

Update from British Horseracing Authority

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Relief Racing Fund (RRF)

For owner relinquished horses to be supported with trainers within their yards

Funding for the first three months, the reassess demand

Admin by ROA in conjunction with ROR

Committee has Retraining of Racehorses, National Trainers Federation, Sales, British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) and Horse Welfare Board members

Support for welfare of these horses and assessment for rehoming/retraining

In place and operational by early July

Monitoring horses in training figures past 2 months to recognise any potential areas of concern

Weatherbys Vaccination app

Developed over past 12 months

Plan was to trial in trainers' yards and with vets post Cheltenham

Requirement for non handling of passports on race days with the return of racing meant immediate application

Trainers have downloaded over 14,000 passports, ongoing validation by BHA staff

Next phase is veterinary surgeon engagement for new vaccinations and TBA to promote uptake by breeders and owners of foals and young stock prior to entering licenced training premises

Euthanasia Guidelines

One of the projects from the Horse Welfare Board (HWB) strategy paper

Intimately tied up with possible end of life decisions with some horses in RRF

Finalised wording and a decision tree have been completed and are to be shared with HWB, BHA executive and then on to welfare agencies and wider equine audience

Horse Welfare Board

A number of monthly meetings post strategy release, though challenged by Covid 19

Focus is to ensure projects within strategy are recommenced as staffing and Covid restrictions relax, including whip review, database development and jumps risk model/hurdle design