

Dear Thoroughbred Industry Participant,

The Australian racing and breeding industries have identified that it is essential to improve our knowledge around the outcomes and reasons for horses exiting the racing and breeding industry. A study the industry has funded follows thoroughbred horses born in Australia from birth through their racing careers and investigates the destination and reason for leaving the thoroughbred racing or breeding industries. The study is supported by the thoroughbred breeding and racing industries through the AgriFutures Thoroughbred Breeders Levy, Racing Australia and Racing Victoria.

Industry database records (Australian Stud Book and Racing Australia) will be used in combination with an email survey and phone follow up, if required, to identify the outcomes, reason, and age of horses exiting the racing and breeding industries. Industry databases will be used to identify the appropriate participants, either breeder or trainer, depending on the horse's level of training for horses enrolled in the survey. Should you be one of the participants selected to complete a survey, your participation is essential to the success of this project. Not all participants will receive a survey and those participants selected will only be asked about the horses that are enrolled in the study.

### What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked to complete an email survey, which should take 2-10 minutes. You will be asked to confirm that the horse(s) has been in your care and asked to place the horses into a category (e.g. training, racing, breeding, re-homed, exported or deceased etc.) for the horse(s) that have been or are in your care. Depending on the category you place the horse in there may be additional questions taking 2- 4 minutes per horse to complete.

Only information pertaining to the horse will be recorded and it will only be available to the project researchers. **Publications will contain no identifiable data that can be linked to individual participants or horses.**

### What are the expected benefits?

Your participation will provide valuable information on when thoroughbred racehorses enter and leave the thoroughbred racing and breeding industries. This research aims to provide baseline demographics to help identify risk factors for horses sustaining a major raceday health event to help to reduce these events in the future, and make recommendations to improve the traceability of horses exiting the racing and breeding industries.

### Where can I get further information?

If you would like more information about the project, please contact the researchers:

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