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Chapter 10. Donkeys and hybrids

Donkeys and hybrid species, which include mules and hinnies, are frequently kept as companion animals in the UK (Sullivan and Vogel, 2023) and occasionally as working animals, typically in the form of beach donkeys. Much of the text presented throughout the CANTER Guidelines is equally applicable to donkeys, particularly the general advice in Chapter 8. Behaviour change and Chapter 7. Environmental considerations, but there are also specifics which require individual attention.

Note for purposes of Chapter 10, use of 'donkey' hereafter also refers to hybrid species. Hybrids are only mentioned separately if there is hybrid specific advice. As there is minimal donkey specific information, compared to the wealth available regarding horses, there is no separate section for foals and youngstock. Instead, any relevant comments are made alongside the text for adults.