

Horses and Territory: Equidae Holders' Relationship with Space

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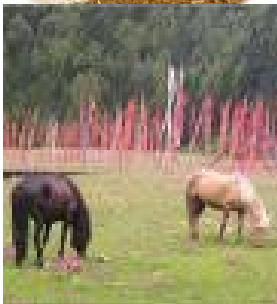
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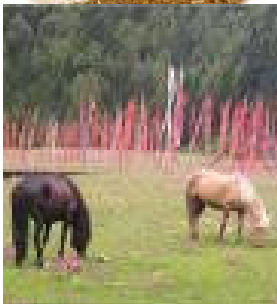
OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

1) Context and problem

2) Methodology

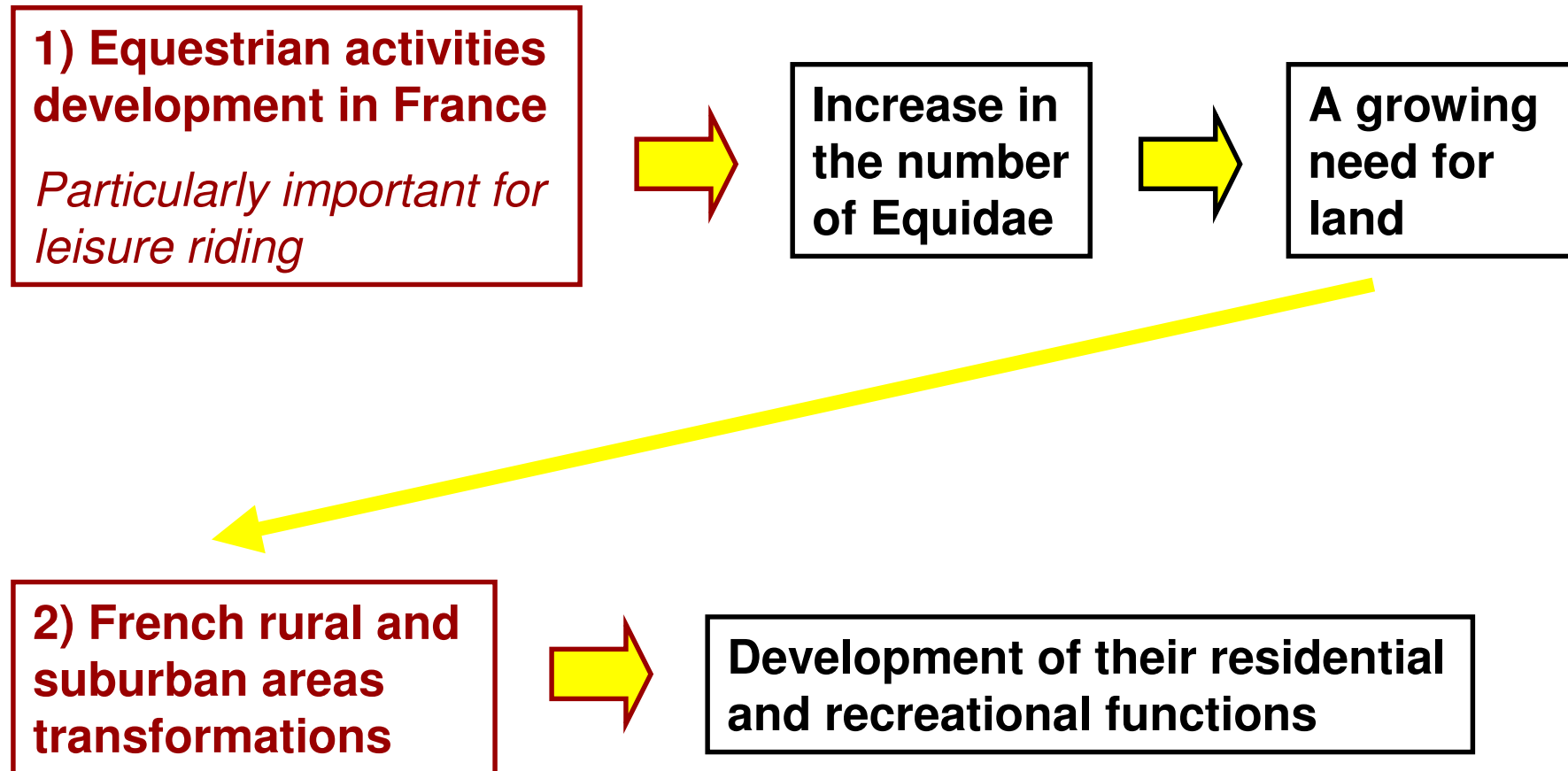
3) Results

4) Discussion



1) Context and problem

A double observation : equestrian activities are developing in areas which are transforming



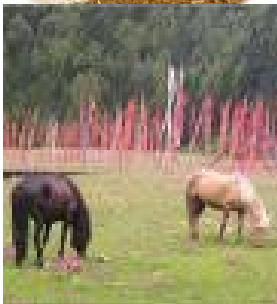
We suppose that Equestrian activities are a good indicator of the new territorial dynamics



What is the role of equestrian activities in rural and suburban development?

