



Dr. Marc Pierard

Dr. Marc Pierard obtained a Master's degree in behavioural ecology at the Antwerp University in 1989 and a PhD in applied ethology at KU Leuven in 2018. After his Master's degree he worked for the Belgian government for about 20 years, before returning to scientific research. Over the years he has worked with a wide variety of animals in very different settings, but since 2006 he focused mainly on domestic horses. He has conducted applied research on selection tests for police horses, on social behaviour of group housed horses and on the development of a reference ethogram for horses. He has been a guest lecturer on behaviour, training and management of horses in multiple programmes. Recently he was appointed as senior lecturer animal behaviour and welfare at Hartpury University. He is a former council member of the International Society for Equitation Science (ISES) and was asked on several occasions to advise Belgian official entities as a scientific expert on horse welfare.