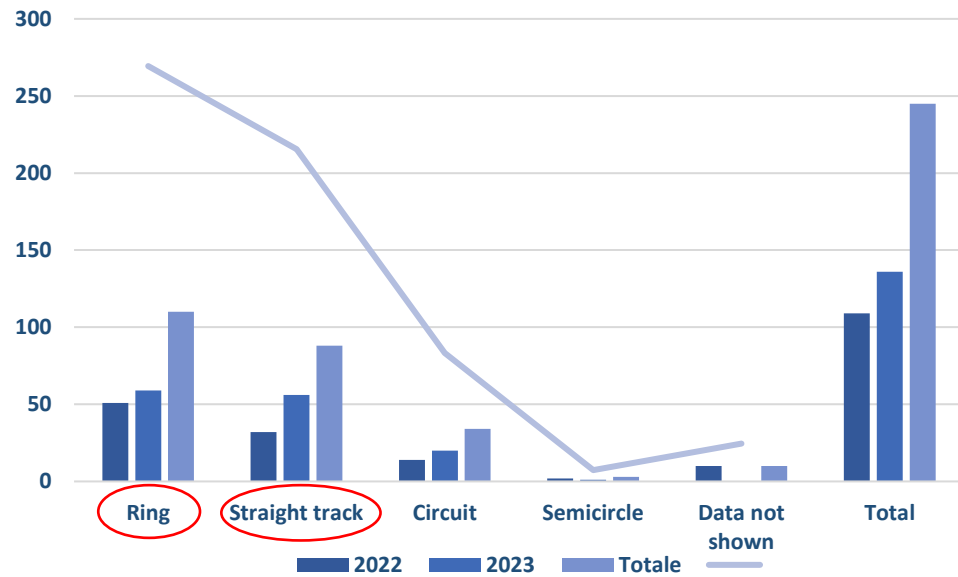




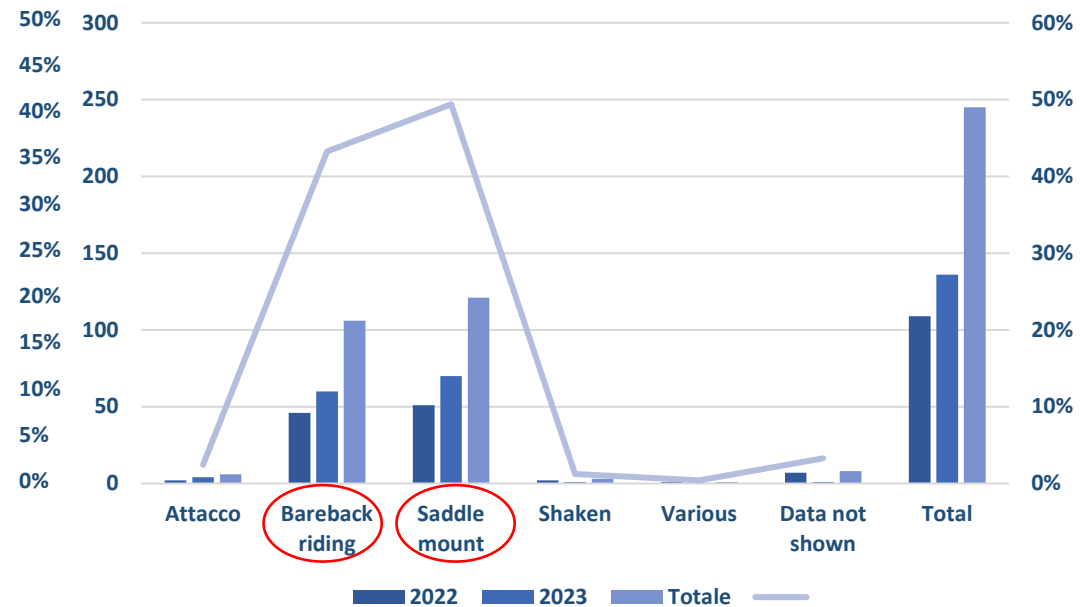
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Track type