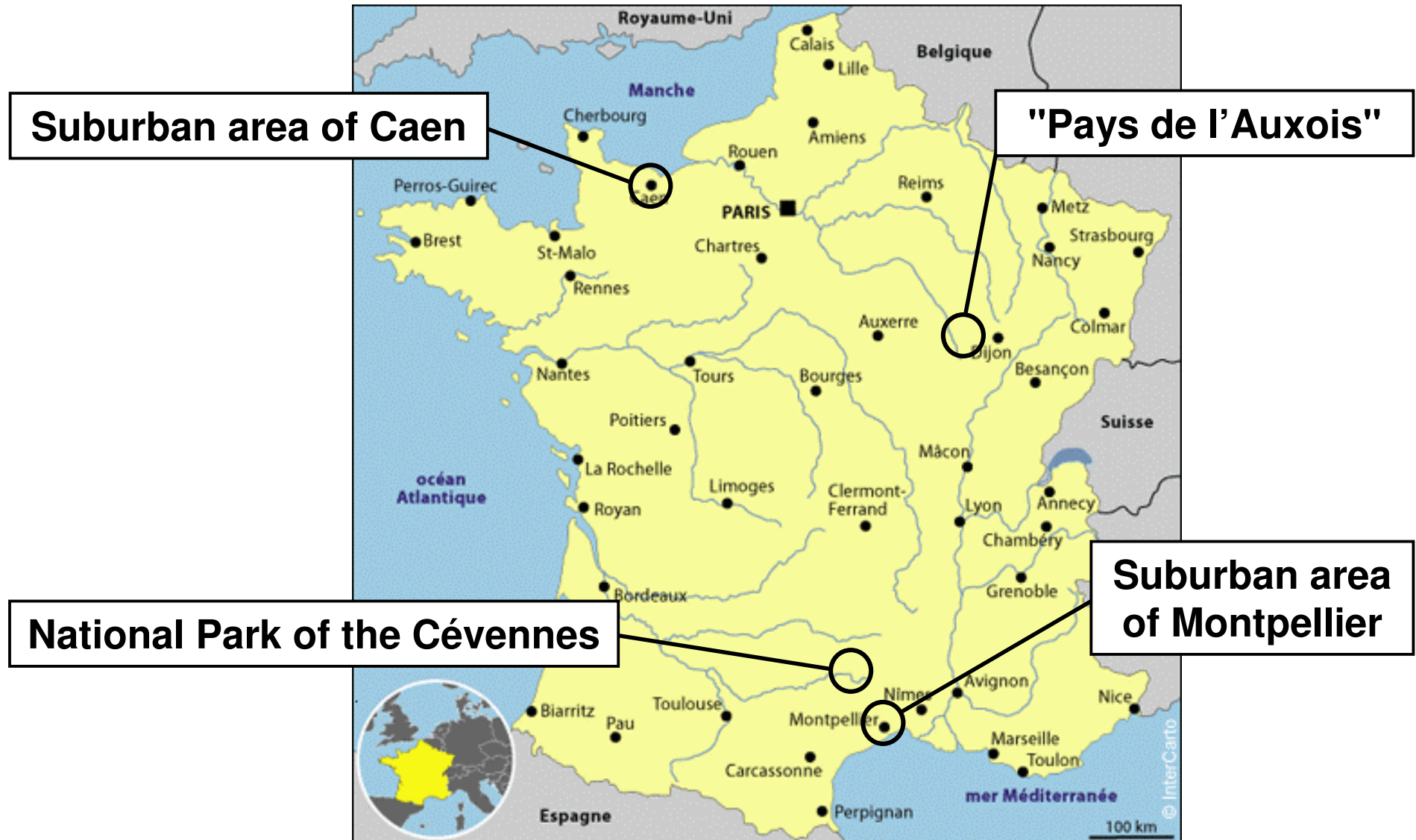


What are Equidae holders' relationships with land and territory?



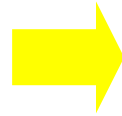
2) Methodology

4 study areas illustrate the diversity of French spaces



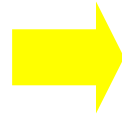
3 methodological steps for 3 objectives

Logistic regression
Existing databases



