



# Global Aftercare

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## IN THE NEWS



### From Racehorse to Therapy Horse: study into welfare of horses who help people

A new study will examine the selection, training and welfare of Thoroughbred horses as they transition from racetrack to therapy horse. The pioneering project, led by academics at the University of Bristol's Veterinary School in collaboration with Racing to Relate, will develop a recognised global welfare standard for former racehorses who are moving into Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT). For more click [HERE](#).

### Former Racehorse Glenfly, flies flag in Tokyo Olympics

Glenfly was bred for jump racing but his career took a different path and he and his rider Marcelo Tosi flew the flag for former racehorses when representing Brazil at this year's Tokyo Olympics in the Three Day Event.

The now 16-year-old gelding raced nine times without winning. However, nine years on he was performing on the biggest stage of all. From over 60 competitors, Glenfly was 24th after the cross-country, but sadly was withdrawn from the final phase.



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# Welcome to the fourth edition of Global Aftercare

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## Introduction by Di Arbuthnot, Chair IFAR

Despite the fact that the global pandemic continues, racing is taking place around the world and is testament to the resilience of racing people and the importance of the industry.

For the wealthier racing nations, the challenges of the pandemic have certainly been problematic, but while at the European Conference recently and listening to the expressions of the challenges of some of the smaller racing nations to keep racing going, it made me very aware of the difficulties for them to invest their energies in an aftercare programme.

However, we are now living in a world where today's consumer wants to know where things are made, where they originate from, and how they are produced. The same standards must apply to horse welfare, and we must be able to give that confidence at every stage of the Thoroughbred's life.

"What happens to horses when their racing days are over?" This is a question we hear so often, on and off the racetrack. The spotlight on racing following the United Kingdom's BBC programme and similar media stories in other countries such as Australia, the United States, and South Korea makes a clear and strong message to the industry to uphold the highest standards of ethical treatment for Thoroughbreds from birth to death.

IFAR's flagship event was a virtual conference in April of this year, attended by 749 participants from 22 different countries. The four sessions, moderated by some internationally recognised presenters, focused on racing's responsibility to Thoroughbred aftercare, traceability, post-racing opportunities for Thoroughbreds, and a discussion of the need for all racing countries to imbed an aftercare strategy in their business models.

Key messages that came from the conference were:

- The importance of education in terms of the versatility of the Thoroughbred beyond the racetrack and to owners to consider second careers for racehorses.
- The need for increased investment in traceability data, and providing post-racing success stories as part of the strategy of repelling anti-racing sentiment.
- The complexity of the animal welfare debate and that perspectives have shifted from viewing horses as commodities to viewing them as individual, sentient beings. The racing industry in many parts of the world is still subject to intense criticism, with the animal welfare lobby proving to be incredibly effective. A key to public support is being transparent about welfare practises.



The seriousness with which racing nations are taking aftercare is evidenced by the initiatives happening around the world. For example, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance in the U.S. worked with the Breeders' Cup and Au-Dela des Pistes in France worked in association with the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to reach out to connections to donate percentages of prize money to the respective charities, creating both awareness and funding. The progress in Australia of Racing Victoria's programme around traceability and visibility of retired horses, Japan's equestrian programme for Thoroughbreds, Treo Eile's website to match and connect horses to homes in Ireland, Racing to Relate's programme in Northern Ireland that helps racehorses to help people, and Hong Kong's new aftercare facility in Mainland China all demonstrate how countries are prioritising aftercare.

There is so much more happening in aftercare around the world, and with this in mind, IFAR is planning to launch a video magazine that will highlight these initiatives and encourage more countries to build their own story in aftercare.

Plans are in place to improve our communication and to help more countries by having aftercare conversations. Dr. Eliot Forbes and I have recently spent online time supporting the Korea Racing Authority and the Selangor Turf Club, and we are available to provide advice and encourage aftercare initiatives in other countries. This is helped by Dr. Forbes' excellent 'Aftercare Toolkit,' available soon to view as an infographic on the IFAR website.

