MYRACEHORSE AUSTRALIA

# MYRACEHORSE ANNUAL TRANSITIONED HORSE AUDIT 2024

## BACK GROUND.

Traceability continues to be the cornerstone of the MyRacehorse commitment to equine welfare, as we know that you can only account for a horse's welfare by knowing where they are, and who is responsible for them. As we enter our second year of monitoring our transitioned horses the 2024 Annual Transitioned Horse Audit 2024 (2024 ATHA) includes the horses from the 2023 ATHA and those that have transitioned into new ownership since. The 2024 ATHA was conducted over the course of July 2024 and so reflects

a point in time and is based on information known by the end of July 2024.

### **DEFINITIONS.**

2023 ATHA Horses refers to the horses included in the 2023 ATHA

2024 Transitioned Horses refers to the horses that have transitioned from MyRacehorse ownership since the 2023 ATHA,

2024 ATHA Horses refers to both the horses included in the 2023 ATHA and 2024 Transitioned Horses.

## **OVERVIEW.**

As previously reported, two of the 29 horses from the 2023 ATHA were deceased so 27 have been included in the 2024 ATHA plus eight horses that have transitioned from MvRacehorse ownership in the last 10 months. Of the 35 horses included in the report. 12 were able to be identified through open source as actively continuing their racina career within Australia. The criteria for this was if they had a race start within the previous 5 months. These horses are labelled 'Actively Racina' in the infoaraphic on the following slide and no further enquiries were made. A further three horses were able to be identified as having had Australian Studbook (ASB) activity since the 2023 ATHA and so no further enquiries were made. One horse was known to be deceased (details below). This left 16 horses for follow up via phon ce or email.

#### 2023 ATHA Horses - update

One horse from the 2023 ATHA is now deceased. The deceased horse is So Unusual who was paddock retired due to a heart condition last year. Sadly he has since passed away from his condition. Of the remaining 26 horses, 25 horses have the same status and 1 horse has transitioned to an Off the Track home.

#### 2024 Transitioned Horses

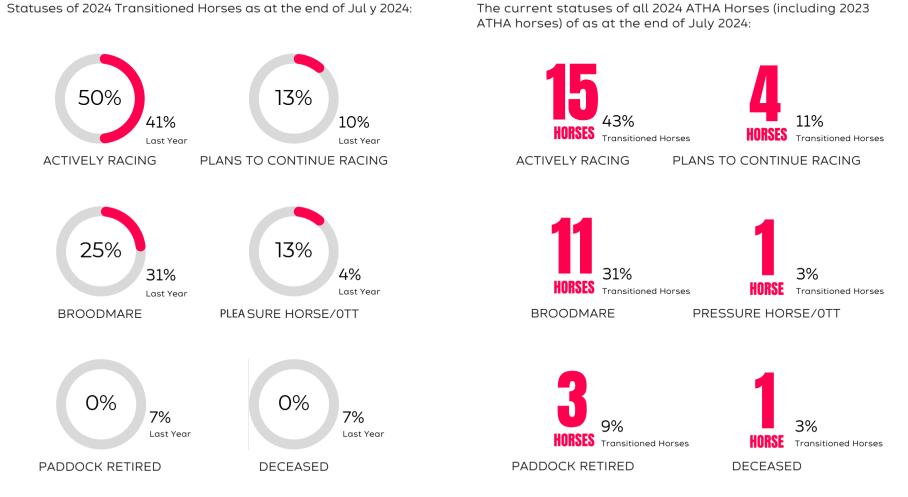
The eight 2024 Transitioned Horses included five fillies and three geldings who were either aged three or four years old at the time of transitioning into new ownership.

Contact was made with the new owners at the time of transition which made the follow up process straightforward. Five of these horses are Actively Racing or have plans to race, two are to become broodmares and one has already started his Off the Track life.



#### THE CURRENT STATUS OF TRANSITIONED HORSES

Statuses of 2024 Transitioned Horses as at the end of Jul v 2024:



You can find a complete list of these Transitioned Horses in Appendix A



# KEY FACTS.

Surrounding the transitioning horses.

- 100% of 2024 ATHA Horses have been accounted for.
- 21 (80%) of the 2023 ATHA Horses have not changed ownership since the 2023 ATHA.
- The majority of 2024
   Transitioned
   Horses(63%) are either
   Actively Racing or there
   are plans to.

