

Running with Horses: Reflections on the Psychology of Speciesism

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While running *with* my horses, rather than riding *on* them, I experienced moments of absorption in a sense of "we." Prompted by that observation, I will reflect on my and others' research on human intergroup attitudes and speciesism, and offer ideas about the sources of and solutions to the attitudinal component of speciesism. In particular, I will propose that because the way that we perceive and respond to the other is embedded in power relations, strategies to reduce human prejudice can be most effectively applied to interspecies relations if they address this element of context.

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