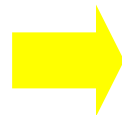
**Explain the presence of
amateurs' Equidae**

**Local exhaustive
inventories**
*Study zones of 6 to
12 communities*

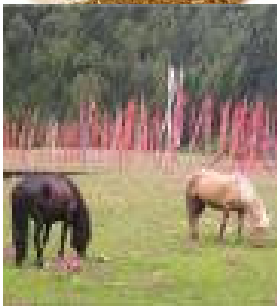


**Calculate and
characterize land
occupation by Equidae**

**Investigation of 27
Equidae holders**

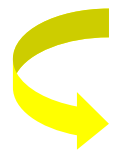
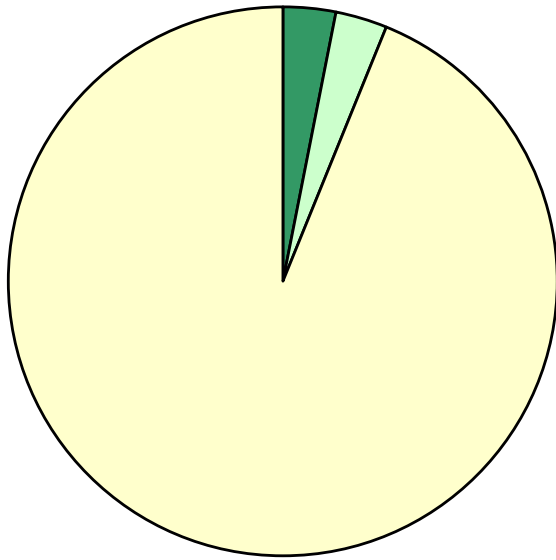