 85% of all 2024 ATHA Horses (including 2023 ATHA Horses) remain in the industry either racing/planning to race or as a broadmare

 25% of 2024 Transitioned Horses are planned to become thoroughbred broodmares meaning a total of 88% have stayed in the thoroughbred industry after their first transition. This is similar to the 2023 ATHA (81%).

Again, these are small numbers of horses but they continue to build our understanding of what we can expect for our transitioned horses in the future.



# AFTERCARE IN PRACTICE.

Here are two great examples of everyday aftercare in practice captured during the 2024 ATHA. There are many more stories like these every day that often go under the radar and our goal is to share more of them with you.

#### **ARCTIC JEWEL:**

An everyday story of traceability and aftercare At the point of the 2023 ATHA, Arctic Jewel was actively racing with a Victorian trainer Saab Hasan, In September 2023, she was listed for sale via the Inalis online sale. As MyRacehorse were registered as a Full Circle contact for Arctic Jewel on Racing Victoria's OTT Community we were notified by Racing Victoria's Equine Welfare team of her listing at this sale. A MyRacehorse microshare owner also noticed this listing and flagged it with MvRacehorse. Public records confirmed that she was sold to NSW trainer Debbie Prest. I sent details of the My Racehorse post-racing commitment to Debbie who acknowledged but confirmed she had a good process for retraining her horses post racing. Arctic Jewel raced seven times with Debbie before being retired in February 2024. I checked in with Debbie at this time who confirmed that Arctic Jewel was being retrained by Čurug Park. In May 2024, Čurug Park advised that Arctic Jewel had been rehomed to a pleasure/OTT home in NSW. I have stayed in touch with the new owner who hopes to show jump with her. The picture is of Arctic Jewel in her new home. Arctic Jewel's story demonstrates people from all across the industry coming together to support aftercare and traceability. When everyone plays their part, aftercare and traceability is not a big task.

#### CRYSTALAA:

An effortless transition

Crystalaa was sold by MyRacehorse in the Inglis online sale in October 2023. He was bought by WA trainer Tiarna Robertson so she received information about the MyRacehorse post-racing commitment. Crystalaa had one race with Tiarna before retiring in early 2024. Tiarna retrains her own horses and Crystalaa is now enjoying his post-racing career with Tiarna. Tiarna and Crystalaa won their first dressage competition and recently competed in their first one day event (dressage, cross country and show jumping) coming 3rd overall! (pictured).



## ONGOING TRACEABILITY.

Traceability of our horses is an ongoing commitment. Horse movements are ever-evolving, day to day. Every year ahead of 1 August, MyRacehorse will conduct a 'point in time' audit of transitioned horses (ATHA). This will include all horses from previous years' audits and all those who have transitioned in the previous 12 months.

In the meantime, we also anticipate ongoing updates via the following channels:

#### **NEW OWNERS**

All new owners of Transitioned Horses are aware of the MyRacehorse commitment and have been asked to notify us if anything changes with their horse.

#### **FULL CIRCLE CONTACT**

For all MyRacehorse horses past and present MyRacehorse are registered as a 'Full Circle' contact on the OTT Community.

#### PRA's

All Principal Racing Authorities ((PRAs)) have been made aware of the MyRacehorse commitment and will flag any horses that may require assistance..

#### **SALES**

MyRacehorse monitor the Inglis and other online sales.

#### **FOLLOWING**

MyRacehorse are 'following' all Transitioned Horses on Racing Victoria's Off The Track Community so will see updates if they are 'claimed' by new owners.

#### **OWNER UPDATES**

MyRacehorse welcome any updates from our owners who become aware of horse movements or sales.

## BIGGER PICTURE.

There is no silver bullet to maintaining traceability of horses throughout their life. It takes time and effort and a network of people. We are fortunate that within the thoroughbred racing industry we have many levers to make lifetime traceability possible:

- A national stud book that requires all horses to be microchipped and have transparent branding
- National racing records
- National traceability rules
- Accessible online sales information
- PRAs traceability supporting programs such OTT
  Community and Full Circle and the RWWA OTT
  Passport



Further, we have networks of trainers, owners, breeders, racing officials, vets, stable staff, retrainers and more that all have thoroughbreds' best interest at heart. Here at MyRacehorse we are particularly fortunate to have a 40,000 strong team of owners committed to equine welfare not just of their horses but of all MyRacehorse horses.

