

Harness Racing New Zealand Horse Care and Welfare

Accountable Person

New Regulations to ensure that **one** person is responsible for a **Standardbred's** welfare from birth until leaving our sport.

Breeding

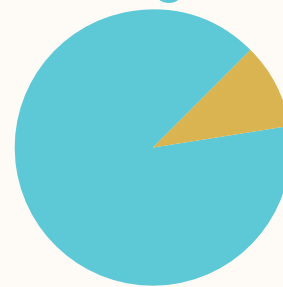
There are now three incentive schemes available to breeders and owners.

Foals registered

2020/21 | 2021/22
1422 | 1453 +2.2%

Life After Racing

90% of Standardbreds deregistered in the 2022/23 season were rehomed as a riding or companion horses.



10% were kept by their owners.

RACING



68
2021/22
SIGNIFICANT
RACE INJURIES



44
2022/23
SIGNIFICANT
RACE INJURIES



6
2021/22
FATALITIES



2
2022/23
FATALITIES

HRNZ supported

207

Standardbreds during the 2022/23 season with rehoming funds.

HRNZ approved

31

Life After Racing Grants for different Standardbred Rehomers.

Horse Ambulance

The safety of our horses is of the upmost importance to us and the Horse Ambulance ensures that an injured horse gets the best chance of a safe recovery.



A Horse Ambulance attended **100%** of harness race meetings last year – **249** and was required for horse incidents **11** times.

Horse Welfare

2022/23 Horse Care & Welfare Spend

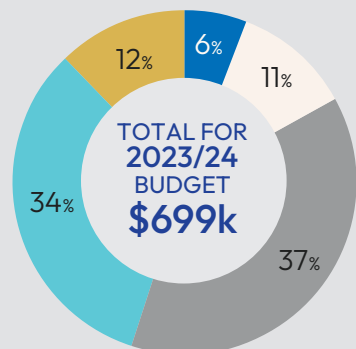
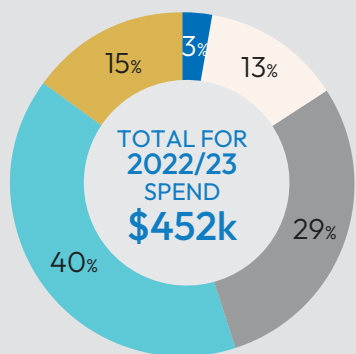
What we achieved:

- Introduced the **Horse Care Regulations**.
- An **Accountable Person** for all horses in our sport.
- Increased our focus on horse traceability.
- Decrease in the number of fatal race day injuries with the help of the **Horse Ambulance** and consistently good tracks to race on.
- Trainer stable audits have commenced by the **RIB** to assess compliance with the **Horse Care Regulations**.
- The **MyHRNZ** app now has many extra features to make processes for trainers and owners much easier.
- HRNZ** developed **Life After Racing** funding grants that are available to rehomers.

2023/24 Horse Care & Welfare Budget

What we plan to achieve:

- Review the **Horse Care Regulations** to see if they are still fit for purpose.
- Promote and support life after racing including the **Stable to Stirrup Trust**.
- Increase the number of Standardbred rehomers we support with our grants.
- Continue to research and analyse race day incidents and injuries.
- Educate trainers and owners of the importance of keeping the **Accountable Person** correct.
- Improve our communication to owners and trainers in regard to Horse Care matters.
- Develop online education and professional development for all participants.



■ Emergency Support
 ■ Hero Programme Costs
 ■ Life After Racing
■ Projects Including Horse Ambulance
 ■ Traceability

Venue Inspections

21 Racing and training venues were inspected in the 2022/23 season
5 Tracks were resurfaced last season