**Understand their land
use strategies**



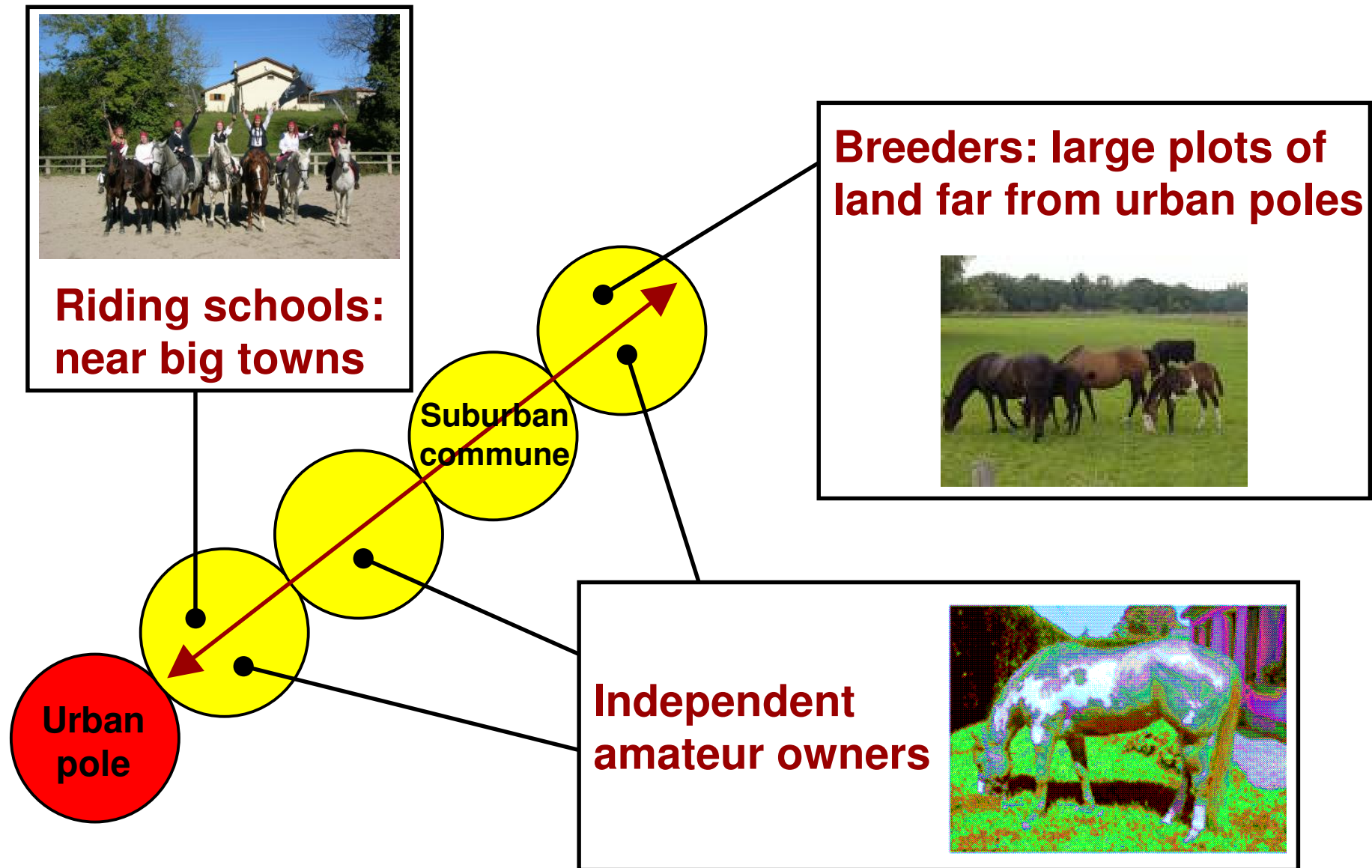
3) Results

Equidae occupy between 3 and 6% of the total surface of the studied communities



Between 0,5 and 4 ha valorized per Equidae

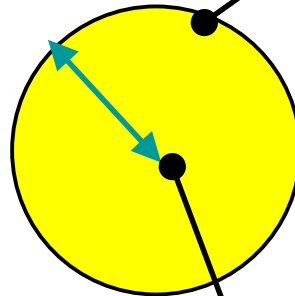
Equidae location varies according to the type of activity and according to two gradients



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**Riding schools:
accessible**



**Breeder: far from
city centers**



**Independent amateur owners:
little plots of land near
houses**

Equidae both compete with and complement residential development



Complementary in terms of development



Rivals in terms of land use

Equidae have several links with agriculture



Occupation and maintenance of lands abandoned or uncultivated by farmers in suburban areas

