

Table 4: Assessment of the health status of the Swiss donkey population by veterinarians (n = 120), and official veterinary offices (n = 15) in Switzerland.

¹Multiple answers were possible.

Assessment of the health status	Number of participants (percentage)	
	Veterinarians	Official veterinary offices
Good	41/141 (29.1%)	2/19 (10.5%)
Moderate/variable	93/141 (66%)	8/19 (41.1%)
Bad	2/141 (1.4%)	1/19 (5.3%)
Difficult to assess	5/141 (3.6%)	8/19 (42.1%)
Reasons for the assessment of the health status as bad or moderate/variable¹		
Lack of knowledge (on the part of the owner)	82/95 (86.3%)	9/9 (100%)
Unsuitable housing conditions	75/95 (79%)	7/9 (77.8%)
Inadequate preventive healthcare	60/95 (63.2%)	5/9 (55.6%)
Financial aspects	40/95 (42.1%)	3/9 (33.3%)
Lack of knowledge (on the part of the veterinarian)	30/95 (31.6%)	2/9 (22.2%)
Other	0	1/19 (11.1%)