



A Life Well Lived Progress 2021–2025

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Minimising Risk, Improving Safety

384,408 race records analysed by the Race Risk Models, the sport's first safety-focused risk modelling tool



 Every racecourse fatality holistically reviewed by a dedicated panel following successful **Fatality Review pilot**

Wearable technology trial and **tendon boots research** underway

12 **schooling trial days** to build race experience in **2025/26**

 **2,500** obstacle markers turned **white** to improve clarity for horses

NEW standard technical specification **for hurdles**

 **75–125mm**

the standard length for a blade of grass on a flat course in the new Performance Quality Standard to enhance management of ground

 **4,500** horses trotted up using new **Sleip AI technology**

38 racecourse visits made with **64,000+** data collection points to review consistency of going

 **2026** **Padded-style hurdles** at all British racecourses by **October 2026** confirmed

 **38** jump racecourses walked by safety advisor

526 falls at obstacles reviewed as part of **Fallers Project**

 **MediRecords pilot** completed and adopted by BHA for major jump festivals



Cross-industry partnership established to obtain **traceability data** from other equine disciplines



Annual foal crop analysis to inform pathways taken by British-bred Thoroughbreds

Broodmare analysis to assess their whereabouts over the past 10 years

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



Established the **first step out of racing** as a strategic priority



Partnered with Weatherbys on six-month **passport amnesty** to drive compliance

New intelligence on 5,566 Thoroughbreds gathered through the **2023 Census**



RoR publishes three-year industry-endorsed aftercare strategy 2024–2026. Enhanced support includes:

- **Retraining Assessment Programme** permanently established in partnership with HEROS, providing specialist support for retiring horses
- **Owners, breeders, sales companies, and racecourses** funding secured
- **Data sharing** between racing and RoR established to improve traceability and aftercare support



15,145 horses registered

74 horses supported through safety net Jan–Sep 2025



Raising Welfare Standards

£6.4m secured to fund welfare since **2021**



Euthanasia code published



Code of Conduct/Code of Ethics in development

18

changes made to improve stalls and starting procedures to start races more safely

Partnerships established and collaboration with independent experts



Welfare Data Unit established providing dashboards with clean, verified data to the facts we need to know



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State of the art mannequins purchased to support the welfare of horses through **enhanced training of 500+ racecourse vets and medical personnel**

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new welfare training modules developed and made freely available to industry in 2025



National Racehorse Week

65,000

free places made available to go behind-the-scenes at National Racehorse Week

>80%

improved opinion of welfare through attending National Racehorse Week

Building Trust



Cross-industry **welfare hub and campaign** launched horsepwr.co.uk



Cross-industry **collaborative welfare comms groups** established

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