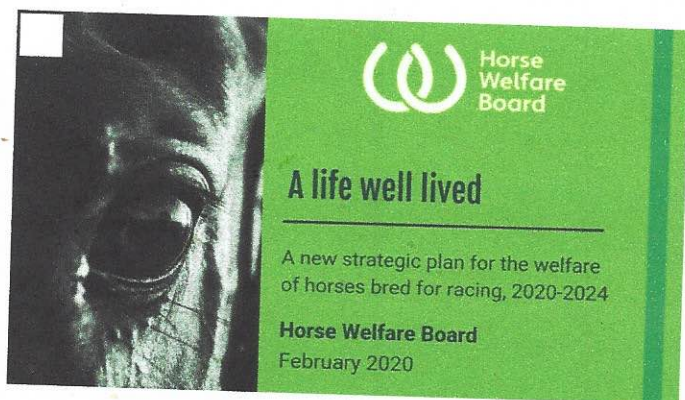


HORSE WELFARE KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Horse Welfare Board: the recommendations in full



"The HWB wishes to be clear that the only explicit recommendation for immediate action on the whip relate to the need for increased penalties."

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The Horse Welfare Board released a landmark report into welfare in British racing on Thursday, and the five-year strategy included 20 recommendations:

A: Standards and benchmarking

1 Welfare benchmarking: The Horse Welfare Board recommends the continued development of a system for benchmarking welfare of thoroughbreds, working with other racing jurisdictions, equine sports and equine sectors as far as possible. This should be a scientifically grounded but practical checklist, which has the potential to be used as evidence of welfare standards in racing. To be led by the BHA as an industry-wide project, with sponsorship from the HWB to ensure this work is developed collaboratively both across and outside the industry.

2 Euthanasia code of practice: We require the development and implementation of a single euthanasia code covering the whole industry, including breeding, pre-training, sales and aftercare, building on existing codes and including a clear decision tree to ensure euthanasia is used appropriately. This code should be communicated to industry and external audiences, to encourage understanding of responsible, ethical euthanasia as an important element of the welfare toolkit. To be led by the BHA and utilising appropriate expertise from (e.g.) the Veterinary and Ethics Committees.

3 Code of ethics: Racing to develop and communicate an ethical case for racing, including a Code of Ethics. Code of Ethics to be commissioned from the independent Ethics Committee by the HWB.

4 Ground and going improvement and benchmarking: Racing to undertake a project to develop performance quality criteria and measurement for ground and going. to cover first racing. then training

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