Other IFAR plans include a virtual conference next year, while hoping by 2023 that there will be a conference to meet in person.

In these still very difficult times, we can only look to the future and continue with IFAR's mission to promote the care of Thoroughbred horses during their lifetimes.



## News from around the globe

### Vazirabad newest ambassador for Au-Dela des Pistes

The Group 1 action at Deauville came to an end on Sunday 22nd August with the twin highlights of the Morny and the Jean Romanet, but French racing's summer by the sea has at least one more gift to deliver in the shape of a Racehorse Retraining day.

It is fair to say France was a little late to the party when it came to a unified approach to aftercare, retirement planning and linking up with what is a voracious appetite in the wider equestrian population for sourcing horses once their first career is over.

Founded in 2016, ADDP set out to change the perception that racehorses did not have the temperament to be rehomed by riders in other disciplines, and Saturday's raceday is a celebration of all the work which goes into that.

Much to the envy of other retraining organisations around the world, France Galop allows demonstrations of dressage, polo, horseball and showjumping both in the parade ring and in front of the stands during the course of the afternoon.

Those who were present in previous years will have vivid memories of Kasbah Bliss being put through his dressage paces by Eugenie Danloux as former trainer Francois Doumen and owner Henri de Pracomtal watched on from the stands, tears in their eyes.



Danloux has since worked with former crack sprinter Signs Of Blessing and has now begun preparatory work with the latest ADDP ambassador, the Aga Khan's classy stayer Vazirabad.

A three-time Group 1 winner and hat-trick hero in the Dubai Gold Cup – as well as arguably being the horse to give Stradivarius his biggest test during the three years of his Ascot reign – Vazirabad built up a major following around the world and was the newest star to join the parade of champions.

Trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre is certainly looking forward to following his progress, having grown up in the wider equestrian world while his father was director of the Haras de Saint-Lo, which breeds sport horses, before turning his talents to racing.

Royer-Dupre says: "He always took a while to understand when something new was asked of him but it was fine once the penny dropped and he had a terrific turn of foot over those long distances. "You had to ride him and train him with feeling and so it's great that he is now with a hugely talented rider in Eugenie. Often when they are very good in one discipline that translates to another.

"I went to see him in his paddock at Haras d'Ouilly and he was always too excitable to become a trainers' hack, while resting in a field it was the same. I think the two of them will make a wonderful partnership."



## Treoe Eile , Ireland

Since IFAR first reported on the launch of Treoe Eile back in March, we have been kept very busy supporting, promoting, and connecting. We are supporting owners and riders on their retraining journey. We are promoting the Thoroughbred as a versatile horse who can excel in a second career, and we have connected owners to retrainers and other individuals who have found horses new homes.

In the few short months since we have launched, we now have more than 150 horses registered with Treoe Eile and are actively competing in several different areas of the sport horse industry around the country.

Our presence on social media has had a far-reaching influence, and many individuals have contacted us to help them source a horse for themselves or help them find their own racehorse a new home. We are pleased to say that we have been successful in matching several horses to homes and will work on creating a useful tool on [treoeile.com](http://treoeile.com) to facilitate this process.

At Treoe Eile, we believe that we must have a good programme to continue to encourage horses into new careers, and we have been hard at work developing this area.

We have actively supported competitions throughout the country in an array of disciplines, and recently sponsored the highest placed Thoroughbred in eight classes at the Eventing Ireland National Championships.



Thirteen Thoroughbred partnerships had qualified for this prestigious final from the EI90 through to the EI120. We now look forward to doing the same at the Dressage Ireland National Championships in two weeks' time.

While we still have a lot of work to do, Treoe Eile has made steady progress in promoting the Thoroughbred in a second career along with creating incentives for riders to explore the Thoroughbred as a genuine option for leisure riding alongside being a serious competition horse.

