

IFAR

INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR THE AFTERCARE OF
RACEHORSES



*Retraining of Racehorses – a
global approach to aftercare*

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IFAR Mission

To promote the care of thoroughbred horses during their lifetime



Godolphin



Thoroughbreds are athletic, versatile and highly intelligent



Do racehorses deserve a second career?

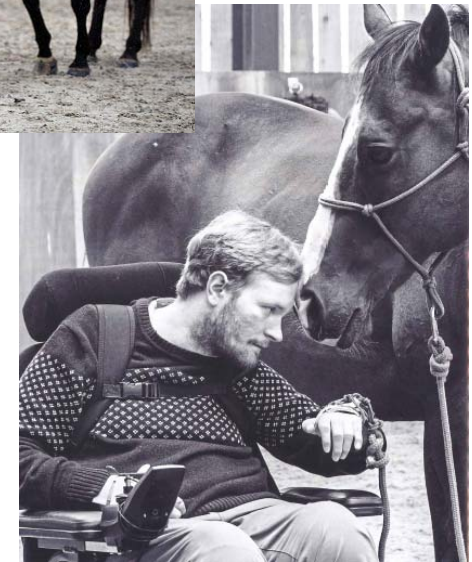
- Versatility
- Promotion
- Education



GROWING AWARENESS - CHANGING LIVES



- Equine therapy is a fast growing area and a variety of aftercare programmes use retired thoroughbreds to assist people in need:
 - Horseback UK –supporting war veterans
 - Greatwood – disadvantaged children
 - Turkey Jockey Club - riding for the disabled
 - Man-O-War Project, Columbia University Irving Medical Centre, USA
 - Racing NSW Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Trust – Correctional Services Programme.
 - Riding for Hope, Kentucky, USA





Retirement is a racing problem with an equestrian solution.

Dr Eliot Forbes, BVSc Hons MBA GAICD MRCVS

Why does welfare matter – and aftercare in particular?



IFAR - WHERE NEXT?

- IFAR has achieved its objective of taking the aftercare message to the world.
- Second year goals nearing completion. Plans for year three underway inc. delivery of a new Strategy to achieve IFAR's long term vision.
- 2019 Forum with the European & Mediterranean Horseracing Federation – Racing industry working together on Brexit with proposals to recognise the High Health status of thoroughbreds, to allow for ease of movement and with it, better traceability.
- Enhance communications, social media and website - more regular exchange of information through a quarterly newsletter.
- Annual steering group meeting - Hong Kong 2018, Oslo 2019, Cape Town 2020, USA 2021.

Racing must lead the way



Owner Responsibility Stressed at Aftercare Forum

Aftercare advocates stress owner responsibility, humane treatment at IFAR.

By [Headline Staff](#) May 18 2017

Racehorse welfare: "Aftercare cannot be an afterthought"

May 17, 2018 | [HorseTalk.co.nz](#) | [0 Comments](#) | [Equine therapy, OTTB](#)

ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE PUTS FOCUS ON 'REHOMING' PROGRAM

Gallopers given a new life after racing

International Forum stresses importance of aftercare for racehorses

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Nations should put their weight behind care for racehorses

CONCLUSION



It is the entire Racing Industry's **responsibility** for the welfare of the thoroughbred racehorse.

Racing needs to **lead the way** – there will be no racing if we fail on welfare and aftercare.

We **owe it to the horse** to have a life after racing.