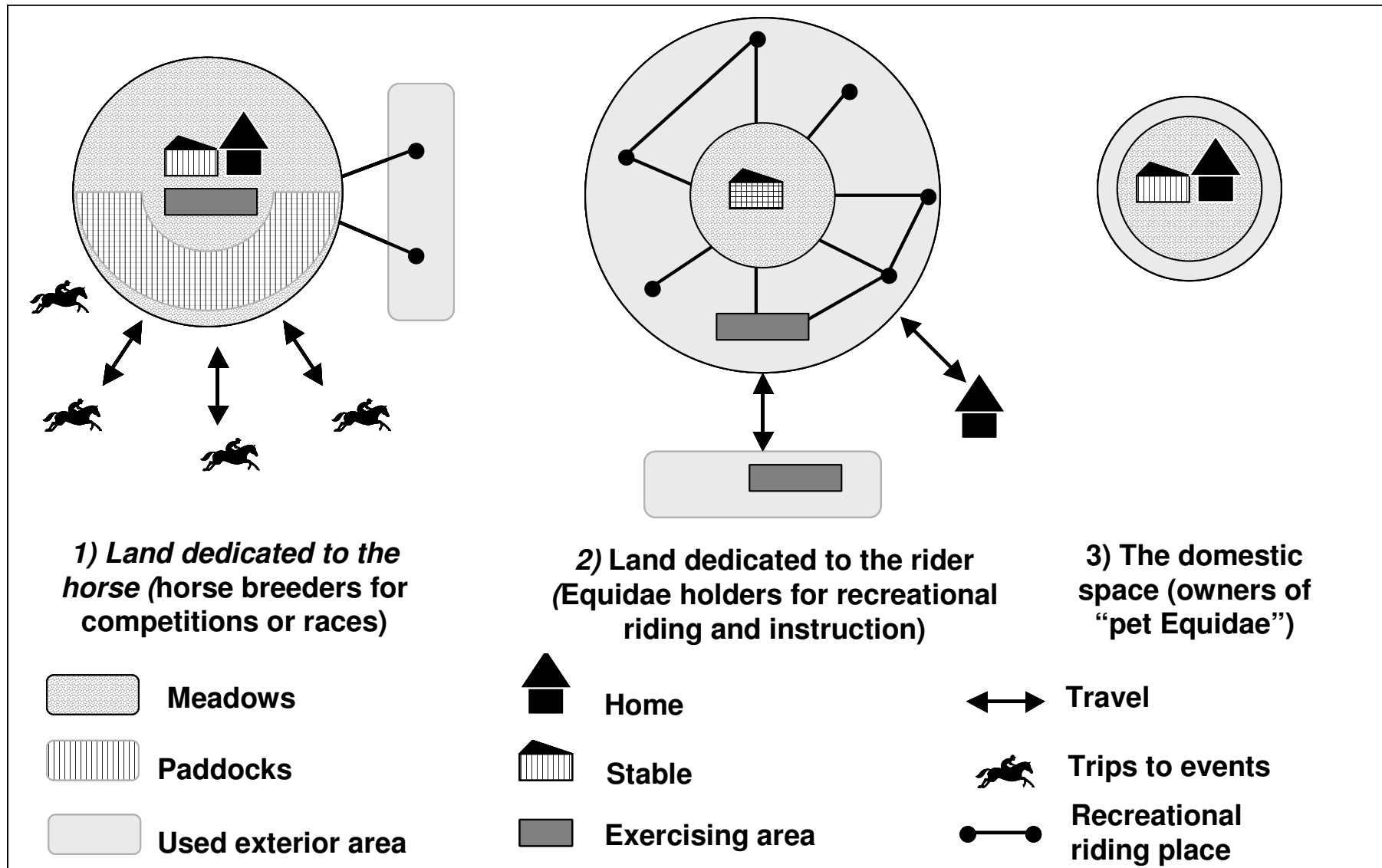


Economic role in the agricultural activity (supply of feeds and cereals)

