

Research Update



World Horse Welfare



- Voconiq

Two projects delivering outcomes in 2025:

- Welfare of Equines at Slaughter (RVC/Bristol) – development of practical guidance (incl field visits to UK, Italy, Ghana & Mexico)
- Ethical Framework decision tool for equestrian sports (RVC) – an app to support the tool is currently in development and includes engagement with grassroots sports

Horserace Betting Levy Board



- Veterinary Advisory Committee now reviewing all the applications at the start of February, rather than in November and assessment of the applications submitted in the current round is underway, with the final awards to be announced in early March 2025
- HBLB's Veterinary Advisory Committee is currently considering various methods of evaluating outcomes of Racing industry-funded scientific research and, equally as importantly, how best to promote those outcomes to Racing and to a wider audience
- As for other funding bodies, our third party funders include the TBA, BEBF and the Gerald Leigh Charitable Trust, which support small projects from time to time
- The Alborada Trust is involved in a EHV project which is coming to a conclusion
- List of currently funded projects will be uploaded to members' section

The Horse Trust

- 16 ongoing funded research projects
- Internal FG study involving to identify how horse owners measure and monitor equine QoL. Partnership with University of Liverpool and World Horse Welfare
- PhD Sustainable worm control – University of Liverpool. Collaborative funding and dissemination with thanks to World Horse Welfare, RSPCA, Redwings and BHS
- Inputting multi site data to Equine Carbon Calculator and supporting NEWC members to do same

