

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses



IFAR is an independent forum established to advocate lifetime care for thoroughbreds to a wider racehorse community.



Our mission is to promote the care of thoroughbred horses during their lifetime.

Our objectives

- To **raise awareness globally** of the importance of welfare for thoroughbred racehorses.
- To **improve education on lifetime care**, including end of life issues, to all international racing communities and the general public.
- To **develop a network** which allows best practice to be easily shared between aftercare organisations.
- To **promote** the versatility, adaptability and potential of thoroughbreds for equestrian sport.

Year one milestones achieved

- Unveiling of IFAR with a call to action.
- IFAR website launched.
- Inaugural IFAR Conference held in May 2017 in Washington DC where key messages of shared responsibility, accountability and traceability were delivered.
- Target audience engaged pre- and post-conference through direct communications and media coverage.
- Speakers at the conference shared concepts with international racing jurisdictions who are keen to develop aftercare programmes.

Our vision

Year two

- Strengthen the network of key advocates for the thoroughbred.
- Promote collaboration between racing and aftercare providers.
- Host the second IFAR Conference in Seoul, South Korea, May 2018.
- Further develop the IFAR website and social media channels.

Year three

- IFAR to be a world leader on aftercare strategy.
- Host the third IFAR Conference in Europe.
- All racing jurisdictions to sign up to an Aftercare Code of Practice.
- Encourage development of traceability systems to track all racehorses.

Long term

- Global racing industry united and informed on aftercare issues.
- Comprehensive programmes in place to advocate and educate on lifetime care.
- All horseracing jurisdictions to have aftercare programmes and share best practice.
- Develop partnerships on new aftercare initiatives.



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