

HOW CAN WE FIX THIS?

The industry in Canberra receives taxpayer funding (over 6 million dollars in 2018 or over 50% of their listed revenue!) and the government backed CBR group is listed as a sponsor in the most recent Thoroughbred Park annual report. Thoroughbred Park, the home of Canberra horse racing, does not pay income tax.

It is time for us to take action and DEMAND that this cruel industry no longer be given taxpayer money to prop them up, and for the industry to be banned. As with greyhound racing, animal exploitation has no place in the A.C.T. Please take action to help us end this vile industry.

LEARN MORE



The Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses
www.horseracingkills.com

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WRITE OR CALL YOUR MLAS

The most important step you can take is contacting the minister responsible for overseeing horse racing, and MLAs who may be sympathetic to seeing it ended permanently.

Please see anti-speciesist.com for a sample letter and a list of contacts you may use to get you started.

Contacting the media through letters to the editor, especially in response to the reporting around racing are also effective in showing your opposition.

SIGN THE PETITION

Visit anti-speciesist.com to find our petition link.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Share our campaign resources on instagram, facebook and twitter.

Visit anti-speciesist.com to find our campaign resources and help us spread the message.

RACED TO DEATH



A DEMAND THAT HORSE RACING BE BANNED IN THE ACT

WE ARE A CANBERRA BASED ORGANISATION WHO ORGANISE, MOBILISE AND CULTIVATE LOCAL ANIMAL ACTIVISM.

The Anti-Speciesist Action Collective is a Canberra based decentralised non-hierarchical organisation collaborating to practice the identification, criticism and practical dismantling of illegitimate authority in all aspects of human dominance over non-human sentient beings.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH HORSE RACING?

MORALITY

We first and foremost oppose the racing and exploitation of a fellow sentient being on moral grounds. Horses are conscious beings capable of suffering and we oppose any intentional harm to them. We reject speciesism in all its forms, including purposeful use of individuals for hypothetical gains of another, including that of humans.

BREEDING

In a year, 15,000 thoroughbred foals will be bred for the Australian horse racing industry. From an early age they will be broken in to comply with the gruelling training ahead of them. Most will not be fast enough or will suffer injuries that prevent them from being profitable, and will be discarded without a second thought.

INJURY

Those few who manage to survive training will be raced so hard they may develop cardiopulmonary bleeding and scarring, torn ligaments and tendons, dislocated joints and even fractured bones. They are raced so young that their skeletal systems are not fully developed, leaving them at risk of catastrophic injuries. We have all seen the footage of horses falling during the Melbourne Cup and killed where they lay. This happens across Australia with 137 recorded deaths on racetracks in 2016-17, and who only knows how many unrecorded deaths during training. 40% of horses leave the industry every year with horses often sent to slaughter or left in paddocks without appropriate care.

SLAUGHTER

'Wastage' is the term used for horses that exit the industry. Wastage includes both the breeding of thoroughbreds that never make it to the racetrack and thoroughbreds leaving the racetrack once their racing career has ended.

Owning a racehorse is promoted as an easy way to amass fame and fortune, but very few win any money at all let alone return their training costs and/or purchase price.

When a thoroughbred destined for racing is born in Australia, their chances of being a successful racehorse are slim. Many unsuccessful thoroughbreds will end up at "the doggers" or knackereries.

CRUELTY

These social creatures, who ordinarily would form close family units and cover more than 20km a day in their natural habitats. Horses used for racing are transported frequently and often kept isolated, preventing normal bonding behaviour and causing substantial stress resulting in injury prior to even arriving at a racetrack.

Whipping of horses is also legal, despite evidence of the substantial pain it causes. There have also been numerous reports and instances of illegal training techniques such as the use of electric devices ("jiggers") to condition horses to run faster out of fear of being electrocuted, as well as drugging of horses.

KEY STATS

AT THOROUGHBRED PARK IN 2018

2 DEATHS DURING RACES

4 HORSES SHOWED NOSTRIL BLEEDING

ALMOST EVERY RACE HAD EXCESSIVE USE OF THE WHIP RESULTING IN PENALTIES

3 HORSES INJURED IN THE BARRIERS

SEVERAL CASES OF HEAT STRESS

NUMEROUS INJURIES RESULTING IN LAMENESS

AUSTRALIA WIDE

137 HORSES KILLED ON TRACK 2016 – 2017

11 HORSES DIED FROM CARDIAC CAUSES 2016 – 2017

6 HORSES DIED FROM BLEEDS 2016 – 2017

63 OF THE HORSES THAT WERE KILLED HAD BEEN RACED AS A 2 YEAR OLD 2016 – 2017

AROUND 15,000 THOROUGHBRED FOALS ARE BRED EACH YEAR IN AUSTRALIA, AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF STANDARD BRED FOALS ARE BORN NATIONALLY.

AROUND 31,000 THOROUGHBREDS AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF STANDARD BREDS WILL BE 'IN TRAINING' OR RACING AT ANY ONE TIME IN AUSTRALIA.

MANY FAILED OR OLDER RACEHORSES ARE DESTINED FOR SLAUGHTER, AND MAY GO TO LOCAL KNACKERIES TO BE USED FOR PET MEAT, FOR EXAMPLE. OVER 25,000 HORSES PER YEAR ARE KILLED IN THIS WAY IN AUSTRALIA.