

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RETIRE AND REHOME MY RACEHORSE?



AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING A RACEHORSE OWNER IS CONSIDERING YOUR HORSE'S OPTIONS ONCE IT RETIRES FROM RACING.

It may come as a pleasant surprise that the process to rehome your racehorse does not need to be an expensive undertaking!

One of the first steps you can be involved in is spelling your horse before it commences its new career. A let down period post-racing can be extremely beneficial for a racehorse and is attractive to a new owner as it enables the new owner to immediately begin working with the horse to transition into a new career.

MAIN COSTS TO CONSIDER OVER THE SPELLING PERIOD

Spelling	\$20-25 a day. This includes feed.
Farriery	Horses can usually have shoes removed at the beginning of a spell. The cost of a trim is approximately \$75 and is required every 6-8 weeks. At the end of the spell, it would be expected the horse would be shod ready for starting work. This is approximately \$150. If the horse is transitioning into a non-riding retirement home, then another trim would be adequate.
Advertising	Advertising on popular digital platforms such as Horsezone or Horse Deals allows a large audience to see your horse. You could also approach a QOTT Acknowledged Retainer for free through the QOTT website .
Veterinary costs	Obviously these costs are variable. If you choose a reputable spelling or agistment facility the risk of injury and disease requiring veterinary attention will be lower. You will need to maintain worming, vaccination and dental routines for your horse during the spelling period.

As a Registered Owner, you also have the option of retaining ownership and paying for retirement agistment for your horse instead of rehoming into a second career.

Being a responsible and involved owner will not only give you the full pleasure of racehorse ownership, but you will be contributing to the success and longevity of your horse in its post-racing career.