

PLAN FOR YOUR HORSE'S LIFE POST-RACING

OWNING A RACEHORSE IS A LIFETIME JOURNEY AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN YOUR HORSE'S RETIREMENT PLAN.

Every horse is different, so every journey to a second career will be different. You will need to work out what is suitable for your horse's situation. In consultation with your Racing Trainer's advice, consider the horse's temperament, age, size, soundness and general health.

ASK YOURSELF "WHAT SECOND CAREER MIGHT BE SUITABLE?" AND REMEMBER NOT EVERY HORSE NEEDS TO BE AN ATHLETIC SUPERSTAR OFF THE TRACK.

SECOND CAREERS OPTIONS:

- Dressage;
- Eventing;
- Show Jumping;
- Polo;
- Polocrosse;
- Showing;
- Pony Club;
- Adult Riding;
- Western;
- Leisure and Trail Riding;
- Equine Assisted Therapy;
- Companion or Nanny;
- Vaulting;
- Interschool; and
- Para Equestrian.

HOW DO I START THE REHOMING PROCESS?

1. Assess your horse's suitability and temperament. What type of career will be the best option for your horse?
2. Ensure your horse has had an appropriate let down period or spell once it's finished racing.
3. Approach the racing stable employees as they may be interested in acquiring your horse themselves or perhaps they will use their connections to help rehome your horse.
4. If rehoming your horse yourself, photograph your horse. If possible, take some video of your horse moving. Make sure the photographs show your horse off to their full potential.
5. Advertise your horse on sites such as [Horse Deals](#) or [Horsezone](#). Advertising can be free if your horse is under a certain price bracket. You may also advertise your horse through other social media channels, such as Facebook.
6. You may decide to approach a QOTT Acknowledged Retainer to assist with the retraining and rehoming process. (www.racingqueensland.com.au/animal-care/off-the-track/acknowledged-retrainers)
7. Be honest in the information that you provide in any advertisement and include as much detail as possible.
8. Be ready for prospective new owners to have a vet check. It is expected that your horse's shoeing, worming, vaccination, and dental programs are up to date prior to rehoming to a QOTT Acknowledged Retainer or private owner.
9. Once rehomed, continue to follow your horse in his/her new career.

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