If you would like to know more about Treoe Eile please visit our website at [www.treoeile.com](http://www.treoeile.com) or see our profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Horse Profile: Indian Landing 'Ginger'

A showing champion is the 13-year-old former sprinter Indian Landing. By Barathea (a son of Sadler's Wells) out of a Green Desert mare, the chestnut was bred in the purple by Churchland Stud. Owned by the late Herb Stanley, he was trained by Tracy Collins to win six races and place nine times.

Debbie Tems, who has owned "Ginger" for the last three years, has a pedigree of her own as a retrainer of ex-racers. The ISA Senior Ride judge says "I've had a few ex-racers during my life and get real pleasure from teaching them a new career and seeing them do well against horses that were bred for it..

Tems grew up in a hunting/pony club background, being lucky enough to live in the Belvoir Wednesday country. "To hunt the Vale country back then you needed a good blood horse that could gallop and jump. So, for my 15th birthday, my parents bought me my first Thoroughbred, an ex-hurdler. He was a challenge, but turned into the most fabulous hunter that would jump anything you put him at and gallop all day."

That ignited her love of the Thoroughbred and Tems went on to show jump nationally on mainly Thoroughbreds that had come out of racing for one reason or another. "Since moving to Ireland in the 90's my first horse I bought over here was also an ex-sprinter who had won a bit but fallen out of love with the job and gone sour. Plenty of hacking and a bit of hunting made him a lovely horse, and he died in 2018 aged 30."

Alongside showing, Ginger has also started a career in dressage. Despite COVID-19's attempt to thwart his progress, he has 36 points already from only six shows, with most of his scores being over 70%. "I'm so proud of my little man as he's adapted so well. He scored 71.24% in his first ever test, less than a year after I got him. He's very quick to learn with a willing nature."







## The power of community increasing the visibility of retired racehorses in Victoria

In what is believed to be a racing world first, Racing Victoria's Off The Track Community, launched in May this year, is paving the way to better understand the movement of retired racehorses in Victoria, Australia.

With thousands of off-the-track Thoroughbreds enjoying second careers across Australia's most southern mainland state, the local racing authority, in only five months of the Off The Track Community being active, has better visibility of retired racehorses than ever before.

With more than 3,000 members registered on the platform, close to half have claimed an off-the-track Thoroughbred. These claims are made by members who can identify their horse by supplying the necessary branding images and associated details to confirm their ownership.

Of the more than 1,400 horses claimed, 50 percent are aged 10 or over, along with more than 500 members indicating they have 20 or more years' experience riding.

Well-supported by the Victorian equestrian community, more than 1,900 members have indicated they're owner-riders, of which 1,300 are competing in dressage and eventing competitions.

The Off The Track Community is also well-backed by those with less competitive horses, with more than 1,000 members indicating their interest in pleasure and trail riding.

In addition to being able to claim a horse, Off The Track Community members can also register as a "full circle" emergency contact. This means that if a horse finds itself in a poor welfare situation, Racing Victoria has a direct contact that is willing to assist.

With more than 500 "full circle" members, primarily previous owners, an important safety net is being built for retired racehorses across Victoria.

The incentive-based platform, while focused on improving Racing Victoria's visibility of retired racehorses across the state, is also an important tool to support owners and riders of off-the-track Thoroughbreds through educational offerings, webinars, news and video updates.

The Off The Track Community is also an important resource for Thoroughbred owners to access Racing Victoria's statewide network of acknowledged retrainers to support the retraining and rehoming of horses as they transition into second careers. In addition to this, owners can also use the platform to register their horses for industry supported initiatives such as the RESET Program.

As the community grows, so will the features offered, with an events calendar and registration portal to be developed for those entering Off The Track-sponsored events and clinics.

The Off The Track Community won't just be for owners and riders. In the coming months, functionality for fans to follow and keep up to date with the latest movements of their favourite horses enjoying second careers will also be offered in the form of a story feed and direct updates from the horse's owner.

