



DEATHWATCH

REPORT 2022



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In Memoriam



139 fallen racehorses

1 August 2021 - 31 July 2022

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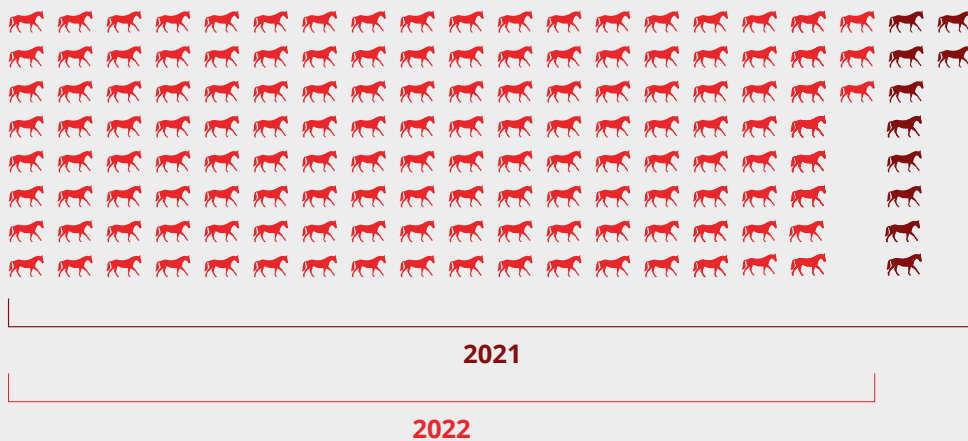
ABOUT

Deathwatch Report 2022 is the ninth annual report that summarises all reported on-track deaths of racehorses around Australia over the past twelve months. Research and production are by the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses.

This report was initiated because the racing industry does not collate and publish specific information relating to on-course horse deaths themselves. From the period August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022 (the 'racing year'), we monitored every race Australia-wide and gathered data on the deaths of racehorses on Australian racetracks.

The 2021-2022 death toll

The toll for this racing year is 139 horses - **ten less than last year.**



IN ADDITION TO THESE DEATHS:

Many thousands of horses die every year from racing-related injuries off the track after being raced, or in training, or are killed prematurely when they are no longer commercially viable, referred to as "wastage" by the racing industry.

'Wastage' also includes the one-third to half (approximately 4 to 6,000) of the thoroughbreds registered to have been born each year who never even make it to the race-track – their outcomes unknown.

Well-known and respected industry trainer Michael Kent stated in 2021 as he discussed Australia's terrible thoroughbred breeding standards:

"It's a hard one because the breeder has spent big money on a big service fee and the horse might come out with a bent leg or windswept. In the old days, that horse would have been knocked on the head. Now they'll put them in a cast, they'll put screws in their joints, they'll do knee strips, um, all these things to get that yearling to the sales and when it brings about one thousand, they sort of have a sigh of relief, thank god I got out of that!"

Then, there are the unknown numbers of foals who are not registered as being born, discarded at birth and therefore not accounted for in any industry figures. Currently, almost 20,000 mares are 'covered' each year, (an industry term for being mated). Industry statistics demonstrate approximately one-third (or 6,500) of the mares

'covered' each year are not reported as having a live foal. Of course, a portion of this discrepancy can be attributed to the mare falling to fall pregnant and a portion will also fail to carry their foal to term. It is unknown how many of those 6,500 mares actually do fall pregnant and make it to term but continue to have their foals *knocked on the head* (as Michael Kent put it) each year.

What is clear is **the number of horses represented in our Deathwatch Report to have been killed due to injuries sustained in racing is grossly understated compared to those killed behind the scenes due to racing-related injuries and small in comparison to the numbers killed for simply not showing the desired attributes or not being fast enough.** Yet still, our Deathwatch figures represent one horse suffering a horrific injury leading to their death on Australian racetracks every 2.5 days in the name of gambling profits and entertainment – a damning statistic no matter which way you look at it.

SOURCES OF DATA + KEY FINDINGS

Data for the Deathwatch Report has been gathered from each state's Principle Racing Authority's official stewards' reports, and various media outlets.

It is important to note that no states (excluding NSW) report any deaths that occur in training or in trials. Whilst Racing NSW does, our Deathwatch Report last year demonstrated even they failed to report all deaths resulting from injuries sustained in training and trials, to the tune of **thirty-three over three years**. The same report also provided evidence that deaths in trackwork are almost as frequent as race day deaths. It is also important to note that official stewards' reports are not required to list the deaths of horses caused by on-track injuries if the horse is removed from the track on race day and killed in the days or weeks following. From this, it can be drawn that if these deaths were disclosed, the total number of recorded deaths would be far higher.

Again, our research across this racing year has shown **the industry continue to go out of their way to hide track deaths through refusing to communicate with us, editing race replay footage and removing injured and suffering horses from the track to kill them behind the scenes so that their deaths are not reported**



■ **Libertini** died in trackwork at Randwick.

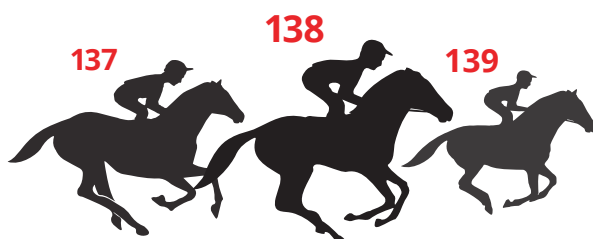
in official race day reports. We have also received extremely concerning reports of trainers claiming they have taken injured horses from the track for treatment only to be later forced to euthanise them, even when the trainers are confident the horse would make a full recovery. Due to such poor industry transparency, we cannot confirm or deny such information to be accurate.

What we can confirm is that every death listed in this report and the cause of death has been thoroughly researched and confirmed.

Whistle-blowers from within the industry and the general public can help us tremendously with finding all the additional deaths we know the industry continues to cover up.

We encourage anyone with information that may be of interest to us to please make a report at <https://horseracingkills.com/take-action/equinileaks/> or contact us directly via phone or email. Anonymity is guaranteed.

**FROM WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IT IS
CONFIRMED THAT AT THE VERY LEAST:**

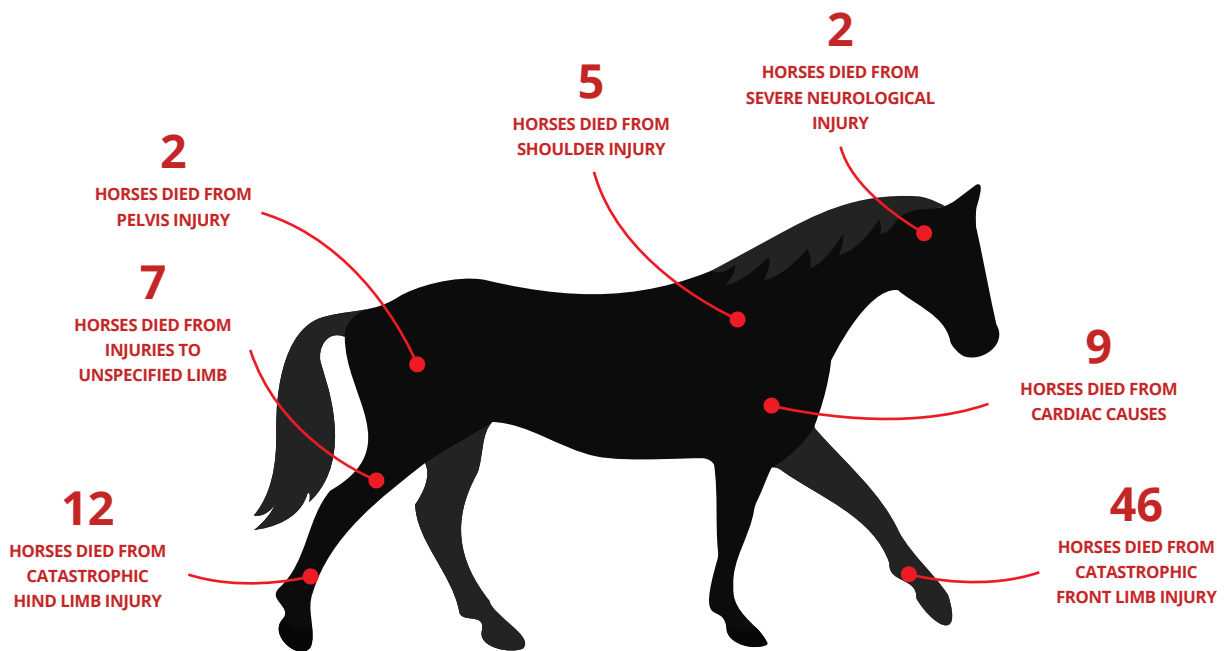


139 THOROUGHBRED HORSES WERE
KILLED IN RACING (OR SOON AFTER
RACING): MOST COMMONLY FROM
CATASTROPHIC FRONT LIMB INJURY

ON AVERAGE AT LEAST ONE HORSE
WILL DIE ON AN AUSTRALIAN RACE
TRACK EVERY 2.5 DAYS

Of the 139 horses that were reported to have died, **the most prevalent cause of death was catastrophic front limb injury with forty-six occurrences.** Catastrophic hind limb injury was the second leading cause of death with twelve occurrences. Other causes of death were cardiac causes, massive bleeds, shoulder injury, pelvis injury, infection developed from injury, and severe neurological injury from head trauma.

CAUSES OF DEATH



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HORSES DIED FROM EXERCISE-INDUCED BLEEDS



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HORSE DIED FROM A POST INJURY INFECTION

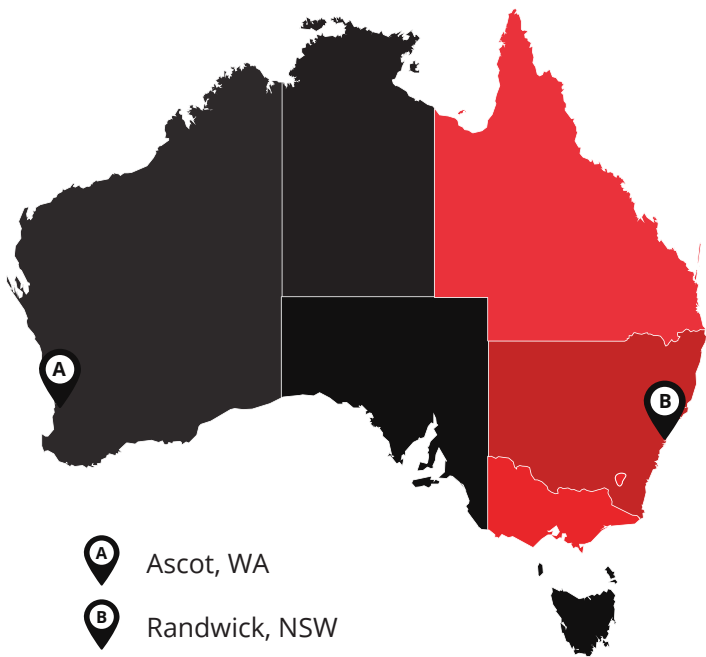


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HORSES DIED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES

The state with the **HIGHEST RECORDED DEATHS** was **New South Wales** followed by **Victoria** and **Queensland**

The most lethal track in Australia was **Ascot** in WA with **eight deaths**, followed closely by **Randwick** in NSW with **seven deaths**.