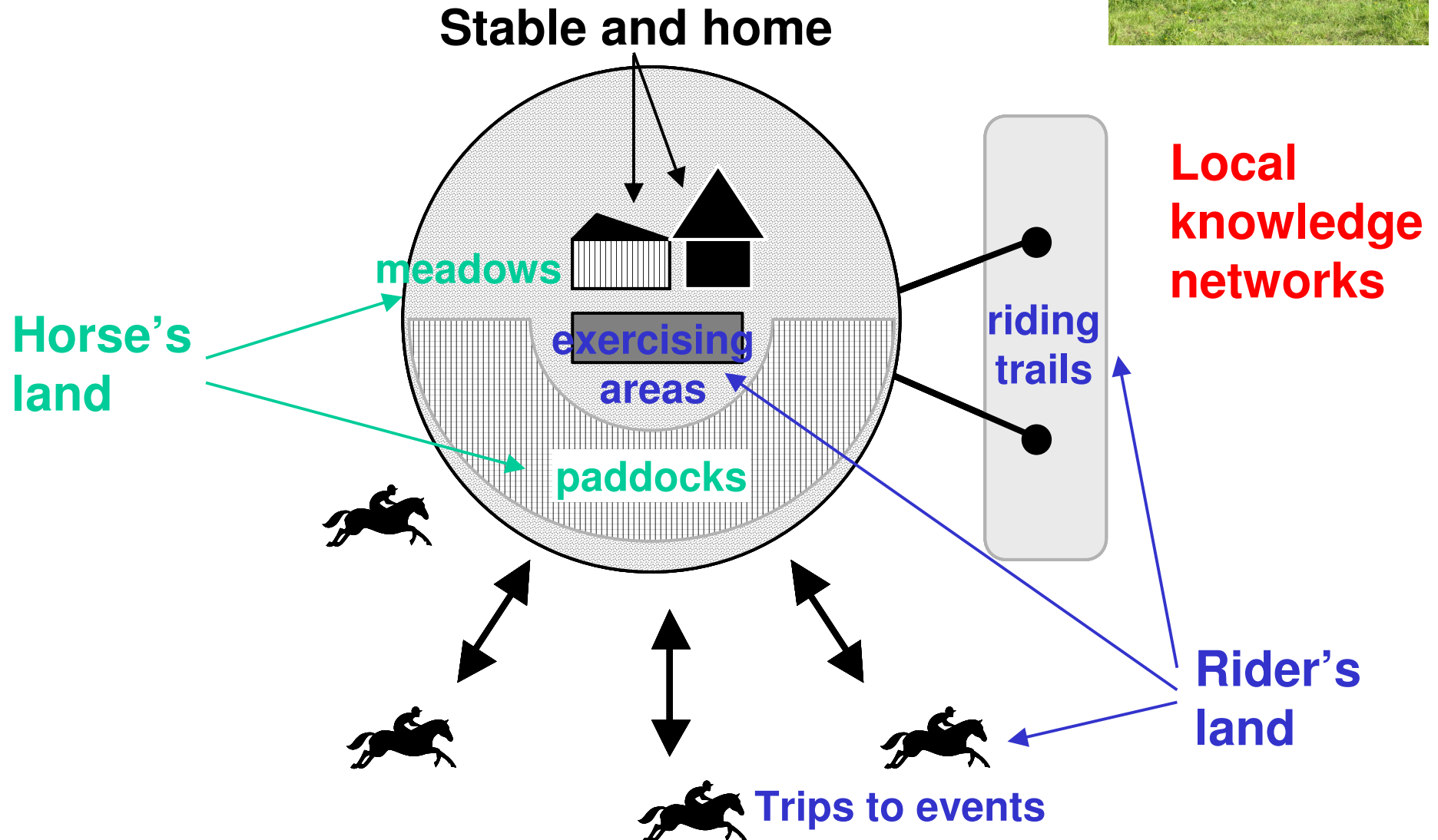


Farmers can stable Equidae for rent

Equidae owners relate to land in 3 different ways