Departure type

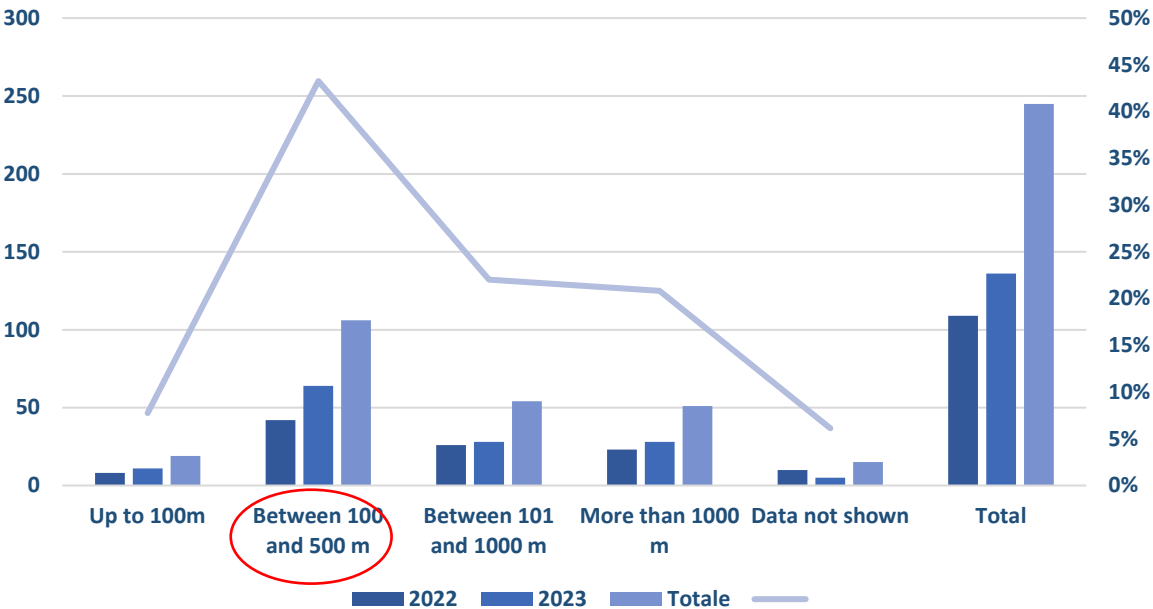




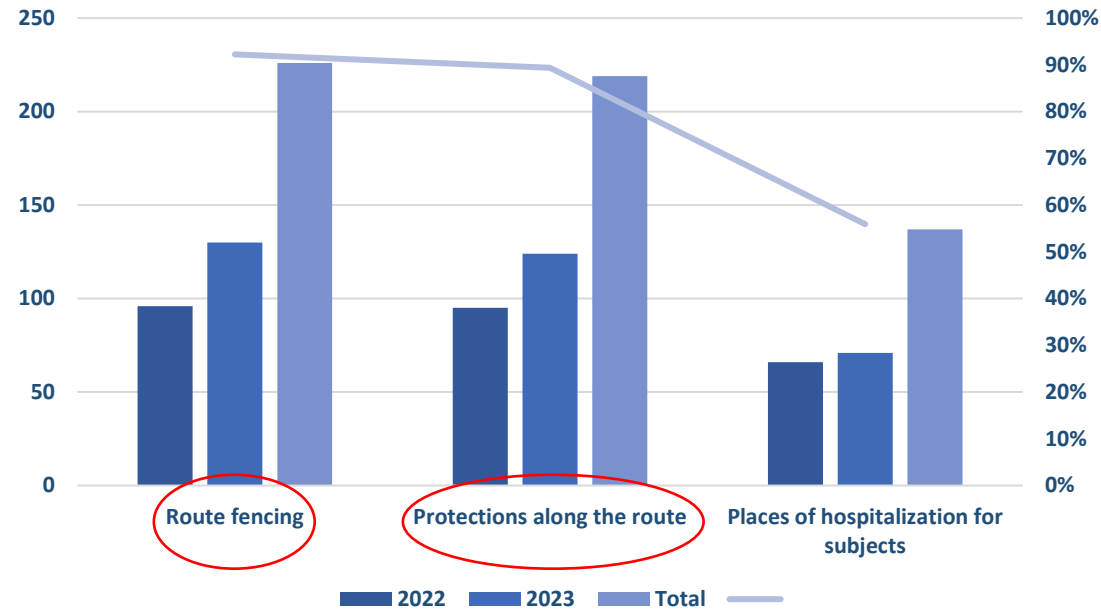
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Track lenght