Efforts were made by CPR and supported by members of the public to have Ascot Racecourse closed during this spate of deaths so an inquiry could be held, but they were denied by the WA Minister for Racing, Tony Buti, and **as a result more horses lost their lives at the Ascot track.**

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HORSES WERE TWO WHEN THEY DIED

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OF THE HORSES THAT WERE KILLED HAD BEEN RACED AS TWO-YEAR-OLDS



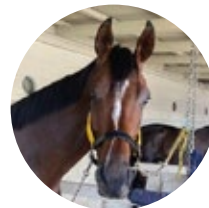
Expressionist

Died: Ascot, 18 Dec 2021



Battle Storm

Died: Ascot, 09 Oct 2021



Brandenburg

Died: Randwick, 21 Aug 2021



Xtremetime

Died: Randwick, 21 Aug 2021

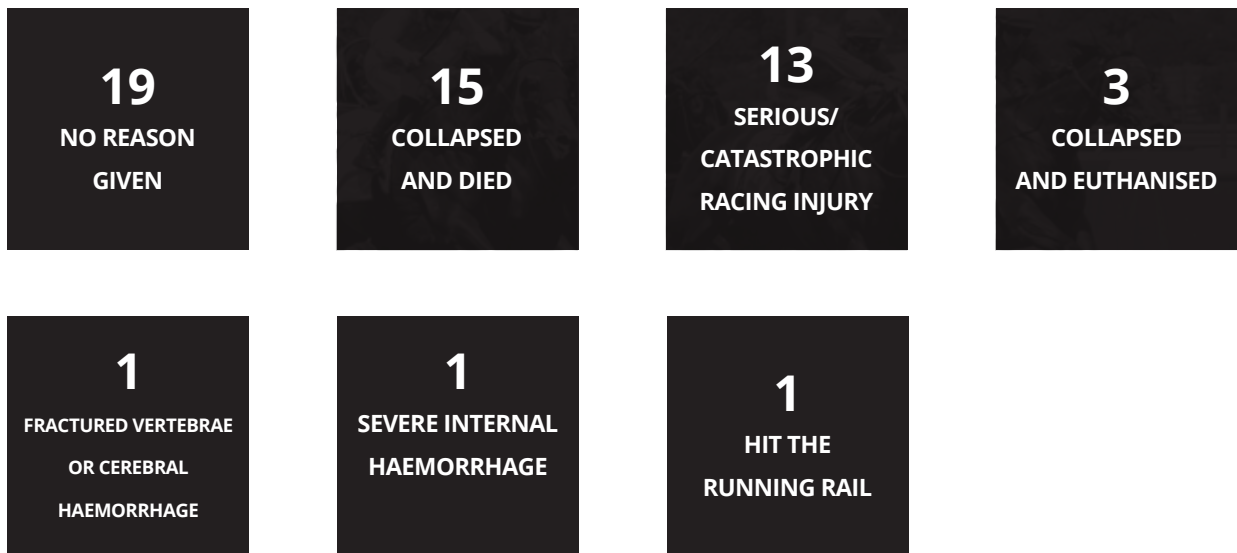
The high number of deaths that continue to occur at Royal Randwick in NSW remains a huge concern. Randwick hosted half the number of race meets that were hosted at Ascot, yet their death toll is almost equal.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Racing Victoria continues to be the worst culprit when it comes to not clarifying causes of death. Of the fifty-three horses whose cause of death is not clarified in official stewards' reports, **half (twenty-six)** were from Victorian racetracks. Victoria reported a total of thirty-seven deaths, meaning **Victorian stewards' only disclosed the cause of death in their reporting eleven times**. Last year they only reported on the cause of death in **twelve of thirty-two track deaths**.

SUBCATEGORY OF UNKNOWN CAUSES

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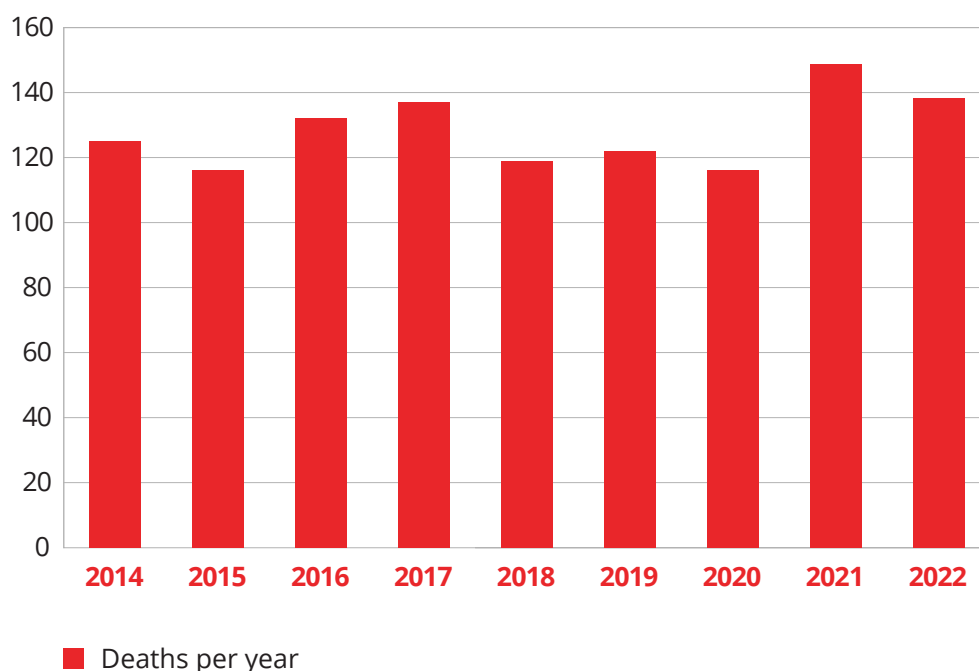
SPECIFIC INJURIES INCLUDE:

- heart attack
- severe neurological injury/head trauma
- fractured pelvis
- fractured shoulder
- exercise induced bleeding attack
- open disarticulation of the metacarpophalangeal joint
- fractured vertebrae or cerebral haemorrhage
- suspensory rupture/injury/collapse
- fracture of the humerus
- displaced humeral fracture
- shattered carpus
- carpal fracture
- fractured knee
- injury to both superficial digital flexor tendons
- fractured sesamoid bone
- both sesamoids broken
- fractured femur
- fractured pedal bone
- fractured radius
- fractured scapula
- fractured tibia
- slab fracture
- bowed tendon
- fractured pastern
- compound fracture to cannon bone/
distal metacarpus/radius
- dislocation of fetlock
- fracture of the metacarpus
- fractured fetlock

Others are simply categorised as "**serious/catastrophic racing injury**" or "**collapsed and died**", with either very minimal or no details disclosed.

COMPARISON TO OTHER YEARS

DEATH RATE



2014 – There were **125 deaths**. This is one death every **2.9 days**

2015 – There were **116 deaths**. This is one death every **3.2 days**

2016 – There were **132 deaths**. This is one death every **2.8 days**

2017 – There were **137 deaths**. This is one death every **2.7 days**

2018 – There were **119 deaths**. This is one death every **3.1 days**

2019 – There were **122 deaths**. This is one death every **3.0 days**

2020 – There were **116 deaths**. This is one death every **3.2 days**

2021 – There were **149 deaths**. This is one death every **2.5 days**

2022 – There were **139 deaths**. This is one death every **2.5 days**

Again, the true number of horse deaths caused from being raced would be much greater.

Watch our short clip to see how easy it is for deaths to go unreported.

<https://youtu.be/RDszj-4NJFw>

STILL ACTIVE

Since the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses has been reporting on the high number of horses still listed as active by Racing Australia, long after their deaths are reported by stewards', there has been significant improvement in their record keeping. In 2019, seventeen deceased horses were still listed as active at the time of writing that years Deathwatch Report. By 2021 that number was reduced to seven. **This year two horses from our list of those who we discovered to have lost their lives from being used in racing this 'racing year' are still listed as 'active'.**

Peak of Heaven is one such horse. The four-year-old mare is seen to become crowded before tripping on the home turn at Traralgon, unbalancing her rider who then grips around her neck to avoid falling. The jockey then falls around to the front of **Peak of Heaven** still gripping around her neck, causing her to fall. **Peak of Heaven** sustained an injury to her left foreleg and was killed on the track. This was her second race.

The stewards' reported the incident as:

Traralgon, VIC November 28, 2021, Race 4 – Peak of Heaven *"Raced keenly in the early stages. Near the 300 metres raced tight between **Raid The Bar**, which shifted in slightly and **In Bels Shadow**, which attempted to improve to the outside of **Redskin Jimmy** (NZ) before being eased and shifting back in. Shortly after this, **Peak Of Heaven** faulted and fell, dislodging B. Mertens. After taking into account the evidence provided by the riders and the available footage of the incident, Stewards' could not attribute blame to any one rider, however; notified riders to exercise care when shifting ground. As a result of **Peak Of Heaven** falling, **Mista Sizzle** and **Mori Yoshinari** were hampered and taken wider. **Peak Of Heaven** sustained a serious racing injury to its (her) left foreleg and was humanely euthanized. This incident will be referred to the Equine Welfare and Veterinary Department."*

PEAK OF HEAVEN

5yo Bay Mare
D.O.B: 16-Oct-2017
by DOMESDAY from SAGARMATHA
[View Pedigree Report](#)

Status	Active
Owner's Details	Miss L Groves, Browns & Kirks, Mrs L M Brown, Mrs R L Rilen, Mrs J M Boulton, Mr S P Bysouth
Stewards Embargoes	None on record
Last Gear Change*	16-Nov-2021, Tongue Tie, On
Trainer	Mr Matthew Brown (Cranbourne)
Racing Colours	Royal Blue, Horse Silhouette, White Chicken Silhouette And Cap
Career	<p>Summary: 2-0-0-0 Prizemoney: \$700</p> <p>1st Up: 1:0-0-0 2nd Up: 1:0-0-0</p> <p>Firm: 0:0-0-0 Good: 2:0-0-0 Soft: 0:0-0-0 Heavy: 0:0-0-0 Synthetic: 0:0-0-0</p>

Recent Form	All Form	Embargoes	Gear Changes	Ratings	Noms Wgts Accs
6th of 11	MORN 18Nov21 1500m Good4 MDN-SW \$35,000 (\$700) Brian Higgins 57.5kg Barrier 1 1st Eidolon (NZ) 58kg, 2nd Siamese 56kg 1:32.37 (600m 35.74), 6.25L, 4th@800m, 6th@400m, \$26/\$31/\$41				
Fall of 9	TRAR 28Nov21 1900m Good4 MDN-SW \$25,000 Beau Mertens 57.5kg Barrier 9 1st Raid The Bar 59.5kg, 2nd Redskin Jimmy (NZ) 59.5kg 2:00.66 (600m 36.34), 4th@800m, 3rd@400m, \$11/\$13/\$14/\$15				

■ Peak of Heaven profile **Source:** Racing Australia

Calls by the public to each state Minister for Racing for the reporting of all deaths caused by injuries sustained in racing, training, trials and trackwork to be made mandatory and publicly available, remain ignored. **There continues to be thousands of horses each year listed as 'active', 'spelled', or 'retired' who have simply vanished.** Each racing jurisdiction has proven incapable of following up horses who never return to the track and publicly disclosing the reasons. Racing Ministers must now step up and force this change.

