Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to present the life of the Roman military horse as a living creature with many needs and demands for care, which the Roman army had to provide throughout its existence. Both Roman and Greek primary sources were used for research. The result of the research outlines not only the daily life of Roman military horses, such as their stabling and feeding, but also the way they entered the army and their status within the military environment. However, due to the nature of the sources, in many cases, these are estimates based on incomplete or poorly interpretable information, combined with modern knowledge.

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