Through this process we have provided racing authorities with new information for six horses enabling them to update national horse records which is an important part of traceability for the entire industry.

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Our vision is that in years to come all thoroughbred owners will take advantage of the traceability levers available to them and contribute to industry wide accountability of thoroughbreds from birth to death and accurate national records that support the ongoing social licence of this vibrant industry.



# MYRACEHORSE REHABILITATION UPDATE.

Unfortunately, as is the nature of the industry horses do suffer injuries, some require a long rehabilitation period to get them back to either the races, or to live the rest of their days in the paddock as sound as possible.

#### **Galaxie Gold:**

Galaxie Gold unfortunately suffered a tendon injury whilst in training. His rehabilitation could not have gone any better, he is back in work with Snowden Racing and we are confident he will get back to his best as he nears the trial stage

#### **Sunday Mail:**

Similar to Galaxie Gold, Sunday Mail is also coming back from a tendon injury, he is now back in work with Lee Freedman and we expect him to make a full recovery and cannot wait to follow his progression as he makes his way back to the racecourse.

#### Katsumoto:

Katsumoto was a talented racehorse who suffered a career ending injury. At one stage we were unsure if he was going to be able to be paddock sound. However, the team at Torryburn Stud have done an impeccable job of nursing him back to near full health. He is now living in a big paddock amongst other horses and we are in the process of finding him his forever home



# HORSE SUPER FUND. \$69,684

The Horse Super Fund launched in September 2023. It is a retirement fund set up to support the safe transition of MyRacehorse owned horses (past and present) post their racing careers. It is a commitment from both our owners and MyRacehorse to ensure we're creating sustainable horse racing ownership. In less than 12 months we have collectively raised \$69,684 that will be drawn down upon as required. The fund gives us and all of our owners peace of mind that every one of our horses, whom we care for immensely, is looked after, following their days on the racecourse.

The funding covers the day-to-day aspects of a retired horse's life, such as transport, farrier, dental work, surgery, etc. This fund is a symbol of our collective commitment to each other, the racing industry and most importantly our beloved thoroughbreds who are the star of the show.



The Horse
Super Fund



# APPENDIX A.

#### Transitioned Horse statuses as at 30 July 2024

Horse Name	2023 Audit - status	2024 Audit - status
Amelie	N/A	Plans to continue racing
American Liaison	N/A	Actively Racing
Archer County	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Arctic Fairy	N/A	Actively Racing
Arctic Jewel	Continued Racing	Pleasure Horse/OTT
Bernasconi	Deceased	N/A
Cattrall	N/A	Actively Racing
Crystalaa	N/A	Pleasure Horse/OTT
Crystalist	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Darksaber	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Deep Point	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Emilia Romagna	Broodmare	Broodmare
Everything Nice	Broodmare	Broodmare
Explosive Style	Plans to continue racing	Plans to continue racing
Faraway Tree	Continued Racing	Plans to continue racing
Freewheeler	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
General Knowledge	N/A	Actively Racing
Gotebo	Plans to continue racing	Actively Racing
Imperial Frontier	Plans to continue racing	Plans to continue racing

Horse Name	2023 Audit - status	2024 Audit - status
Inclement	Broodmare	Broodmare
Incredulity	Broodmare	Broodmare
King of Swords	Paddock Retired	Paddock Retired
Lipstick Lies	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Mac 'N' Cheese	Broodmare	Broodmare
Navy Strength	Deceased	N/A
Not So Shy	Pleasure Horse	Pleasure Horse/OTT
Poetic Whisper	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Queen Maeve	N/A	Broodmare
Rock Chant	Broodmare	Broodmare
Rocked	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Silent Angel	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
So Unusual (NZ)	Paddock Retired	Deceased
Softly Spoken	Broodmare	Broodmare
Sting Jet	Continued Racing	Actively Racing
Sword of Honour	Broodmare	Broodmare
Syncretism	Broodmare	Broodmare
Tanto	N/A	Broodmare