

Queensland Government Equine Welfare Inquiry

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1. Welfare standards should apply to both. This shouldn't even be up for discussion. Australian Thoroughbreds have served their masters well and the industry MUST take absolute responsibility for the animal and animals that it has created.
2. There should be NO slaughter for these animals. Horses are a sentient and spiritual creature that know exactly where they are, the moment they end up in the sales yard and or doggers pens. The horses are fully aware of the fact that they are crammed cruelly on a transport truck destined for slaughter. The horses smell the fear and death the moment they arrive at for example Merramist. Our Thoroughbreds are bred and raised and treated at the beginning like the kids of equestrian sports. Imoho any Thoroughbreds that need to be disposed of, should be humanly euthanised and buried and the costs be funded by whomever bred/or resumes responsibility for that chosen horse.
3. I think all horses should be exempt from slaughter. Including Thoroughbreds. But in a realistic world, the majority of us are aware that this practice won't end.
4. I have saved and witnessed countless Tbs who have ended up retired and skeletal, neglected, abused and or sent to slaughter. There was nobody accommodating their needs or ensuring their safety or welfare.
5. The transport standard is a sham. I have personally witnessed trucks with horrible conditions. Horses squashed underneath other horses. Horses losing vision and or eyes. Horses falling off the back of trucks that have failed to close the back of the truck, even horses being squashed while they were being loaded onto ramps.
6. A rehoming program is urgently needed, however there needs to be rules and regulations. Those that accomodate these retired Tbs need the appropriate knowledge and or education. There also needs to be someone or someone's in charge of following up on every individual equines journey. Imoho whomever owns the chosen TB should be responsible for this outcome.
7. Register is a good idea but is it really being utilised?

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Soquilichi Rescue Ranch has saved many Tbs over the last decade from slaughter and or neglect. It is our opinion that the Australian TB is the most common horse to be sent to slaughter, neglected and or offered for free, due to the MASS number of TBS bred on a commerical basis. It is time for the industry to resume responsibility for these innocent animals.

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