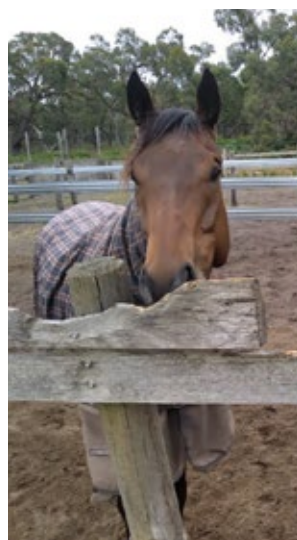
Sign in support of this call to action here

<https://horseracingkills.com/make-death-reporting-mandatory>

Two of the 139 horses that were reported to have died on the track or in training are still listed as "active" on the Racing Australia website, despite their deaths being recorded in the stewards' reports.



■ Peak of Heaven



■ Lucian

NOTE:

These horses were researched and checked for the final time on August 23, 2022. Their status may have been updated by the racing industry from 'active' to 'deceased' since this date to display the truth.

'UNNAMED' & 'UNKNOWN' HORSES

Occasionally this report refers to a horse as **'unnamed'**. In those cases, the horse died before being given an official racing name, usually during trackwork or training. Currently, New South Wales is the only state to occasionally disclose these deaths in reports when they are notified of them.

It is even easier for the deaths of such horses to go **unnoticed**, with only one reported to have occurred in the last racing year. This only reinforces the need for mandatory reporting.

Petition here

<https://horseracingkills.com/make-death-reporting-mandatory>



Unnamed Filly

Sustained a Leg Fracture in Trackwork at Canberra

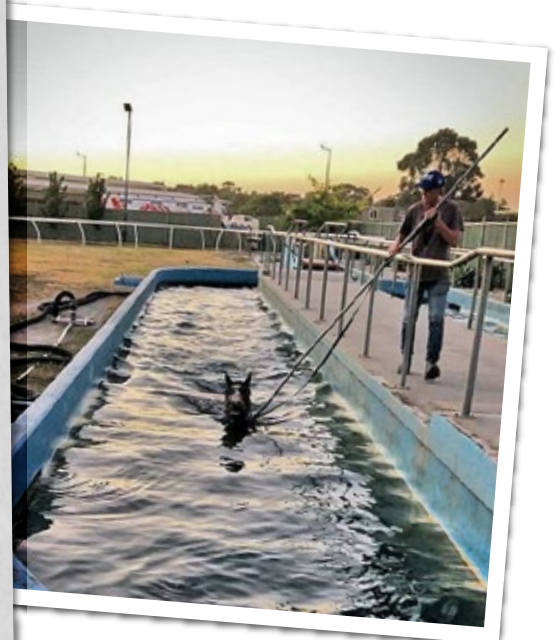
An unnamed filly *"suffered a compound fracture of it's distal right metacarpus"* after being *"eased down following a 400m jumpout near the 900m mark on the course proper at Thoroughbred Park. Due to the catastrophic injury sustained, the filly was subsequently humanely euthanised."*



Mystery Horse

Drowned at Cranbourne Training Complex swimming pool

The Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses was alerted to the death of a horse in the Cranbourne training facility swimming pool. We were able to have the death confirmed but authorities refused to provide any information surrounding the circumstances of the horses' death, nor information as to who the horse was.



■ Cranbourne Training Complex swimming pool

DIED IN THEIR FIRST RACE

THESE EIGHT HORSES DIED IN THEIR FIRST EVER RACE:



Mikki Mouse

Three years old

Fracture to near-hind tibia.

2/11/2021, Morphettville, SA



Ready to Conquer

Two years old

Went 'amiss'. Serious racing injury.

26/12/21, Caulfield, VIC



Straight Empire

Five years old

Blundered while positioned near the inside rail. Fell heavily, sustained injuries.

9/4/22, Goondiwindi, QLD



Song of the Nile

Three years old

Fractured pelvis.

29/1/22, Mornington, VIC



Happy Sizzle

Two years old

Suffered injury to near-hind leg.

11/2/22, Taree, NSW



Stella's Turn

Two years old

Fell near 75m. Suffered total dislocation off-fore fetlock.

3/7/22, Grafton, NSW



■ **Song of the Nile** suffered a fractured pelvis and died on 29 Jan 2022



Gormley

Three years old

Suffered a bleeding attack.

Collapsed and died.

10/7/22, Ballarat, VIC.



Forty Thieves

Two years old

Collapsed post-race due to suspected internal haemorrhage. Trainer stated "*appears to have a ruptured aorta*".

8/6/22, Ascot, WA

DIED IN THEIR FIRST TRIALS OR TRACKWORK

THESE NINE HORSES DIDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE RACETRACK:



Red Romance

Two years old

Barrier Trial: The filly suffered exercise associated sudden death as a result of cardio-respiratory failure.

17/8/21, Warwick Farm, NSW



Tucaman

One year old

Trackwork: The colt sustained a fracture to his near-fore humerus whilst being worked on the sand.

2/9/21, Rosehill, NSW



Hot Like Vindaloo

Three years old

Barrier Trial: Whilst attempting to load her into the barriers, the filly reared and threw herself backwards. She landed heavily on the ground and suffered a severe neurological injury.

20/9/21, Grafton, NSW



Unnamed

Three years old

Jump out: The unnamed filly suffered a compound fracture of the distal right metacarpus.

15/12/21, Canberra, ACT



Pocoyo

Four years old

Trackwork: Unknown cause.

16/12/21, Ascot, WA



Happily Ever Artie

Three years old

1st Trial: Collapsed and died just before the finish line.

30/7/22, Kembla Grange, NSW



■ **Pocoyo** died of unknown cause at Ascot on 16 December 2021



Roman Soldja

Five years old

Trackwork: Suffered a compound fracture to his off-fore cannon bone on the sand based fast work track.

7/5/22, Queanbeyan, NSW

NB: **Roman Soldja** was suspended from racing after his first trial in 2020 for being 'uncompetitive'. He wasn't trialled again until 2022 when the embargo was lifted. One month later he was dead



Star Guitar

Three years old

Trackwork: When being eased down after exercise, the gelding stumbled past the crossing and suffered a fracture to his near-fore sesamoid.

26/5/22, Moruya, NSW



Exploitable

Two years old

Training/Stable death: The gelding sustained a laceration to his near-fore pastern when he became fractious on the walking machine. The laceration became infected, spread through his leg and turned septic. Euthanised.

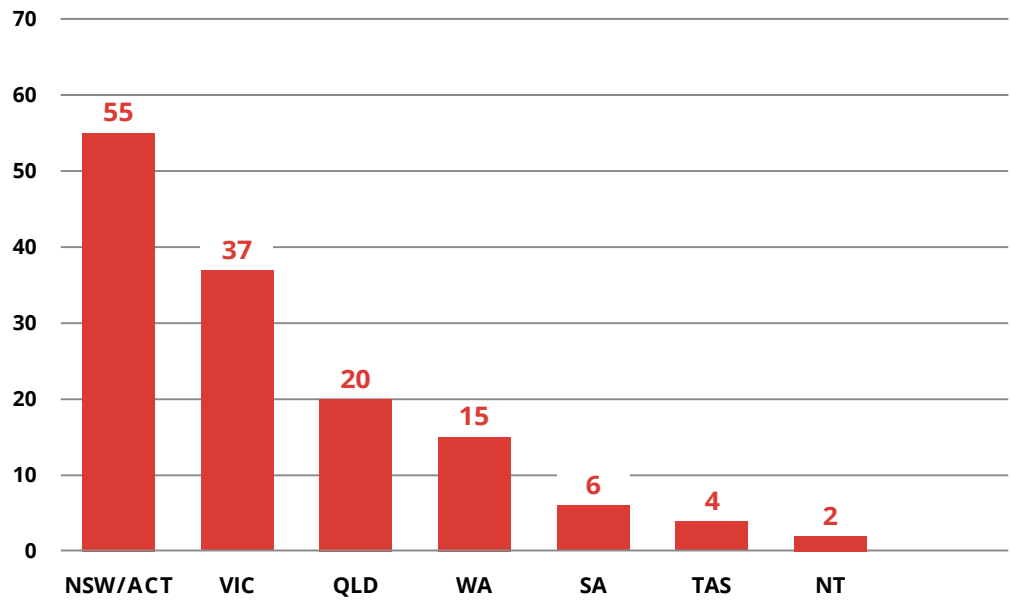
24/3/22, Coffs Harbour, NSW

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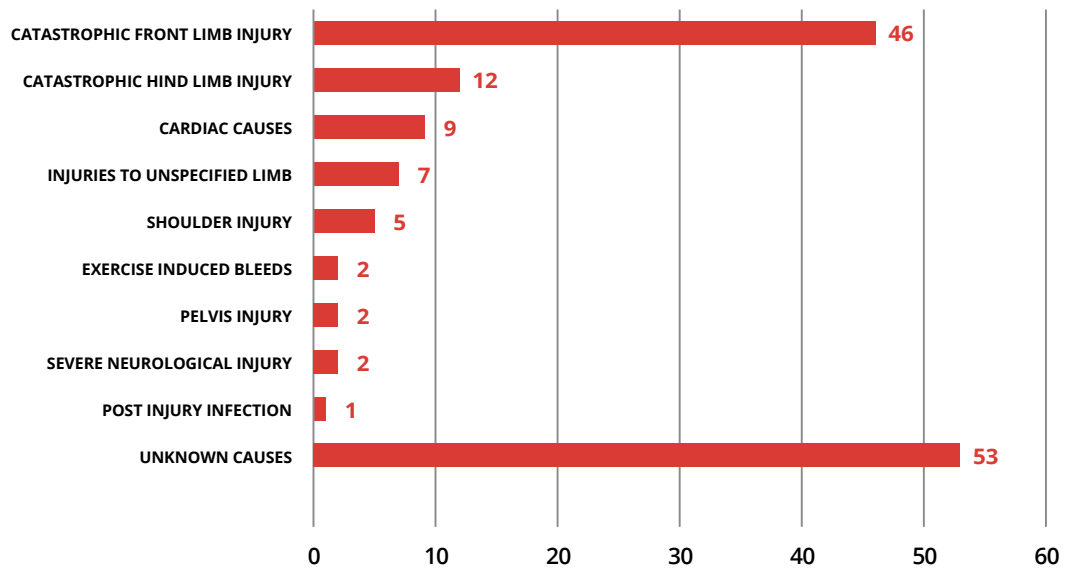
Only Racing NSW occasionally records deaths in trials and trackwork, hence why the above are all within their jurisdiction (excluding the Ascot death). Many more deaths of very young horses would be recorded and make up part of this report if other states disclosed such information.