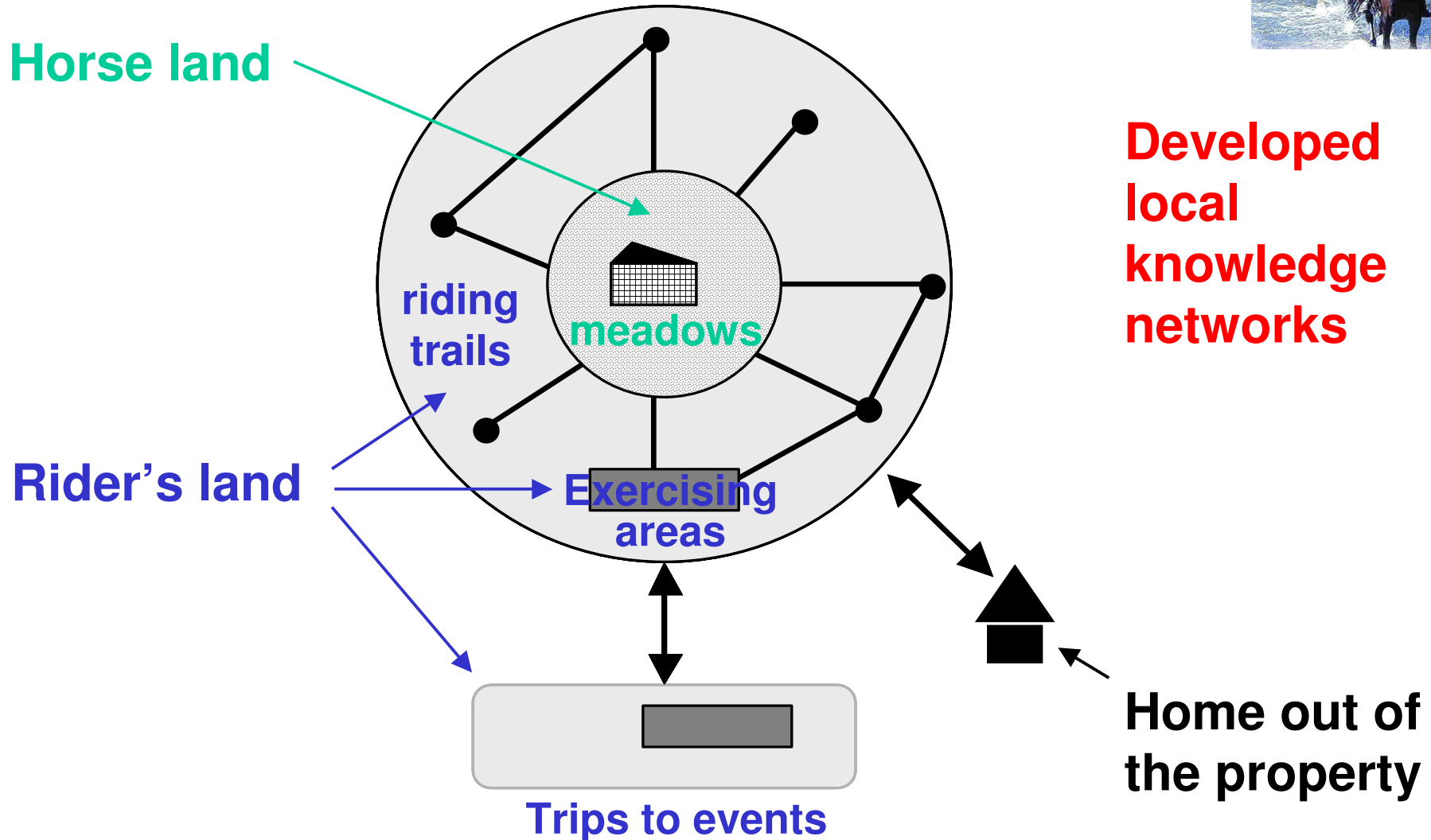
1) Horse breeders for competitions or races: « *land devoted to horses* »



