

## **Thoroughbred Breeders' Association**

- Traceability: TBA's lead on equine welfare and sustainability, has worked very hard on producing as complete a picture as we can regarding the 2018 and 2019 thoroughbred foal crops. This has been a lot of thorough, manual work to track down as many horses as possible that are now six or seven years old respectively. We will be publishing this work in Q1 2026 with the support of the Horse Welfare Board and BHA as well as a significant number of other stakeholders across the Equine sphere and we will keep the BHC posted on all of this as we go. The TBA is fully aligned with the BHC on the importance of Equine ID and traceability with regards to welfare and it is a top priority of our board to do as much as we can in this space in conjunction with others to have a clearer picture of a horse's life throughout.
- The TBA has been modelling data regarding the birth rate of thoroughbreds and the thoroughbred foal crop for a number of years now and has been leading the conversation on the global decline in breeding worldwide. This has been picked up by others in the racing and sport horse sector and our chair, Philip Newton, has been invited to give the keynote address at the Asian Racing Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on the challenges facing global equine breeding and how we might work together to fix these challenges. The ARC is taking place in February and we will report back to the BHC on how this goes.
- There was recently a meeting of the European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders Associations (EFTBA) in Newmarket at which The new EU legislation on transport of animals was discussed at length. The Irish and French breeding associations have been working hard in Brussels to ensure that the legislation is worded in accordance with both published and unpublished science on the topic and we are awaiting the outcome of the latest round of meetings.

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