Presence of security measures

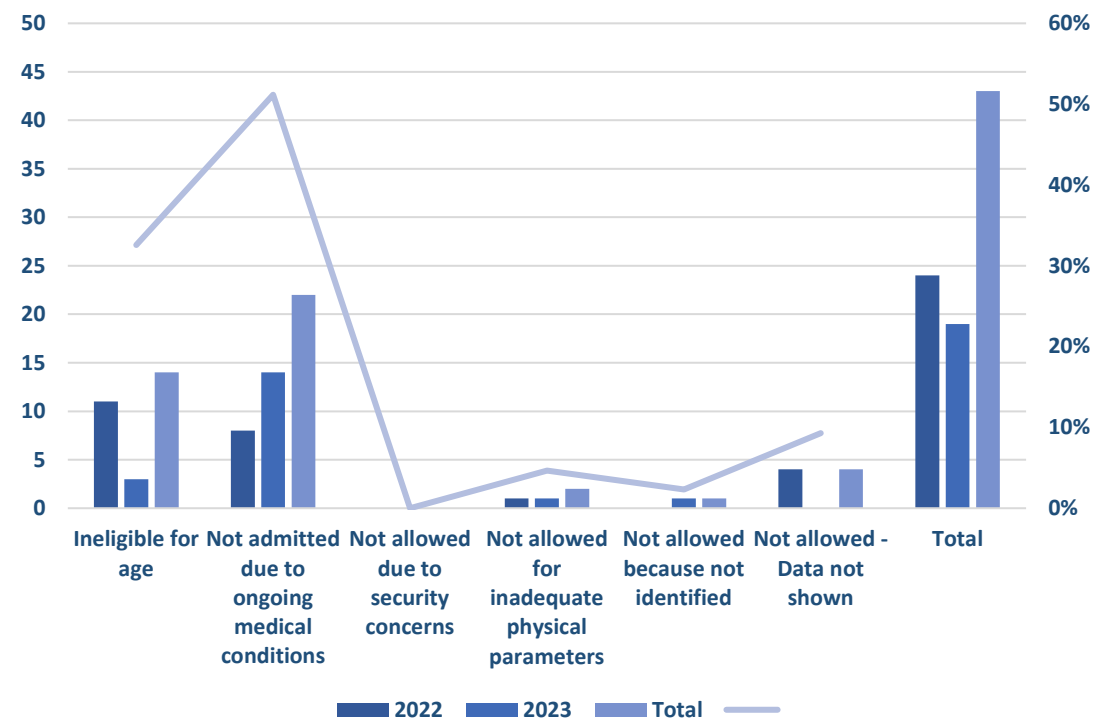




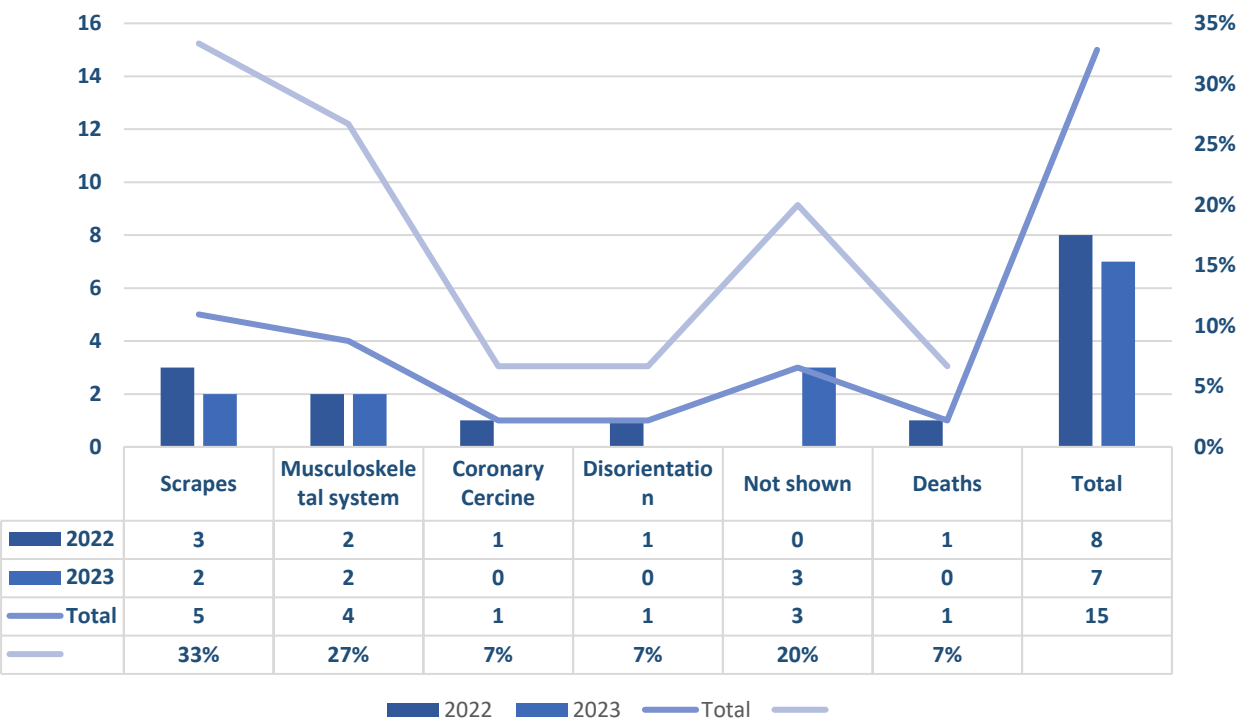
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Equids excluded



Injuries/deaths





Conclusions



- The number of equestrian events and equines involved increased in 2023 compared to 2022 (136 vs 109 events; 2651 vs 1754 equids). These, were more frequent in spring and summer periods
- In both years, around 85% of equids involved were horses; 44% were female and about 42% were 4-8 years old
- More than half of the events consisted in races which took place on quarter or sport fields/stadium, with the surface covered by sand



Conclusions



- No differences between years in veterinary and staff number, presence of fences, guards and animal shelters, which were present at almost all events
- Injured animals were 0.46% (with 1 dead horse) in 2022 and 0.26% in 2023 (no deaths)
- The survey seems to be a good tool for risk assessment and mitigation of hazards that may adversely affect animal welfare and safety

Thank you for your attention!



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