STATISTICS

DEATH BY STATE

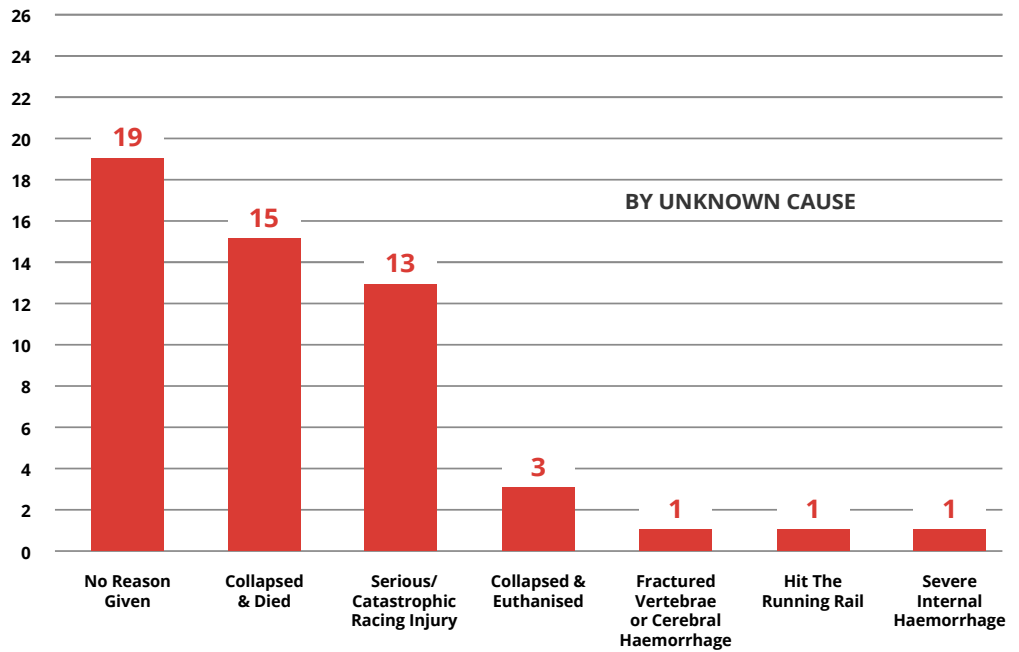


DEATH BY CAUSE

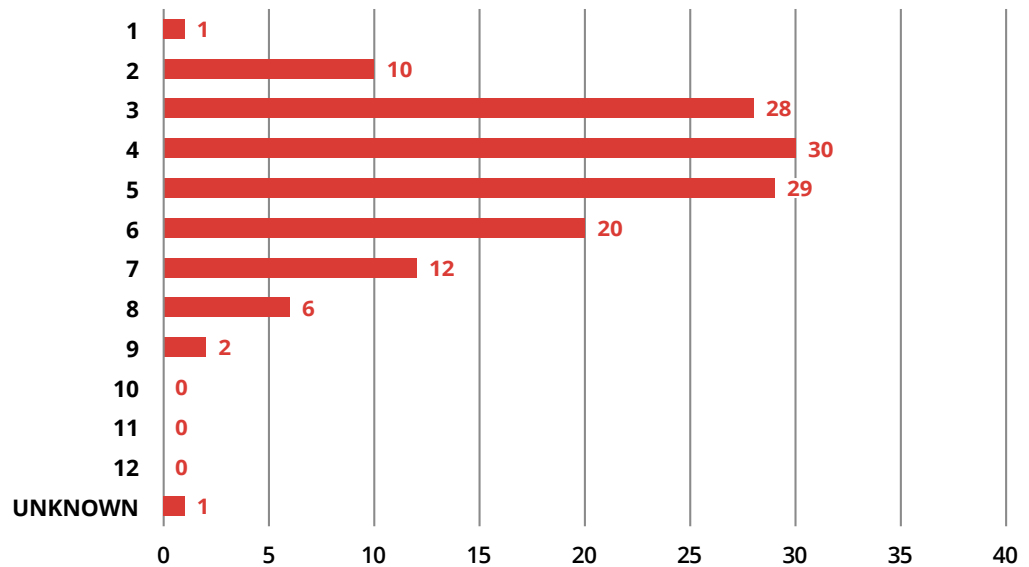


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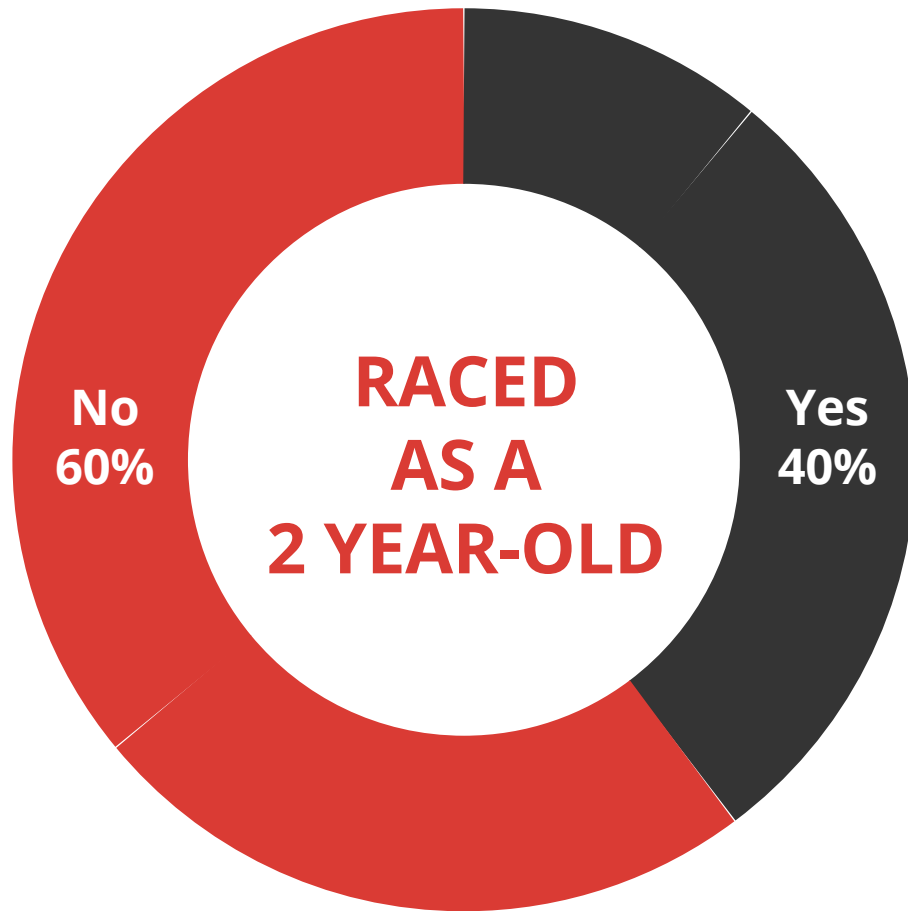
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DEATH BY AGE

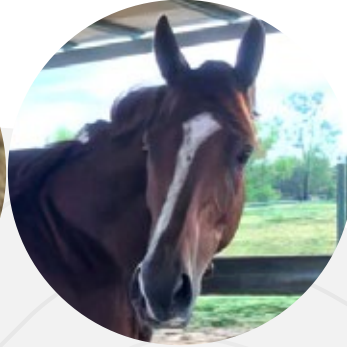
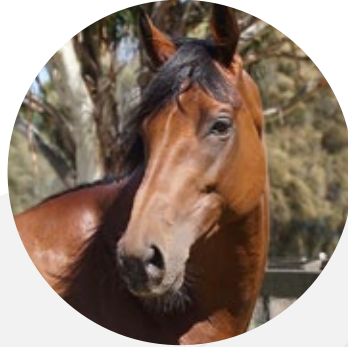


STATISTICS



*Many of the horses who did not race as a two-year-old were in fact raced as a three-year-old, which is still an under-developed stage.

CASE STUDY 1



Steel Prince grieved - Flash Hombre ignored

On May 28, 2022, two horses (at least), lost their lives on Australian racetracks. Even though both horses died in the same state, the reactions to their deaths were worlds apart.

Steel Prince, an eight-year-old gelding, had been used to win almost \$1.2 million in prize money for his connections. He had been raced twice in the Melbourne Cup and won the Geelong Cup in 2020. On his 34th race, being the Premier's Cup at Eagle Farm, in the Queensland capital, **Steel Prince** veered sharply and crashed to the ground moments after leaving the gates. He was reported to have blood in both nostrils and no heartbeat. There was an almost immediate outpouring of grief right across mainstream and social media - his trainers expressing their devastation and leading newspapers covering his life and death, as tributes to the horse came flooding in.

Just over one hour later, four-year-old gelding **Flash Hombre** faltered and fell with 250 metres to go at the far lesser-known racetrack in the small town of Cloncurry. He was found to have suffered a massive internal haemorrhage before he collapsed and died.

Over almost the same number of races, **Flash Hombre's** winnings did not even come close to those of **Steel Prince**, at \$43,515. And neither did the tributes. In fact, there were none. There was no mention of his death anywhere publicly in traditional or social media. No statement from the trainer or acknowledgement he ever existed. The Cloncurry race club Facebook page posted about what a great day it was, with images of winning horses, trainers and Fashions on the Field contestants.

Flash Hombre's death, like so many others, was irrelevant because he was not a successful racehorse, and he didn't drop dead in front of a huge crowd in a big city.

CASE STUDY 2



A used car may have been given more consideration

During trackwork on August 18, 2021, three-year-old gelding **Happy Winner** suffered a catastrophic injury to both fore superficial digital flexor tendons and was euthanised.

An inquiry into the horse's welfare prior to euthanasia found that **Happy Winner** had suffered an injury to his off-fore superficial digital flexor tendon months earlier when in the hands of his previous owner/trainer Joanne Hardy and required a recovery period and rehabilitation program. Ms Hardy failed to disclose this information both when advertising him for sale and to the subsequent buyer - another industry trainer Brett Robb. Mr Robb put **Happy Winner** into a "work program" that was contrary to the recovery period and/or rehabilitation program he required before he sustained the injury which led to his death.

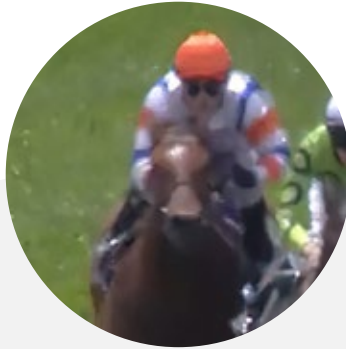
Ms Hardy paid \$15,000 for **Happy Winner** in March 2021. By April she was aware of the injury and by June he was listed for sale. She never made a cent from him before he was injured and presumably wanted to recuperate her costs.

Happy Winner was treated more like a used car than a living being.

Racing NSW stewards' found trainer Joanne Hardy guilty of actions which likely led to the death of three-year-old gelding, Happy Winner.

Joanne Hardy was suspended for eight months for her actions, plus an additional two months for providing misleading evidence to stewards'.

CASE STUDY 3



Melbourne Cup Day was far from fatality free

Much of the country held their breath during the 2021 Melbourne Cup, wondering if the event would take its ninth victim in ten years. There was a huge sigh of relief when all horses crossed the finish line seemingly uninjured, none greater, no doubt than that which came from the racing industry themselves who knew yet another death could spell the end for the Melbourne Cup at Flemington, or at the very least, turn even more people away from supporting horse racing in general.

What the public were not aware of, and the media didn't bother to cover, were the four horse deaths (at least) that occurred on other tracks across the country from injuries sustained from being raced that day.

Three-year-old filly, **Mikki Mouse**, suffered a fracture to her near hind tibia at the Morphetville track in South Australia and was subsequently killed. This was her first race.

Racing authorities edited the replay footage, and the stewards' report was delayed from being published until well into the following day.

Meanwhile, in New South Wales, Chris Waller trained horse, **The Grinder**, was being carted dead from the course whilst he and his team celebrated their Melbourne Cup win, off the back of **Verry Elleegant**. The six-year-old gelding sustained a sesamoid fracture in Race 8 at Randwick and was killed. The team were posting Melbourne Cup celebration pics before his body had even gone cold.

Chris Waller did not mention the death anywhere on his socials. Had it occurred in the Melbourne Cup, it would no doubt have been splashed across the headlines.

Part way between Melbourne and Sydney along the coastal route, punters who placed a winning bet on **Globalize** at the Sapphire Coast track were happy as the six-year-old gelding passed the post first. Little did they know the horse sustained a slab fracture to his near foreleg that day which led to supporting limb laminitis causing rotation of the pedal bone. He was subsequently euthanised.