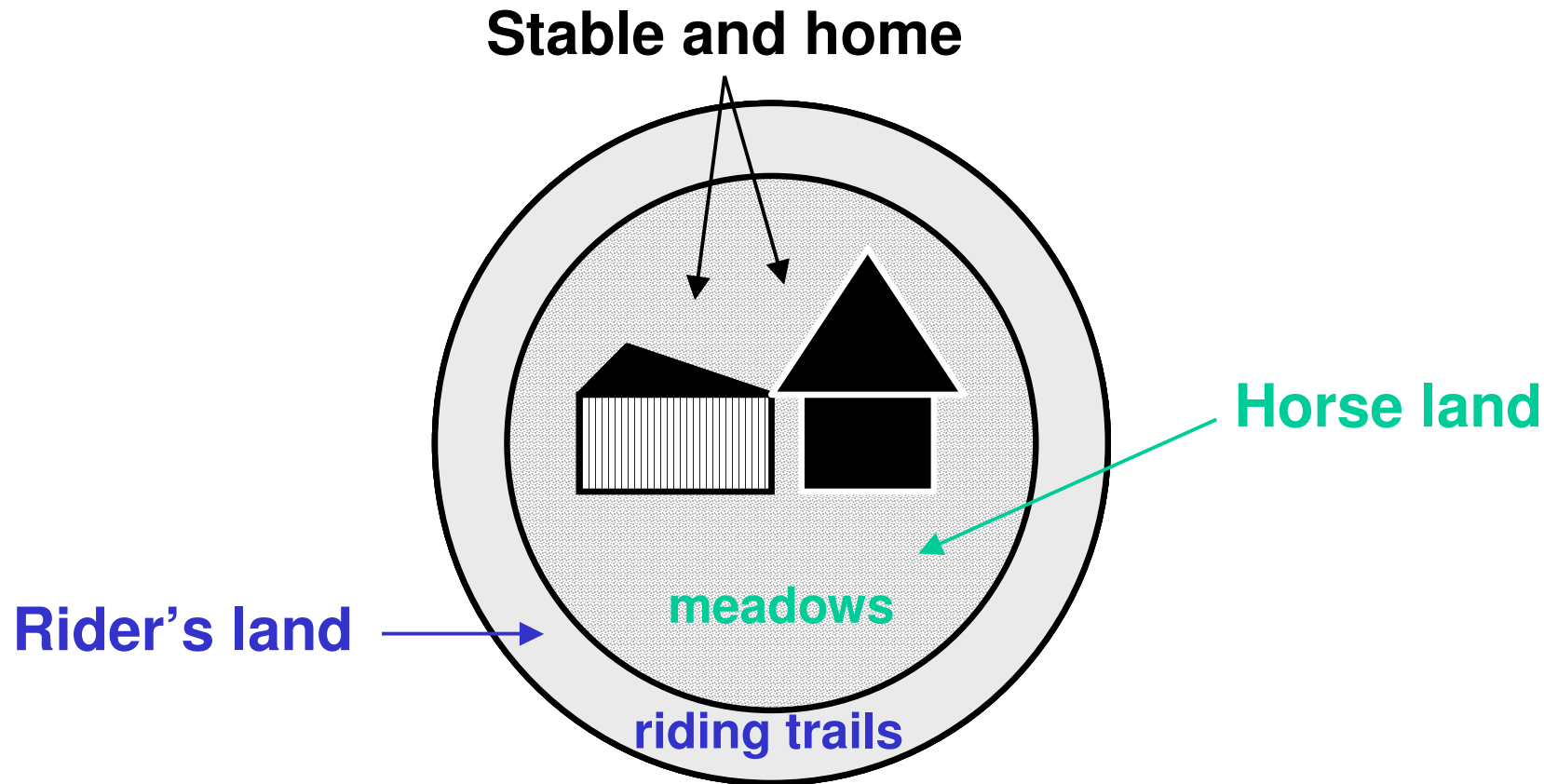
2) Equidae holders for recreational riding and instruction : "space devoted to the rider"



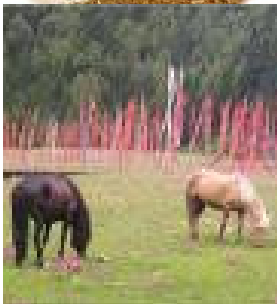
Horse land



3) Owners of “pet Equidae”: “the enlarged home”



Few links with the territory



4) Discussion

Through the example of Equidae, this work highlights the emergent uses of rural and suburban land areas

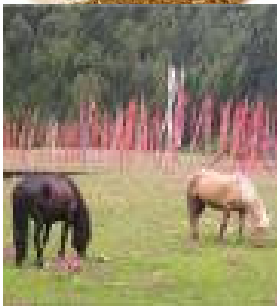
Non-farmers agricultural land use



Underlining the development of the territory residential and recreational functions



The impact of the growth of equestrian activities must be taken into consideration by stakeholders



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