



Britain's **first-ever** Thoroughbred Census

by British racing's **Horse Welfare Board** in conjunction with **Hartpury University**



A project by British racing to...

- Improve **intelligence** of former racehorses
- Better **understand** their lives
- Support** their owners with education, training and community



New more accurate estimated former racehorse **population in Britain:**

33,600

Around **80%** of the population is now identifiable as a result of the Census project



Total number of **former racehorses registered** over six months

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horses were **already registered** with RoR* ...

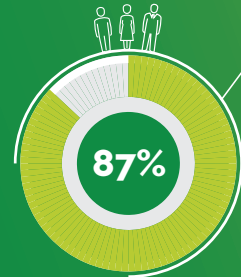
(*British racing's official aftercare charity)



Age profile



*life expectancy of a thoroughbred 16 years (RoR, 2023)



of **former racehorses registered** have had **three or less owners** in their lives

still with **first owner** after leaving the sport



...and **new information** on

5,566

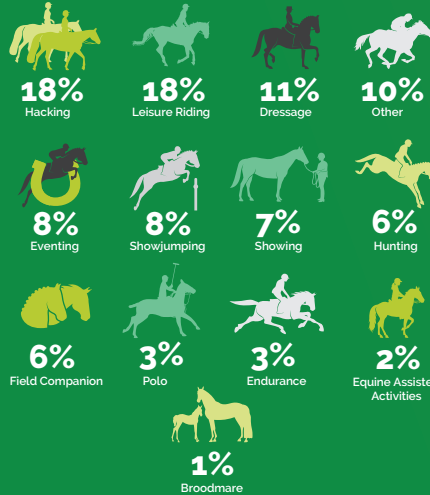
former racehorses, and the lives they lead.



Why respondents own thoroughbreds...

- Individual connection **Versatility**
- Companionship **Talent**
- Prior relationship **Kindness**
- Fell in love **Temperament**
- Athleticism** **The challenge**
- To have fun with **As a friend**
- Emotional support **Reasonably priced**
- To train/compete

Ex-racehorses what are they doing now?



Respondents are **affiliated across equestrian sports**



But the **work** doesn't stop here...

The **ambition** is to have **complete traceability** of all thoroughbreds when they leave racing

Build stronger connections with **equestrian member bodies**

Lobby for **mandatory e-passports**

Repeat **Census**

Develop mechanism to **auto-enroll horses with RoR** when leaving the sport

Advocate for improvements to the **Central Equine Database**