CASE STUDY 3

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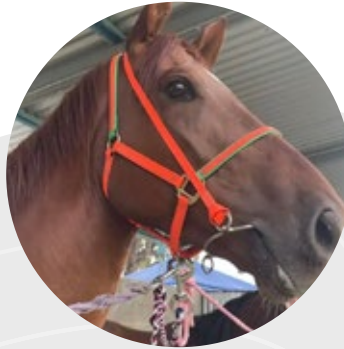
Finally, way out in the Northern Territory, where it is often said horses go to die, five-year-old **Daly Waters** "went amiss" at the Darwin Turf Club within 15 seconds of jumping out of the gates in Race 1. He was found to be lame in both front legs and was later reported to be deceased. Racing NT refused to provide any details as to **Daly Waters** cause of death and were very defensive as to why we should even ask.

These horses were never given the new stringent vet checks that have now been implemented pre-race for Melbourne Cup runners, simply because the eyes of the world were not watching them. Whilst all were focused on whether a horse would die at Flemington, **Mikki Mouse, The Grinder, Globalize** and **Daly Waters** deaths were ignored.



■ TOP: The Grinder BOTTOM: Globalize

CASE STUDY 4



Straight Empire died during his first race, but the authority reported him as scratched

On April 9, 2022, at the Goondiwindi track, **Straight Empire** hit the barriers on jumping and was also bumped by another horse. He “over raced” while being restrained and at the 600 metres, while positioned near the inside rail, the five-year-old gelding “blundered”, lost balance and fell heavily. His injuries resulted in him being killed on “humane grounds”.

Straight Empire had never been trialled and this was the first time he had been raced. However, you wouldn’t know it without having read the stewards’ report. According to his profile on Racing Australia, **Straight Empire** didn’t commence the race at all that day. He was recorded as ‘scratched’ rather than ‘fell’ by the authority.

Race 2 - 2:10PM DOYLE WILSON Maiden Plate (1000 METRES)

Of \$9,000. 1st \$6,200, 2nd \$1,600, 3rd \$850, 4th \$350
Maiden, Set Weights, Two-Years-Old and Upwards, Apprentices can claim.

Track Name: Main Track Type: Turf Track Condition: Good 4 RTime: 0:59.73 Timing Method: Manual

Color	Finish	No	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Margin	Bar.	Weight	Penalty	Starting Price
	1	7	NO CHOICES	Michael Hemmings	Shannon Apthorpe		2	55.5kg		\$6
	2	5	ZARAGIGI	Fred Carter	Mrs Shannyn Stephan (a2/51kg)	0.4L	5	56.5kg (cd 54.5kg)		\$2.80
	3	2	GRINZINGER HULK	Amanda Park	Mrs Hannah Richardson	0.6L	7	57.5kg		\$8
	4	4	WANDJINAPINE	Danni Schreck	Scott Sweedman	1.6L	1	56.5kg		\$2
	5	3	ADELAIDE MOMENT	Paul McEwan	Todd Banks	2.4L	6	56.5kg		\$6
	6	6	ATHENA AMOUR	Rod Hilton	Brendon Newport	2.6L	4	55.5kg		\$5
	4		STRAIGHT-EMPIRE	Sheree McEwan	Ms Liv O'Donnell (a2/54.5kg)		3			\$4.60

■ Profile showing Straight Empire scratched

CASE STUDY 5



Death after a prohibited substance

In early May, 2022, Western Australia horse trainer and former One Nation candidate, Julie Mitchell, was found guilty of giving now deceased gelding **Grinning Rupert** a pain killer/anti-inflammatory medication prior to his fatal race at Ascot in December. She was fined \$6000 and continues to train and race horses today.

Grinning Rupert had a poor track record over his very short time in racing - coming last in all trials and races but one, where he placed second last. But as far as we can tell, he was never required to undergo a veterinary clearance. The track was reported to have been rock hard on the day he was killed at Ascot, after suffering a fracture to his near hind tibia.

Racing and Wagering WA are conveniently terrible at reporting on injuries and deaths but they still managed to edit his race placing for that day to disqualified once learning of the prohibited substance in the post mortem results, even though **Grinning Rupert** was long dead.

The winners' presentations carried on in front of the green screen, behind which **Grinning Rupert** was dying.

Died Past the Winning Post

Of the 139 horses reported to have been killed on the racetrack (or shortly after) due to race day injuries, **at least forty-nine of them made it past the winning post before dropping dead or being killed.** Many sustained their injury as they were being pulled up. Others were racing over the finish line whilst already injured. All were being beaten with a whip, shouted at, and/or booted with spurs into their tender flanks to the finish line before or whilst their bodies broke or collapsed. They were pushed well beyond their limits and died as a result.

Like many of the deaths in racing, people watching on would most likely be completely unaware any of the following deaths occurred, as all are recorded as having finished the race.

1. **The Trooper** Five years old
Sustained a fracture to his off-fore sesamoids upon pulling up and was subsequently euthanised.
2. **Soneymar Star** Three years old
Significant injury to his near side fetlock.
3. **Dellvak** Four years old
Became awkward and weakened badly towards finish line. Collapsed and died past the post.
4. **Red Romance** Two years old
Exercise associated sudden death as a result of cardio-respiratory failure.
5. **Herodis** Two years old
Struggled towards the finish line. Collapsed on pulling up and died.
6. **Widaad** Three years old
Collapsed on being pulled up past the post. Euthanised.
7. **Tan Dinh** Four years old
Sustained a fracture to her knee just before the finish line. Pulled up lame past the post. Euthanised.
8. **Coolota** Nine years old
Collapsed and died just past the winning post.
9. **Divine Mr Tycoon** Five years old
Sustained a serious racing injury just past the winning post. Euthanised.
10. **Grosvenor Bridge** Six years old
Finished lame in his near foreleg.
11. **Battle Storm** Seven years old
Finished lame in his near hind. After being transported from the course with a fractured pelvis. Euthanised.
12. **Murray The Bulldog** Seven years old
Finished lame and taken from the course.
13. **Rokara** Four years old
Injured just past the winning post. Euthanised. No other details. Stated as "went a miss".
14. **Viking Myth** Six years old
Collapsed and died after completion of the race. He had thrown his rider off prior to being raced, on their way to the barriers.

15. **Scorpion Queen** Five years old
Injury unknown. Transported from the course.
16. **Globalize** Six years old
Suffered a slab fracture to his near foreleg after the race. Developed laminitis in opposite limb during recovery efforts. Euthanised.
17. **Faraway Jewel** Five years old
Collapsed and died past the post from exercise associated cardiorespiratory failure.
18. **Maconni** Four years old
Finished the race with a fractured near fore knee. Euthanised later.
19. **Okotos** Seven years old
Suffered a catastrophic injury to his near foreleg on pulling up. Euthanised.
20. **Skellig Lass** Three years old
Following the race the filly collapsed and died in the wash bay area due to severe internal haemorrhage.
21. **Walking Flying** Five years old
Dropped dead from a heart attack past the post.
22. **Ping Ping** Seven years old
Finished the race then collapsed and died.
23. **Red Hana** Six years old
Suffered a heart attack and died post-race at the tie up area.
24. **Brick Short** Six years old
Finished the race lame in her off-fore. No further details published.
25. **Way Of The World** Three years old
Collapsed and died past the post. Suspected cardiac arrest.
26. **Campese** Five years old
Suffered a heart attack and died past the winning post.
27. **Royal Marine** Five years old
Collapsed and died post-race.
28. **Uncle Al Pal** Four years old
On pulling up suffered a catastrophic injury to his near fetlock. Euthanised.
29. **Penny's Bonitas** Eight years old
Finished the race with a ruptured off fore suspensory apparatus. Euthanised.
30. **Mount Smart** Three years old
Collapsed and died past the winning post.
31. **Lucky Rockstar** Five years old
Finished the race lame in her near foreleg. Injury unknown.
32. **Glen Forbes** Four years old
Pulled up lame in his left foreleg. Injury unknown.
33. **Riverstock** Six years old
Collapsed and died on pulling up due to cardio-respiratory failure.
34. **Exterminate** Six years old
Suffered an injury to his off foreleg past the post and was euthanised.
35. **Stuchbree Stamp** Five years old
Heart attack post-race. Euthanised.
36. **Luscinia** Three years old
"Blundered" severely after winning the race and found to be 4/5 lame. Transported to vet and diagnosed with a fracture to his near fore humerus. Euthanised.

37. **Isa Lad** Five years old
unknown injury

38. **Somethingready** Four years old
Transported off site with a fracture to her off-hind pastern. Euthanised.

39. **High Mist** Eight years old
Found post-race to have suffered a fractured near hind fetlock. Euthanised.

40. **Skipper George** Three years old
Faltered badly post-race rupturing his near fore suspensory apparatus. Euthanised.

41. **Forty Thieves** Two years old
Collapsed post-race in stalls area due to suspected internal haemorrhage. Euthanised.

42. **Bob's Bay** Four years old
Finished race with a tendon injury to his left foreleg. Euthanised.

43. **Sir Da Vinci** Six years old
Suffered a bowed tendon whilst racing.

44. **Cool Missile** Five years old
On pulling up faltered badly and sustained a fracture to her near side cannon bone. Euthanised.

45. **Boat Harbour** Six years old
Finished race with a 'serious injury' to his right fore fetlock. Euthanised off course.

46. **Timson** Three years old
Finished the race lame in his off foreleg.

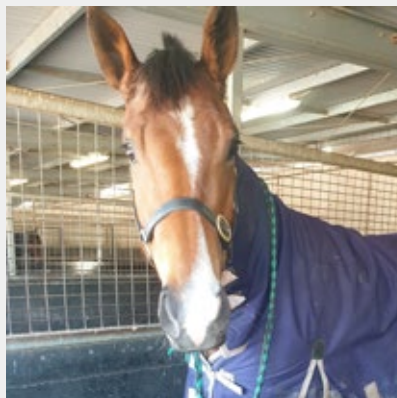
47. **Ballistic Boy** Five years old
Sustained multiple fractures to his near fore fetlock. Euthanised.

48. **Headman** Four years old
Finished the race with a 'serious racing injury' and was euthanised. No other details.

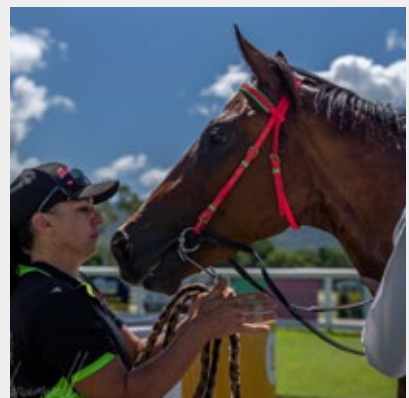
49. **Mon Cheval** Three years old
Post-race was found to have broken both sesamoids and was humanely euthanized.



■ **Bob's Bay**
Suffered a tendon injury to his left foreleg. Euthanised.



■ **Widaad**
Collapsed on being pulled up past the post. Euthanised.



■ **Soneymar Star**
Significant injury to his near side fetlock.

SELF-DETERMINATION IGNORED

Horses' expressions of defiance and fear happen all day at any given racetrack. Most don't get a mention. They frequently throw off their jockey's pre-race, rear in the tie-up stalls, break away from their handlers, take off when being led to the barriers and more.

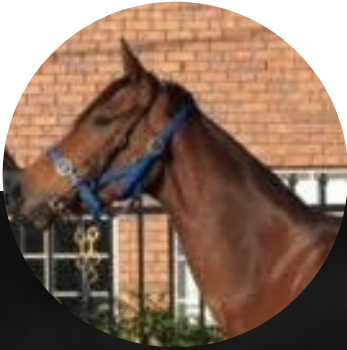
The barriers are also a common place of such defiance. Horses don't like confined spaces and have to be trained/coerced to go in because it goes against all their natural instincts. Some horses are rejected from racing simply because they can't be made to go into the barriers.

