Retirement of Racehorses

The ARB has introduced a new rule making it compulsory for Managing Owners or Trainer to notify RISA on the retirement and death of their horse. There are two ways in which this can be completed either by the new form specifically designed for this purpose or by logging into Stable Assist. Either will require the Managing Owner or Trainer to indicate where the horse is destined e.g.:

- Retirement - Equestrian, Breeding, Retirement Program, etc.
- Death – Injury, illness

The current system only requires a stable return for when a horse leaves a stable and approximately half of horses exiting a stable go to other trainers so we have no exact knowledge of the destination of ex-racehorses or even how many there are.

The ARB has identified that retirement of a racehorses is a vitally important welfare issue and PRAs have adopted a number of rehoming programs to this end. The statistical data sought by implementing these changes are an essential element in tracking retired racehorses. The rule changes come in to effect 1 July:

Amendment to AR.64J
Please delete AR.64J and replace with the following:
"**AR.64J**
(1) Upon the death of a horse which had not been retired, the trainer or his or her authorised agent must report the occurrence to the relevant Principal Racing Authority or their agent as soon as practicable.
(2) In the event of the deceased horse being included in a current stable return the trainer must as soon as practicable lodge an amended stable return in relation to the death.
(3) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of sub-rules (1) or (2) commits a breach of these Rules unless he or she proves to the satisfaction of the Stewards that he or she was not aware, and could not reasonably have been aware, of the death of the horse."

RISA process used to action this rule is:
- Managing Owners or Trainer can log in to Stable Assist and update or
- Managing Owners or Trainer can use the Retirement of Racehorses or Death Notification Form found at http://www.risa.com.au/RoR/Forms.aspx and either post (address on form) or email to customerservice@risa.com.au
- RISA will then update Horses details

New Rule AR.64JA
Please insert the following:
"**AR.64JA**
(1) Where a horse has been retired from racing, the Manager (as defined in AR.1) of the horse at time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse's retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed by the Registrar.
(2) Where a form has been lodged in accordance with AR.64JA(1), the retired horse will cease to be registered and is ineligible to race unless it is re-registered.
(3) Where a horse ceases to be registered under this Rule, the horse may not be re-registered except with the express permission of the Stewards.
(4) Any person who fails to comply with AR.64JA(1) commits a breach of these Rules and may be penalised."

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- RISA will then update Horses details
- Should the Managing Owner or Trainer call the RISA Service Centre (RSC) after details of Retirement have been updated to un-retire the horse the RSC will update this immediately using the call as authority
- To retire the horse again the Managing Owner or Trainer must complete Stable Assist or the Form again

Note: Training material has been loaded in Stable Assist to assist with this process