Such has been the positive response to the Off The Track Community that it has had members join from other Australian states and territories, and even a couple of overseas owners wishing to claim their horses.

To check out the Off The Track Community, visit [ottcommunity.com.au](https://ottcommunity.com.au). If you have any further questions about the platform, contact Racing Victoria's equine welfare team at [offthetrack@racingvictoria.net.au](mailto:offthetrack@racingvictoria.net.au).



## Charity pilot to introduce former racehorse Ouzbeck to Care Home Residents

Racing charities Greatwood and Retraining of Racehorses (RoR) are working with the Racing Together team to deliver a pilot programme at a care home in Marlborough, Wiltshire.

This pilot aims to celebrate the racehorse, showcase their versatility and provide another way to connect horseracing with its communities and to the public nationwide. Once evaluated, it is hoped that the programme will be extended to connect more former racehorses with community groups.

Lucy Gurney, Community Engagement Manager for Racing Together, added: "The horse-human bond is unique to racing as a large spectator sport, and equine-assisted intervention is a field that is going from strength-to-strength. We are delighted to be growing the knowledge-base in this area alongside RoR and Greatwood.

"The pilot focuses on a key area of Racing Together's strategy. We are so pleased to be providing our support, and to be exploring how former racehorses can help people."

The visits enable the residents to interact with Ouzbeck in a way that suits them, by watching and stroking him, by grooming him and chatting to the Greatwood team. The visits take place across six mornings, where residents can come out to see him in small groups, assisted by care home and Greatwood staff to make the most from his time spent on the lawn in front of their home.





## Hong Kong Jockey Club

As discussed in the March 2021 edition of Global Aftercare, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Equestrian Affairs Department opened a new Retired Horse Unit (RHU) in Conghua, China on 13 October 2020. The RHU is an additional stable facility within the club's remit of racehorse aftercare, with an already established Retraining Unit at Beas River Equestrian Centre in Hong Kong.

The RHU, now fully operational after an initial soft launch opening, is able to care for up to 60 retired horses offering extended periods of rest and rehabilitation, for those horses in need, before being retrained and transferred to the next stage of their second careers. The facilities include horse walkers, turn out paddocks, and an equine swimming pool, as well as access to the rehabilitation facilities including an aqua treadmill, cold water spa and laser therapy, to name a few.

The RHU is located within the club's Conghua Racecourse facility, situated in the Conghua District of Guangzhou in Guangdong Province. The Conghua Racecourse is the first world-class racecourse and Thoroughbred training centre in Mainland China. Operating as part of a dual-site model, Conghua Racecourse complements the existing training centre at Sha Tin. Essential to Conghua's operation is its location in the Mainland's only large-scale internationally recognised equine disease-free zone, which ensures that Hong Kong horses have the same health status in Conghua as in Hong Kong. Under a series of special arrangements agreed between authorities in the Mainland and the Hong Kong authorities, horses are able to travel freely between Conghua and Hong Kong. Located approximately 200 kilometres from Hong Kong, the journey from Sha Tin Racecourse to Conghua Racecourse is about three hours by car and four hours by specially-designed cross-boundary horse floats.



## New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) Acknowledged Retrainers

As part of the ongoing increase in activity around Thoroughbred welfare initiatives, NZTR has announced the launch of its initial network of NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers.

"Thoroughbred welfare is at the heart of what we do, and NZTR has been progressively rolling out initiatives to fulfil the industry's collective obligation for the guardianship of our horses," said Martin Burns, general manager of Welfare & Sustainability for NZTR. "The commencement of the NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers network is the most significant step in this process to far."

New Zealand is in the fortunate position to have several individuals who already do an excellent job of rehoming Thoroughbreds. The initial cohort of 10 NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers is made up predominately of these people throughout both the North and South Islands.

While retrainers will continue to operate as independent entities, NZTR Acknowledged Retrainer status will afford participants a range of unique support options in a bid to incentivise the scheme and ensure participating organisations remain successful and viable.