In just about every race day report you can read stewards' comments on incidents at the gates, referred to as "difficult to load", "unable to load", "fractious in barriers", "became cast in barriers", "broke through the gates", "dislodged rider", "leg stuck in gates", "reared at the gates".

Of the 139 horses who were killed on track this year, sixteen had expressed their defiance to entering the gates so strongly on at least one and up to five occasions, that they had received a warning or temporary suspension from racing.

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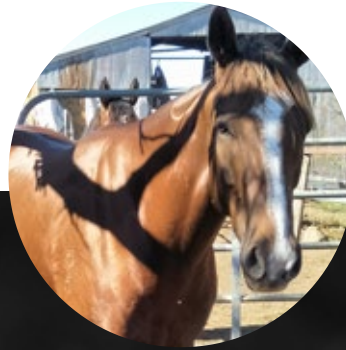
CASE STUDY 1-2



Filly Suffers Severe Neurological Injury

In her third trial on 20 September 2021 at Grafton NSW, **Hot Like Vindaloo** did not want to be loaded into the barriers. Her fear was so great while they were leading her in that she reared and threw herself backwards, resulting in a severe neurological injury before being euthanised.

In her two barrier trials prior, the three-year-old filly had received suspensions for being 'uncompetitive', finishing both times a distant last. She had a trainer change and a few weeks later was back at the track for the third trial which took her life.



Mare Slips in Saddling Enclosure After Breaking Away from Her Handler

On 23 September 2021 at the Ipswich track in Queensland, six-year-old mare, **Miss Makepeace**, broke away from her handler whilst being led in the saddling enclosure. She slipped and made heavy contact with a rail. **Miss Makepeace** was sedated before succumbing to her injuries and passing away.

The injuries she sustained were never reported.

It was to be the third time the mare would have been raced that month, her previous race just four days prior. It was to be her 63rd race in just over three years.

CASE STUDY 3



Held Down by Four Track Staff

Whilst being raced at the Mornington track in Victoria on 29 December 2021, **Fast N Deep** sustained a “serious racing injury” with 500 metres to go and was euthanised.

Fast N Deep had been suspended from racing for being “*fractious in the barrier*” or “*difficult to load*” on three prior occasions.

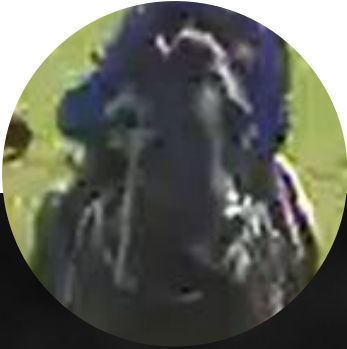
On 23 November 2020, after being fractious and becoming stuck in the barriers, **Fast N Deep** was scratched from the race on veterinary advice and suspended for being “*fractious in the barrier*” until a jump-out could be performed to the satisfaction of the stewards’.

The following month at Caulfield, the mare was reported for being “*difficult to load*” into the barriers and suspended until she could again complete a satisfactory jump-out.

On 19 November 2021, **Fast N Deep** was reported to have again been “*fractious in the barrier*” and received a warning this time, not a suspension. Four track staff can be seen holding down the mare inside the barriers just so the jockey could safely mount before the gates opened. Post-race, **Fast N Deep** was found to be lame in her off foreleg and embargoed from racing until cleared by a vet.

She was cleared and reinstated to race just over one week later. In her next and final race on 29 December 2021, **Fast N Deep** was again held down in the barriers by track staff. Moments later whilst being raced she sustained the “*serious racing injury*” to her leg that resulted in them ending her life.

CASE STUDY 4



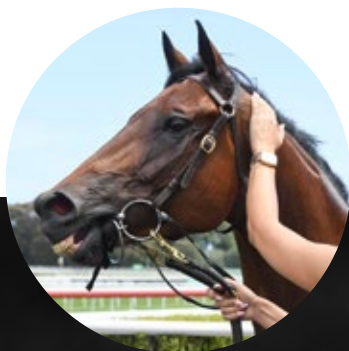
Gelding Breaks Through Barriers and Smashes Through Running Rail

Four-year-old **Across** lost his life at Albury Racecourse in NSW on 3 February 2022. After being loaded, the gelding broke through the front of the barriers and galloped for some distance before smashing through the outside running rail. He suffered a catastrophic injury to his near foreleg and was euthanised.

This was to be his second race.

Stewards' ensured all bets placed on **Across** be refunded.

CASE STUDY 5



"Unruly", "Playing Up", "Hotheaded", "Awkward", "A Real Problem", "Poor Barrier Manners", "Reluctant to Proceed to Gates", "Difficult to Load".

This is how Moonshine Lady has been described over the years by trainers and stewards' for not wanting to be forced into the barriers to race. They repeatedly ignored her objections, and this ultimately led to her death.

Moonshine Lady's refusals to being forced into the barriers were so great that she had been embargoed on five previous occasions.

At Randwick, NSW on 12 February 2022, the six-year-old mare once again panicked after being forced into the barriers. She reared and consequently became stuck, sustaining a catastrophic injury to her upper right forelimb. The veterinarian on duty decided her injury was so great that she had to be "euthanised".

The words then said about Moonshine Lady in horse racing circles were "oh no", "condolences to her connections", "is she ok?", "that looked horrible", "has she survived?", "that looked horrific".

Moonshine Lady's fears and objections to racing were repeatedly ignored because she was seen as an object to make money from and it cost her life.

MOONSHINE LADY
 Six Year Mare
 D.O.B: 30-Sep-2016
 by THE FACTOR (USA) from SUPER FUND
[View Pedigree Report](#)

Status: Active
Owner's Details: Mrs S J Arison, Mr P A Arison, Mr D A J Arison, Mr R S Poole
Stewards Embargoes: Current - 19-Apr-2021, Warning (Fractious in Barrier)
Last Gear Change: 29-Oct-2021, Tongue Tie, On
Trainer: Miss Kirsten Buchanan (Rlyng)
Racing Colours: Aqua, Purple Diagonals, Chrome Breeches, Beams Cap
Career: Max/Mid/Qual: 1000/1200 1st Up: 7.0-0.1 2nd Up: 5.1-1.0
 Form: 00-0-0 Good: 17.5-1.1 Soft: 7.1-1.1 Heavy: 4.3-0.0 Synthetic: 0-0-0-0

Recent Race	All Races	Embargoes	Gear Changes	Rating	Notes	Wght	Assn
Details	Date	Location	Steward	Name	Comments		
Not To Race (Not Certified)	26-Jan-2022	RNBSI OFFICES	T.Hosang		Reinstated on 31-Jan-2022 Steward: S Herring		
Warning (Fractious in Barrier)	19-Apr-2021	SUNSHINE COAST	T Hudson		Reluctant to proceed to gates. Warning placed.		
Suspension (Difficult to Load)	22-Aug-2020	DOOMSEN	W Hadley		Reinstated on 25-Aug-2020 Steward: W Hadley		
Suspension (Fractious in Barrier)	08-Feb-2020	EAGLE FARM	Peter Chadwick		Reinstated on 19-Feb-2020 Steward: P Zimmermann		
Warning (Difficult to Load)	23-Jan-2020	DOOMSEN	L Hicks		Difficult to load		
Warning (Difficult to Load)	05-Jul-2019	MORRIS	J Drew		Difficult to load		

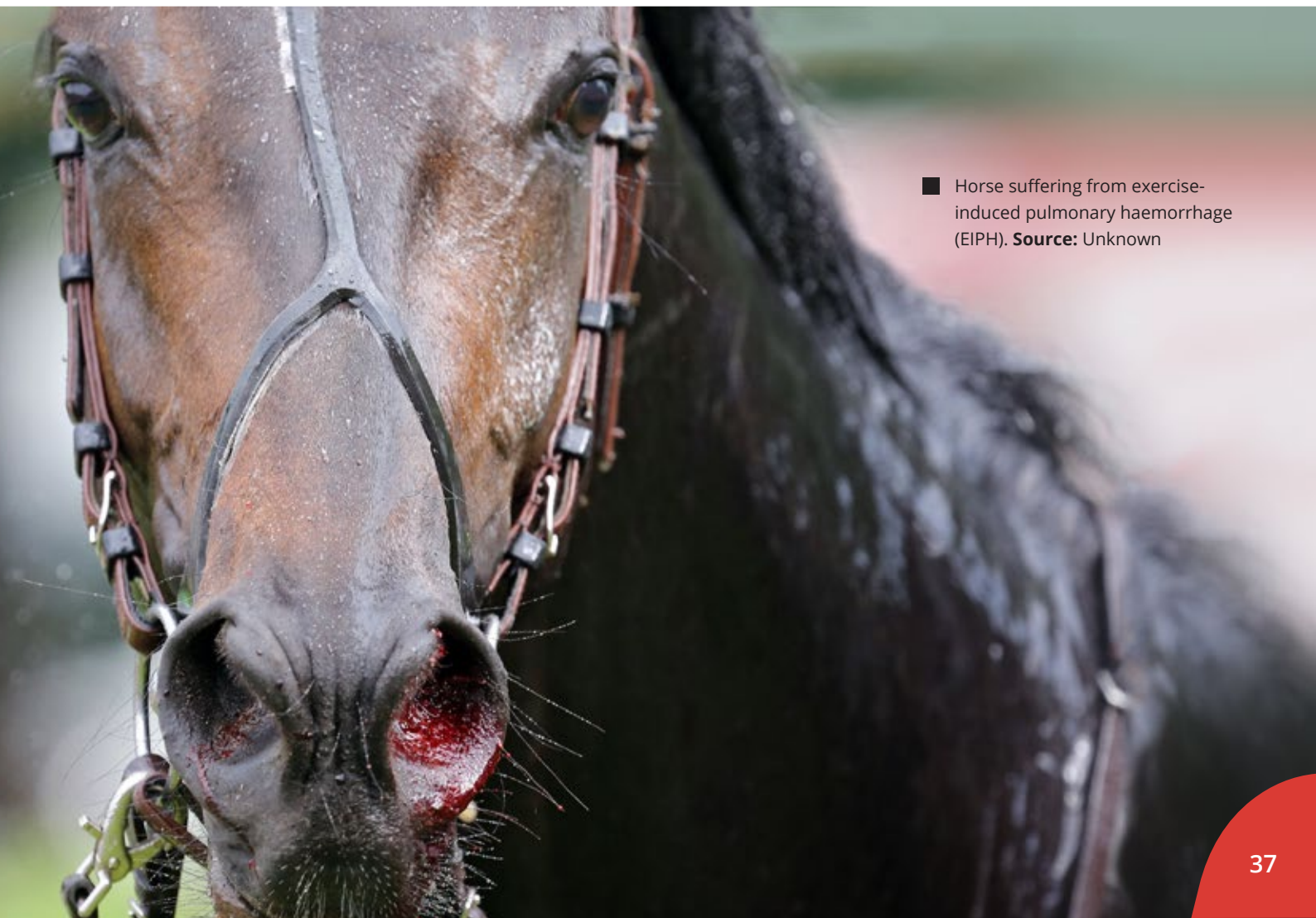
BLEEDS

623 horses in Australia were reported to have suffered bleeding of the lungs, or exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH) while being raced within this racing year, compared to 548 in the previous year and 483 the year before.

