

2025 Achievements

'A Life Well Lived'

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British Racing's independently chaired Horse Welfare Board has been in place since 2019. It works in partnership with stakeholders from across the industry to ensure the sport has the highest possible safety and equine welfare standards.

With thanks to major funders, RACING FOUNDATION



Minimising Risk, Improving Safety

411,232



race records analysed by Royal Veterinary College experts to identify and reduce risk with new data added to boost model accuracy

800 HORSES

joined 9 schooling trial days in 2025/early 2026 with 81 trainers represented

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WEARABLE TECH USED IN 20 RACES

to understand cardiac data at peak exertion

5,000 HORSES RECORDED

on course as part of Sleip gait analysis using AI to identify subtle signs of lameness or changes to gait



998 HORSES

clinical medical records were analysed at major Festivals by Equine MediRecords



92%

of racecourses now using padded style hurdles ahead of the October 2026 deadline



Cross-industry partnership

established to obtain traceability data from other equine disciplines

ONGOING BROODMARE ANALYSIS

to assess their whereabouts over the past 10 years

Industry Traceability Working Group formed to collectively address traceability data gaps

Ongoing work with councils, government, agencies, stakeholders and equestrian bodies to close identified gaps in traceability

15,446

FORMER RACEHORSES

actively registered, 1,685 were new in 2025

RoR

Retraining of Racehorses

121

HORSES

were supported through RoR's safety net, an 83.3% uplift on 2024

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12 ROR PARADES

with 93 former racehorses taking part

264 RoR mounted and unmounted educational events run with 2,808 attendees

4,292

ENTRIES

across all RoR competitions



Raising Welfare Standards

£7.5m secured

to support welfare since 2019

BRITISH RACING'S COMMITMENT TO THE RACEHORSE IN DEVELOPMENT



ETHICAL JUSTIFICATION

for the use of Horses in Sport in development



National Racehorse Week

94 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK

open days created 14,863 free places for the public to visit studs, training yards and retraining centres

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55% of attendees had little or no experience of racing

68% were new visitors to NRW

27% were under 18 years old

56 community events connected racing to an additional 3,100 people



Annual perception and reputational surveys to monitor trust and public concerns in the sport

Partnerships established and collaboration with independent experts



500+

veterinary and medical staff received enhanced racecourse safety training using 11 new state-of-the-art horse mannequins



13 NEW

welfare training modules developed and made freely available to the industry

Building Trust

BRITISH RACING HORSE PWR

PURPOSE · WELFARE RESPONSIBILITY

HorsePWR awareness boosted with advertising and digital investment

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