NZTR's partnership with Beyond the Barriers NZ has provided a firm foundation of practical understanding for the establishment and ongoing support for Acknowledged Retrainers. During initial consultations facilitated by Beyond the Barriers NZ, education was identified as a key area in which to support retrainers. Building on this, retrainers will have access to fully funded residential clinics which will focus on their own skill development as riders and trainers, as well as including workshops on the various administrative aspects of running a small business.

In addition, retrainers will be provided with a range of merchandise, administration support, and have exclusive access to funding from the newly created "Leg Up Grant." Funding from the Leg Up Grant will be available on a case-by-case basis in the instance where a horse requires an increased immediate investment or more time to get to the point where it can be assessed and subsequently rehomed.

The initial launch of the Acknowledged Retrainers scheme marks a big milestone for Thoroughbred aftercare in New Zealand. Going forward, it is intended that continual expansion and improvement of the Acknowledged Retrainer Network will ensure that horses continue to find their niche post racing, enabling them to excel in a wide variety of second careers.



## 55th International Conference - Racing's Future in the Spotlight

The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) has launched the 55th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities. Held virtually for the second consecutive year, the 2021 Conference examines global racing's evolution and future challenges. The Japan Racing Association (JRA), also a member of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF), is the official partner of this year's Conference.

The Keynote Speech was given by the recently-appointed IFHA Chair, Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges (also the Chairman of the ARF) who succeeded Louis Romanet on 4 October. The Conference focuses on topics including Digitalisation and Media, Climate Change and Sustainability and Equine Welfare, led by IFAR Chair, Di Arbuthnot and Jamie Stier, chair of the IFHA Horse Welfare Committee and Racing Victoria's executive general manager, integrity services. A direct link to their panel can be found [HERE](#).



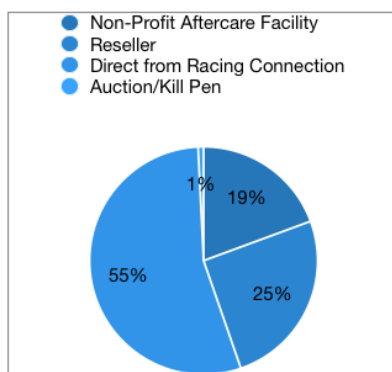


## Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) Fall Stats

It's been a long road to Kentucky for the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) Mega-Makeover classes of 2020 and 2021, between the event's postponement in 2020 and the constantly-changing landscape as a result of the global pandemic. The final entry period for the Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), has passed, which means we have our first full look at the horses impacted by the Makeover process — a total of 1,027 horses were in training for the Makeover over the past two years!

Here are some highlighted stats (a full look at stats can be found at [TheRRP.org](https://TheRRP.org)):

### Public Auction



North America's leading public auctions are all represented at the Mega-Makeover, and in total, both classes of horses brought over \$38 million at the sales!

### Racing History

On average, Makeover registrants made 20 starts with two wins, averaging earnings of

\$65,665. In total, registered horses made 20,081 starts, crossed the wire 2,442 times in front, and earned a whopping total of \$67,438,338.

To be eligible for the Thoroughbred Makeover, a horse must have been in training to race and must have at least one published work — and for about 8% of our registered horses, that's as far as their racing careers ever went. Others raced well into "war horse" territory, making 50 or more starts.

Sale	Total Makeover Registrants Sold	Average Price of Makeover Registrant	2020 Highest Selling Makeover Registrant	2021 Highest Selling Makeover Registrant
Keeneland	183	\$149,744	Rubin Hurricane (\$1,000,000)	2017 Secret File (\$900,000)
Fasig Tipton	141	\$82,083	Gulp (\$425,000)	New Mexico (\$650,000)
Ocala Breeders Sales	94	\$65,730	Tap Rap Strike (\$875,000)	Hallowed Gift (\$250,000)
Barrets	5	\$37,683	Jaya Ho (\$4,700)	Go Trumpy Go (\$125,000)
Other	58	\$25,989	Abatement (GB) (Tattersalls: \$185,315)	Jarir (GB) (Tattersalls: \$312,684)

### How Makeover Registrants Were Acquired

The acquiring of Makeover horses represents the cross-roads between the racing and sport horse worlds, and can provide valuable information for how those worlds are interacting and working together.