This equates to 1.7 horses suffering EIPH so severely that it has caused them to bleed through their nose on the racetrack every day. The vast majority of those reported bled from one or both nostrils. Just a small number were recorded as having bled internally—those bleeds were only reported as they resulted in death.

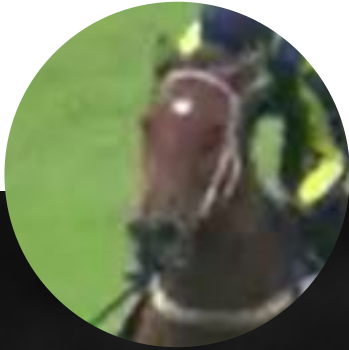
With just 1% of bleeds being detectable via visible blood in the nostrils, this year's count of 623 horses presenting this way after being raced indicates horses finished a race with blood in their lungs to varying degrees on 61,667 occasions.

In Australia, the first time a horse is reported to have suffered from EIPH during a race with blood visible in both nostrils, they are banned from racing for three months; the second time they are banned for life. However, **the vast majority of bleeds go undetected**. A horse with blood visible in only one nostril is not banned or suspended. They are just required to perform a 1000m gallop to the satisfaction of the stewards'.



■ Horse suffering from exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH). **Source:** Unknown

CASE STUDY 1-2



Collapsed and Died After First Trial Back from a Bleeding Attack

In his second ever race, three-year-old gelding, **Mount Smart**, suffered a bleeding attack with blood present in both nostrils. The stable representative was advised of the horses' mandatory three-month ban.

On his first trial back at Scone on 23 March 2022, **Mount Smart** passed the finish line 6th of seven before he 'collapsed and died'. No necropsy appears to have been performed on the horse and the inquiry into his death stated *"No identifiable condition was evident in the lead up to the gelding's death."*

Both **Gormley** and **Mount Smart** were known *'bleeders'*, yet they were still allowed to be entered back into races and it cost them their lives.



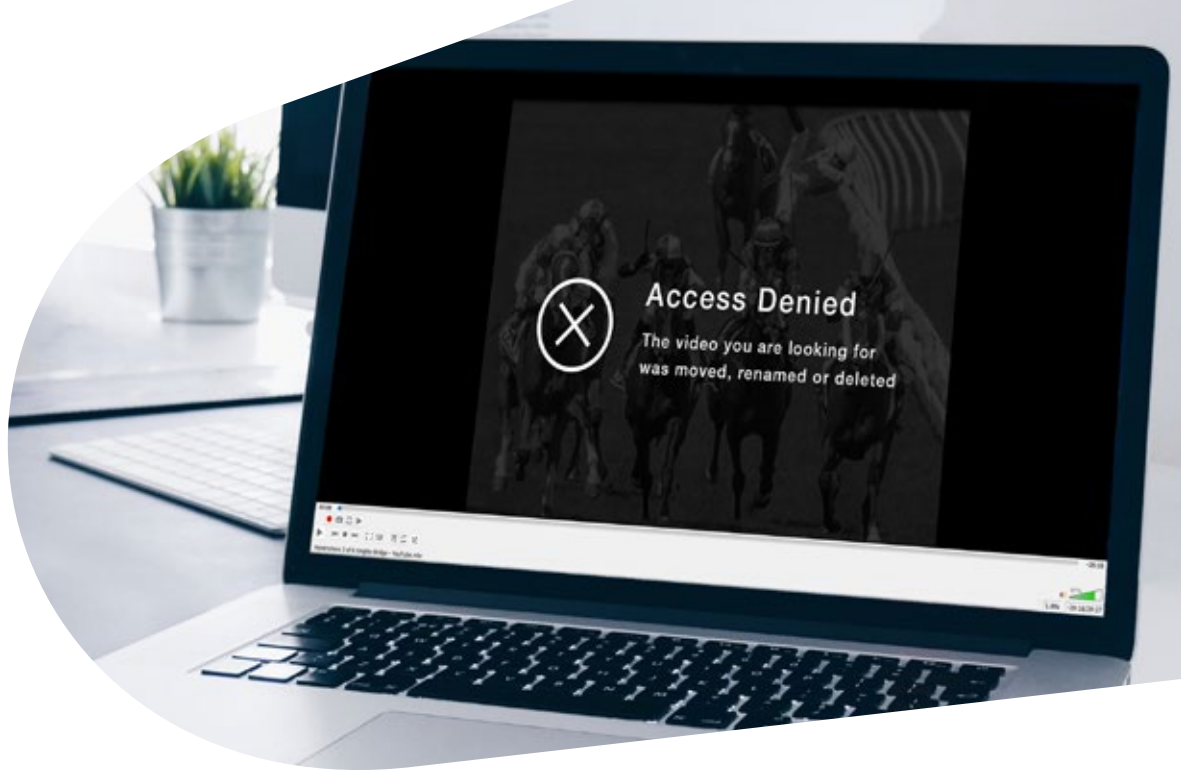
Horror Scene at Ballarat

At not yet three years old, **Gormley** suffered a bleeding attack during trackwork at Randwick on 5 October, 2021. He was suspended from racing for the mandatory three months and was entered into his first race ever at Ballarat on 10 July, 2022. With 500m to go, the gelding again suffered a massive bleeding attack, threw his rider, and collapsed and died on the track.

In the race results **Gormley** was listed as *'lost rider'*. The standard race replay was heavily edited, with a huge section of the race entirely cut out to avoid exposing any footage of **Gormley's** tragic death. The stewards' vision was not uploaded.



■ The moments before **Gormley's** tragic death.



MISSING OR EDITED VIDEO REPLAYS

Gormley was not the only death this year that was edited from the racing replay. True to form this racing year, the industry continued to hide the shocking scenes of horses being harmed to the point of serious injury and death.

Of the many races where a horse was reported to have been killed, various websites from the states and territories either edited the replay, failed to upload the stewards' vision, or failed to upload any video replays of the entire race in which the death occurred, on a **total of seventeen occasions** (two times less than last year). Of the seventeen deaths whose replays were either not uploaded or edited, six were from Victoria. This is a slight improvement on last year where Racing Victoria edited or failed to upload replays that included horse deaths on ten occasions.

Racing NSW appear to be taking a leaf out of Victoria's book and have increased their efforts in this area. **Now the greatest culprit of all the states, Racing NSW edited or failed to upload replays where a horse died on seven occasions.**

Vision of horse's legs snapping, dropping dead, or smashing through rails is not good for business.

The Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses continues to call on the racing industry to live up to their claims of being "*open and transparent*" by reporting on all deaths caused by race day injuries, even when the horses die away from the track, and to ensure all race replays are accessible.

Stewards Vision not uploaded for Race 4 only which showed Real Feeling suffer a 'serious racing injury' before falling.

Caulfield, VIC | 26th December 2021

Caulfield
Sunday, 26th December

The image shows a grid of 12 video thumbnails for Caulfield races. Each thumbnail includes a play button icon and a caption with the race name and date. Race 4 is missing its video, indicated by a red box with the text "VIDEO MISSING".

Race	Stewards Vision Date	Video Date
Caulfield Race 9	26-12-21	26 December, 2021
Caulfield Race 07	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 06	Stewards Vision-25-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 09	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 05	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 08	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 01	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 02	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 03	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	10 January, 2022
Caulfield Race 04	Stewards Vision-26-12-21	VIDEO MISSING

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No replay uploaded on Race 6 where Tactical Ploy fell and suffered a compound fracture, meaning the end of his broken bone penetrated the skin.

Northam, WA | 25th November 2021

NORTHAM RACE CLUB - THURSDAY 25/11/2021

Meeting	Track	Weather	Rail Pos.	Penetrometer	Cond	Irrigation	Rainfall	Track Info
25-NOV-21 Northam	Northam	Fine	True		Good4	12mm last 24hrs, 55mm last 7 days	Nil	

#	Time	Race Name	Race Type	ST	Dist	Cond			
1	1:47 PM	TABTOUCH BOOSTED ODDS MAIDEN	MDN	6	2200	Good4			
2	2:22 PM	DE BORTOLI WINES MAIDEN	MDN	7	1100	Good4			
3	3:00 PM	IRON JACK MAIDEN	3YO MDN	8	1000	Good4			
4	3:30 PM	WESTERN RACEPIX MAIDEN	MDN	12	1300	Good4			
5	4:00 PM	AFGRI EQUIPMENT HANDICAP	CL3	9	1300	Good4			
6	4:30 PM	AVON VALLEY CONTRACTORS HANDICAP	CL1	9	1600	Good4			
7	5:00 PM	NORTHAM MAZDA HANDICAP	CL5	9	1600	Good4			

Key:	Race Download	Race Results	Photo Finish
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No stewards vision was uploaded for Race 1 only where La Roca fell and sustained sesamoid fractures in her off-fore leg.

Ballina, NSW | 27th December 2021

Race 1 - 2:00PM MEN VS. AGEING CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE (1910 METRES)

Of \$24,000. 1st \$12,200, 2nd \$4,440, 3rd \$2,300, 4th \$1,200, 5th \$750, 6th \$550, 7th \$500, 8th \$500, 9th \$500, 10th \$500, Equine Welfare Fund \$240, Jockey Welfare Fund \$240. Class 1. Set Weights. Apprentices can claim. BOBS/BOBS Extra Bonus available: \$5,625

Track Name: Main Track Type: Turf Track Conditions: Good 4 RARates: 2:00.52 Last 600m: 0:18.37 Timing Method: Electronic

Video Replay:



Color	Finish	No.	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Marg(L)	Bar	Wgt(kg)	Pen(kg)	B'mark	SP	Sire/Dam
	1	3	PAINTED BLACK	Christopher Zintillis	Luke Dittman		3	59		51	\$2.50	Lucas Cranach / Three Red Roses
	2	10	LAST NOT LEAST	Joanne Hardy	Jon Grisedale	0.15	5	55		N/A	\$2.80	Criterion / Boundary
	3	1	CEFALU	Leo Clapham	Matthew McGuren	2.88	1	59		51	\$7	Adelaide / Whippy Van
	4	9	MISS PIERPOINT	Mark Gorman	Noriyuki Masuda	3.31	4	57		46	\$41	Bullet Train / Up Against It
	5	5	SHOTGUN BOBBY	Ethan Ensby	Jason Taylor	5.56	7	59		52	\$12	Shooting to Win / Bird Inthe Heather
	6	6	WAIKATO	Stephen Cole	Ms Rikki Jamieson	8.53	9	59		42	\$61	Adelaide / Subtitle
	7	4	PRUNDA	Shane Parsons	Ms Isabella Teh (a2/50kg)	11.55	6	59 (cd 57)		39	\$26	Love Conquers All / Ashkaleta
	8	7	DAY TO FAVOUR	Marcus Wilson	Robbie Fradd	19.81	8	57		44	\$26	Domesday / Fast Fav
	LR	8	LA ROCA	Andrew Parramore	Ms Jodi Worley	0	2	57		52	\$12	El Roca / Total Optimism
	9	OWNED-UP	Alicia Willick	Frovis-Wollgram		8	59			44		Pret's Voice / Ihavocconfession

STABLE DEATHS

When tracking racing deaths throughout the year, CPR also come across a number of deaths that occur in the stables where the horses reside. Unless we can directly attribute the cause of death directly to the horse being used as a racehorse these deaths usually do not make it into this report. Sometimes making that distinction can be difficult, especially when such limited information, if any, is provided.

Whilst these horses and their causes of death have not been included in our overall

statistics, we feel it important they too be acknowledged in this report.

NB: almost all of these are NSW deaths as they are the only state to occasionally report the details of stable deaths in their stewards' reports. Plenty more would be occurring across the country, but without any government or industry requirement to make such information available to the public, most go unnoticed.



