

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN RACEHORSE WELFARE PLAN

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) has a welfare plan that incorporates all stages of a racehorse's life through a program of investment, education, monitoring and regulation. From this plan, RWWA has identified the following areas as requiring immediate focus to safeguard the welfare of our horses.

FOCUS AREAS	ACTION	OUTCOME
Traceability Create broader and more comprehensive traceability of racehorses during all stages of their life	 WA Racehorse Passport: WA's Racehorse Passport to be provided to all retiring racehorses, increasing visibility of horses post racing. New owners taking on a retired racehorse to receive educational material and financial incentives including care packages, access to Off the Track clinics and events, and other initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increase visibility post racing ✓ Address and identify gaps ✓ Enforce increased compliance ✓ Educate racing participants ✓ Accountability and transparency
	 Compliance and enforcement: Complete a census of all WA racehorses to verify accuracy of state based data through field inspections as required, including enforcement of reporting requirements.	
	 Industry education: Information sessions for industry participants to ensure thorough understanding of the Rules of Racing and welfare standards.	
	 National Horse Traceability Register: Continue to push for the Federal Government to introduce a National Horse Traceability Register.	
	 Licensing of WA breeders: Commit to the development of a licensing regime to regulate breeding activity in the racing industry.	
Rehoming Assist in the transition of retired racehorses to equestrian and pleasure pursuits, and provide support for their ongoing wellbeing.	 Retirement rule: Develop a new WA rule of racing, whereby industry must aim to rehome all healthy and behaviourally sound thoroughbreds and standardbreds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Owner accountability for horses transitioning out of racing ✓ A platform to promote professionally re-trained off the track horses and increase demand ✓ Emergency care capacity established for off the track horses ✓ Support for owners and accredited re-trainers of off the track horses
	 Racehorse Welfare Facility: Acquire a multi-purpose racehorse welfare property for the use of retraining by accredited re-trainers and emergency care for retired racehorses.	
	 Off the Track Re-Trainer Package: Introduce the Off the Track re-trainer package, including a re-trainer accreditation program, temperament assessments as well as support benefits to WA Racehorse Passport holders.	
	 Off the Track Program: RWWA will further invest in its existing Off the Track program that supports the promotion of retired thoroughbreds and standardbreds into equestrian and pleasure pursuits.	
Abattoirs & Knackereries Seek a suitable reporting process for WA-registered abattoirs and knackereries, supporting the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's current regulation.	 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU): Establish an MoU and mandatory reporting process with WA-registered abattoirs and knackereries. Those abattoirs and knackereries will be subject to random inspections to ensure they are meeting MoU conditions. These measures will be legislated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transparency of reporting ✓ Responsible 'End of Life' management