

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2025

HORSE WELFARE QUARTERLY UPDATE

Horse welfare is at the heart of Harness Racing New Zealand. From rehoming programs to on-course emergency care, every initiative we invest in reflects our commitment to supporting owners and trainers in giving every Standardbred the best chance at a safe, supported, and meaningful life during racing and on retirement.



REHOMING REWARDS SCHEME

HRNZ's new Rehoming Rewards Scheme is already underway, and we're thrilled to celebrate the incredible work our Life After Racing rehomers are doing. The scheme recognises their dedication by offering Prezzy card rewards when they reach 20, 35, and 50 successful rehomes between 1 August and 31 July. Some of them have already hit milestones!

THE FOUNDATION RIDER MAGAZINE

The Foundation Rider, an exciting new printed magazine has introduced a dedicated section celebrating standardbreds in their life after racing.



HERO

- WE WELCOMED JENN SAVILL FROM THE WAIKATO TO THE HERO TEAM
- 10 HORSES THROUGH THE PROGRAMME - 4 SOLD - 1 REMOVED - 5 STILL IN TRAINING
- MIGHTY LOOEE SOLD

NZ EQUINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION NEW RESOURCE: REPRODUCTION IN THE MARE

HRNZ is pleased to share a new educational booklet, *Reproduction in the Mare*, authored by Dr Babiche Heil of Washington State University. This clear, practical guide covers mare anatomy, breeding preparation, pregnancy care, and foaling support. A valuable reference for anyone involved in breeding or equine care.

<https://nzerf.org.nz/nzerf-books>

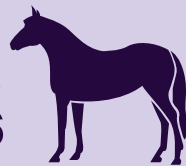


The Foundation Bulletin has also been released.

LIFE AFTER RACING GRANTS

Eight rehomers applied to our quarterly grants scheme

8
REHOMERS
\$8,516



REHOMING GRANTS

61 HORSES REHOMED
\$11,900

given to our Routine Care Grant Rehomers



HORSE AMBULANCE TRUST

The horse ambulance had 100% attendance at all harness racing events this quarter and had two ambulances on course for the premier Cup Week fixtures. The ambulance has transported several Standardbreds in training to an equine hospital for assessment or treatment, and back home again, on six occasions. It is always pleasing to see horses that have been injured recover and get back on track, whether in racing or a new career.

Fundraising in August raised over \$50,000 for the NZ Horse Ambulance Trust, including a charity race day at Addington Raceway and sponsored races at Alexandra Park and Cambridge Raceway. The support of the harness racing industry is greatly appreciated.



WESTWIND ALL BREEDS SHOW

HRNZ have supported this series throughout 2025 and the overall high points winner was Itchycoo Park and Sandra Maree.