Scenic Sunrise

four years old

Collapsed and died after trainer administered a Procaine Penicillin injection to which he had an adverse reaction.



Unnamed

three years old

The filly 'most likely' died from the suspected viral hepatitis or hepatic abscess she was being treated for at the time.



Full Speed Ahead

two years old

Her leg was caught between the gate and the post structure of the stable yard. She suffered an open disarticulation of the metacarpophalangeal joint, with a rupture of the suspensory ligament and collateral ligaments. Euthanised.



Rheingau

six years old

Found to have an abrasion on his poll and have blood present at his nostrils and a stable wall was found to be severely damaged indicative of a 'stable mishap'. On the available evidence, the inquiry was concluded.



Without Equal

four years old

Died from colitis, after being treated with antibiotics for cellulitis in his off-hind leg.



Zardoro

two years old

Died from antibiotic induced colitis, after being treated for cellulitis in his right hind leg.



Exoboom

four years old

Died in stable from suspected colic.



Saint Joan

two years old

Euthanised due to severe colic.



Our Puff

six years old

Euthanised due to deteriorating condition caused by colic.



My Rizing Star

five years old

Found deceased in stable. Vet checked her but could not establish cause of death.



Opal Mine

three years old

The mare was found to be suffering colic. Euthanised.



Fly Like An Eagle

six years old

He was euthanised due to complications from an eye condition that could not be resolved.



Merry Beach

three years old

Necropsy report detailed that the gelding had sustained fractures involving the temporal and frontal regions of his skull. Examination of the gelding's box had revealed hair on the stable wall and door. On the evidence it was suspected that gelding had sustained the trauma to his head from the wall and door and on this basis the matter was concluded.



Marinated

six years old

Death was reported to have been caused by colic. Stewards confirmed no follow up/check for accuracy was made.

New Zealand Deathwatch 2022

A Brief Summary from CPR New Zealand

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing enjoys a close working relationship with the Australia racing industry, with far more horses being transported between the two countries than anywhere else in the world.

CPR New Zealand formed in late 2018 and have since demonstrated the issues horses face in Australian racing most certainly extend across the ditch.

During the racing year ending 31 July 2022, 14 horses died, either through accidents on the course and then being euthanised or were reported as deceased shortly after serious injuries at courses. The horses ranged in age from 3 to 12 years.

Of the fourteen deaths, eleven were due to serious leg injuries, mostly fractures but also tendon and ligament injuries. Two died, after finishing the race, from cardiac events. One had no cause reported, only injuries as a result of a fall.

Of the fourteen deaths there were five race-courses with multiple incidents. These were Ellerslie, Whanganui, Riccarton, Ashburton and Te Rapa, all with two deaths each.

Three of the fourteen horses died in Jumps races. All three were reported to have been as a result of 'misjudging' fences and sustaining serious leg injuries.



■ **Kaharau** died at the age nine in a jumps race.

One such horse was Australian born **Kaharau**. Sent to New Zealand and put on the racetrack by age two, the gelding was raced 84 times before being placed into jumps races at the age of nine. It took just four jumps races to end his life, falling over the 11th hurdle at Te Aroha on 3 October 2021. Kaharau crashed headfirst, flipped and sustained a fracture to his right foreleg resulting in euthanasia.

His trainer, Ken Rae, stated just three months before his death:

"I never really wanted to jump him, but Emily Farr convinced me to try schooling him a couple of years ago, so it has taken that long to get him to a hurdle race.

“He had a rotten season last year, so I retired him and gave him to Rowena Smyth as a hack, but she had to send him back as he was bullying all her other horses.

“I do have a dream though and that is to try and win the Great Northern Hurdles (4190m) at Ellerslie in September.”

It was this race which ended Kaharau’s life. He was ten years old.

Of the 139 horses who make up this year’s Deathwatch 2022 report for Australia, sixteen were from New Zealand, meaning more New Zealand horses were reported to have been killed on Australian racetracks than in their own home country.

The New Zealand racing industry is much smaller than that of Australia and this number is reflected in the smaller number of deaths. There are approximately 27,000 starts in New Zealand Thoroughbred racing each year, compared with 179,000 in Australia. Ultimately, the more horses who are subjected to being used as racing machines for gambling profits, the more suffering and death ensues.

REST IN PEACE

Gold Watch, Mackenzie Lad, On the Backfoot, Stumpy, Sino Heights, Communique, Fasong, Megavision, Truefalls, Gamester, Kaharau, No Dancing Today, Man Oh Man, Wholetthefoxout

AUSTRALIAN HORSE RACING SPONSORS

Horse racing has many sponsors, from small local businesses through to large corporations.

The Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses is calling on businesses to withdraw their support of horse racing and outlines this in **10 Reasons Why Your Brand Should Not Be Associated With Horse Racing** here: <https://bit.ly/3xQTKyn>

The following companies (or clubs) sponsored (or were supported by) races in which a horse was killed:

Australia Wide

Heineken
Aristocrat
Great Northern Beer
Living Turf
Harvey Norman
Concept Logistics
Alinta Energy
Tooheys New
Decron Horse Care
United Petroleum
PM & KG Gaskell Contractors
Quayclean
Sky Racing
Energetic Lighting/Nordlux
DVine Living TV
Magic Millions
RACV Solar
Horsepower Equine Nutrition
TAB
bet365
Ladbrokes Betting

South Australia

Murray Bridge Golf Club – *Murray Bridge, SA*
Wise Farm Equipment – *Bordertown, SA*

Tasmania

Charles Street Central Newsagency & Lotto
– *Launceston, TAS*
Graham Family Funerals – *New Town, TAS*

Australian Capital Territory

Greenwood Tiling – *Canberra, ACT*

New South Wales

Darley Stud – *Aberdeen, NSW*
Allsopp Signs – *Tamworth, NSW*
Hazel Park Racing – *Albury, NSW*
Adors Party Hire – *Dubbo, NSW*
Amaroo Tavern, *Moree, NSW*
NSW Gold Course Superintendents Association – *NSW*
Parkes Service Club – *Parkes, NSW*
The Magic Pudding – *Tamworth, NSW*
Commercial Club – *Albury, NSW*
Robrick Lodge – *Parkville, NSW*
KMWL & Co - *Forbes, NSW*
Gilgandra Services Club – *Gilgandra, NSW*
Manly Sea Eagles – *Northern Beaches, NSW*
A Corp Computers – *Barangaroo, NSW*
RJ Sidney Craig Funeral Directors – *Goulburn, NSW*
The Terrace Function Centre – *Evanston, SA*
Sampson's Car Repairs – *Tamworth, NSW*
Tenterfield Bowling Club – *Tenterfield, NSW*
Everingham Solomons – *Tamworth, NSW*
Lander Toyota – *Blacktown, NSW*
Southside Pharmacy – *Lismore, NSW*
Auswild & Broad Accountants – *Narrandera, NSW*

Western Australia

Lambron Contracting – *Perth, WA*
Crown Perth – *Perth, WA*
Shire of Leonora – *Leonora, WA*
DDH1 WA Drilling – *Canning Vale, WA*
Amelia Park – *Margaret River, WA*
Avon Valley Contractors – *Northam, WA*
Electrical Consultancy – *Perth, WA*
Tourism WA

Victoria

Bendigo Skin Clinic – *Bendigo, VIC*
Roll the Dice Racing – *Bendigo, VIC*
Fabriweld Constructions – *Warrnambool, VIC*
The Gift Hotel – *Stawell, VIC*
Bloke in a Bar Beer – *VIC*
Avon Graphics – *Rowville, VIC*
Polvin Fencing – *Dandenong South, VIC*
Cathedral Lodge & Golf Club – *Thornton, VIC*
MLM Electrical – *Albury, VIC*
Casterton Racing Club – *Casterton, VIC*
Park Hotel – *Ballarat, VIC*
Ultima Hotel – *Swan Hill, VIC*
Northern Hire Group – *Echuca, VIC*
Bendigo Magazine – *Bendigo, VIC*

Queensland

Sia Model Management – *Townsville, QLD*
Star Motel – *Nanango, QLD*
Jones Livestock Transport – *Ilfracombe, QLD*
Liggins Concreting – *Burpengary, QLD*
Burnett Carrying – *Clermont, QLD*
Taroom Pharmacy – *Taroom, QLD*
BR Solicitors (gifted) – *Buderim, QLD*
Doyle Wilson Solicitors – *Goondiwindi, QLD*
Makk Electrical – *Townsville, QLD*
Brodie Mitre 10 – *Cloncurry, QLD*

REST IN PEACE

Erwin
The Trooper
Soneymar Star
Feeling Good
The Raging Prince
Mighty Jim
Dariljon
Dellvak
Red Romance
Happy Winner
Herodis
Troubleshot
Widaad
Xtremetime
Brandenburg
Tucaman
Tan Dinh
Itasca
Sahara Emaar
Coolotta
More Power
Young Harry Cool
Hot Like Vindaloo
Miss Makepeace
Crazy Suspect
Mishani Fortune
Divine Mr Tycoon
Grosvenor Bridge
Brohare
Triple Ace
Battle Storm
Murray the Bulldog
Rokara
Sir Dragonet
Brick Short
Gleneagles
Scorpion Queen
Command Me Easy
The Grinder
Daly Waters
Mikki Mouse
Globalize
Faraway Jewel
Sir Da Vinci*
Boomtastic
She's God To You
Tabman

Maconni
Tactical Ploy
Peak of Heaven
Grinning Rupert
Okotoks
Skellig Lass
Waking Flying
Ping Ping
Golly I'm Lucky
Red Hana
Viking Myth
Unnamed
Pocoyo
Expressionist
Bring it Bella
Gunn Island
Ready to Conquer
Real Feeling
La Roca
Spiritual
Haveyouzeena
Fast N Deep
Bai Ai Gei Ni
Way of the World
Super One Susie
Roc'n Cranny
Club Supreme
Campese
Super Lizzie
Across
Royal Marine
Black Lightning
Happy Sizzle
Moonshine Lady
Sino Defeat
Burrangong
Song of the Nile
Uncle Al Pal
Shadow of Mordor
Kermatin
Unknown
Into Rio
Penny's Bonitas
Testa Boom
Mount Smart
Lucky Rockstar
Exploitable

Libertini
Tanaka Son
Glen Forbes
Riverstock
The Bedouin
Exterminate
Stuchbree Stamp
Straight Empire
Silentus
Shafted Hero
Isa Lad
Chief Kidder
Cheeky Peaky
Luscinia
Somethingready
Roman Soldja
Words of Kindness
I'm a Cracker
Written Statement
Kingsley
High Mist
Forbidden Water
Olindo
Star Guitar
Flash Hombre
Steel Prince
Skipper George
Forty Thieves
Bob's Bay
Cool Missile
Boat Harbour
Ocular
Timson
Groover
Stella's Turn
The Bent Elbows
Gormley
Ballistic Boy
Riverina Boy
Mon Cheval
Lucian
Chief Sequoyah
Headman
Happily Ever Artie
Our Fox

*To the best of our knowledge, as a result of numerous phone calls to the racing industry, we believe that Sir Da Vinci's death was the result of a track injury.

We also acknowledge and pay respect to the many horses who sustained an injury during their race and were taken off the track for veterinary treatment but could not (or were chosen not) to be saved.

Their deaths are not reported and contribute to the many thousands of horses who simply vanish from the industry each year.



THANK YOU FOR READING

This report was written by the Coalition for the Protection of Racehorses.

If you have any more information to share, get in touch. We will never divulge sources.

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