About half of the horses registered for the Mega-Makeover were acquired directly from their racing connections, and those horses on average spent about 100 days between their last start on the track and finding their post-racing home. Resellers and non-profit aftercare organizations represent two other routes that horses take after racing. Eight horses across both competition years were reported as "self-rescues" by their Makeover trainers and acquired from auctions or "kill pens" — this number is down from 10 in 2019.

The overall average price paid by Makeover trainers for their horses is \$2,230, which is up from \$1,960 in 2019 and \$1,200 in 2018.

To learn more about the horses of the Mega-Makeover, browse the list for familiar names, or to look at final entries, please visit [tbmakeover.org/entries-mega](https://tbmakeover.org/entries-mega).



## The Japan Racing Association (JRA)

The Japan Racing Association-sponsored National Riding Club Association of Japan continues to organise the Thoroughbred-only equestrian show series "Retired Racehorse Cup," which is now in its fourth year. It takes place all over Japan, and this year, 15 show jumping and five dressage classes are being held.

Thoroughbreds that have retired from racing within the last three years are eligible to compete in the series, and the winning owners receive cash prizes of 500,000 yen (US\$4,500) for first place, 200,000 yen for second, 150,000 for third, 100,000 for fourth, and 50,000 for fifth. So far, nine classes have been held this year. An added incentive this year is the opportunity to compete in finals to be held in December at the Tokyo Racecourse Equestrian Centre, with the top two from each class to be invited.

For more information about the competition, please visit <https://www.jouba.jrao.ne.jp/rrc/2021/>



## Aftercare stories

Aftercare conversations encompass many dimensions, however some of the most compelling and heartwarming stories emanate from passionate people using retired Thoroughbreds to assist people in need.

IFAR forums have provided a worldwide platform for organisations to share their stories and remind us of the remarkable versatility and gentleness of the Thoroughbred. Please see the below stories from around the globe.

### A Love Story, The Mauritius Turf Club

#### Chloe and the Captain

"Love knows no boundaries" is a well-known saying, and to what extent some are ready to go to reunite with a loved one keeps on amazing us. When Chloé Stasica left the tropical island of Reunion, a French Department in the Indian Ocean, to study in France, her hopes of seeing again Captain's Knock, a Thoroughbred who had carried victoriously her family's racing syndicate colours in two classics on Mauritian soil, were quite dim. Chloé and Captain's Knock had struck such a strong bond that she seemed to be about the only one whom the Thoroughbred allowed on her back when hacking in retirement.

Chloé's mother, Florence, decided to also move to France last year, and knowing how much her daughter missed her horse, she made the decision to bring Captain's Knock along. However, her undaunted will to beat the stringent quarantine conditions and series of tests before importing a South African-bred horse into the European Union and to find an elusive cargo plane for the horse suffered a setback in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic stopped all air transfers from the Indian Ocean islands to the EU.

Florence had another try in 2021, leaving all the paperwork in the hands of a South African export agency, and things went on wonderfully well this time. In mid-July, Captain's Knock was able to board a cargo plane heading to Brussels from Mauritius with four top-class South African Thoroughbreds and 13 endurance horses. After the 13-hour flight, he slept one night in a Belgian stable before heading for France by road the next day.

Five hours later, Captain's Knock reached his new home: Le Haras de La Cense, a riding school in the middle of Rambouillet forest, some 40 kilometres southwest of Paris. He had lost considerable weight but was warmly greeted by Chloé and Florence. "We are thrilled to have the Captain with us again, and he is thriving in his huge paddock now," said Florence.

Captain's Knock, now aged 19, is a South African Thoroughbred raised at the Varsfontein Stud, a wine farm near Paarl in South Africa. By Parade Leader (USA), a group 2-winning son of Kingmambo, out of the classic-winning mare Caughtintheslips (SAF), he was sold for 150,000 rand as a yearling in 2006 and paid back his owners with four wins and 203,419 rand in prize money. The bay gelding was then purchased by a syndicate to run in Mauritius and trained by champion trainer Gilbert Rousset. He won seven more times, including two classic races, setting a course record on 1500 metres and soon becoming one of the highest rated horses on the island.



### Poet's Story, Greece

When a 3-year-old gelding rated 46 after five unplaced runs and beaten by an aggregate 73 lengths steps into the sale ring in England, there is not often a projected retirement plan already in place. However, Poetic Guest, who was purchased in a draft of horses to race in the newly rejuvenated horse racing industry in Athens, Greece, was an exception.



"Poet" was to be Greece's first syndicated horse and to stimulate the principle. The initial registration would be an all-ladies group known as "The Champagne Syndicate." The ladies set their agenda, with their first priority being Poet's welfare and even ultimate retirement. The second thing was to enjoy themselves.

The Poet's Voice gelding's delayed debut was a beauty, with "Poet" beating a big field by 10 lengths. It was the first time the champagne-emulating colours of the syndicate, pink with white spots, were to win, but not the last.

"Poetic Guest" amassed four wins in a row, including a Derby Day triumph, and then thrilled the ladies by being beaten only a nose in Greece's first listed race, the "2017 4yo Winter Challenge." After costs, the syndicate was happy to give back to the industry, sponsoring Pink Breast Cancer awards, the Best Presented grooms awards, and the Thoroughbred classes in Athens, all the while conscious of the agreement to fund his retirement retraining.

Whilst Poet was generally injury-free, the syndicate agreed that should any ailment continue to trouble him that he would be retired, so when Poet was found to have bled after his worst performance, he was immediately retired.

During his career in Greece, of 26 starts, he won seven times with 14 places, earning 52,000 euros and three trophies.

Not the easiest of horses to handle on the ground or to ride, as he had a bigger attitude than stature, Poet was placed in the care of a top Athens riding stable and commenced his retraining. Ironically, the larrikin racehorse transitioned quickly into a very horse and was quickly wanted as a pleasure horse.





## IFAR'S Vision

- All horses are treated in a humane and ethical manner every day of their life.
- All suitable horses find a home after racing.
- Every industry participant, administrator, owner and breeder recognises and embraces their responsibility towards Thoroughbred aftercare.
- All racing jurisdictions have effective and well-funded aftercare, traceability and education programmes in place.
- Thoroughbreds are valued and sought-after athletes by the equestrian community.
- IFAR leads a highly-engaged and global community of horse professionals advocating for Thoroughbred aftercare.

### Dates for the Diary 2021-2022

#### New Zealand

29th-31st October - Dunstan Ex-Factor, Beyond the Barriers NZ, National Equestrian Centre, Taupo

#### United Kingdom

9th October - RoR 90 & 80 BE Eventing Championships, Tweeseldown, Askam Bryan

10th November - RoR Winter Webinar, online

Early December - Ri-Dry RoR Racing to Hunting Challenge, Ledbury Hunt

8th December - RoR Winter Webinar, online

12th January - RoR Winter Webinar, online

9th February - RoR Winter Webinar, online

#### United States

8th-10th October - Thoroughbred Incentive Program Championships, Aiken, South Carolina

12th-17th October - Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover, Lexington, Kentucky



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#### How IFAR can support you

IFAR comprises members with significant knowledge and expertise and is ready to assist those seeking help. This assistance may be general advice or guidance or it may be tailored to specific issues relating to the welfare of Thoroughbred racehorses and how to develop aftercare provision in their countries, taking into account cultural differences.