



Every year,
around 420
horses are
raced to death
in Britain.
Thousands more
are killed
because they
are unwanted.

Cruelty. You can bet on it.

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Legbreakers

The horses
ALWAYS
lose



The racing industry wants the public to believe that betting on horses is just a harmless flutter, when racing is actually a ruthless business that treats animals as expendable, profit-making commodities.

Dirty Secrets

In recent years, about 13,000 foals have been born annually into the closely-linked British and Irish racing industries. The number of horses 'produced' has spiralled out of control over the last 50 years. The modern race horse is bred to be fast, but at the expense of bone strength and general health. Only around 50 per cent are considered good enough to race. The available evidence indicates that many of the 'failures' are shot at stables or killed for meat.

Those who do compete run a high risk of serious injury. More than 400 horses are raced to death in Britain each year. They perish on racecourses or during training after suffering a broken leg, back, neck or pelvis; or a heart attack or burst blood vessel. Others are killed because they are financially 'non-viable'.

Spare the Rod

Advocates of the whip say that it is used for 'encouragement' and 'correction'. The reality is that exhausted horses are whipped to force them to keep running. As well as being cruel, whipping horses does not actually increase jockeys' chances of winning. The whip can drive horses off a true line and place them, and other horses, in danger.

End of the Line

Around 7,500 horses have been leaving British racing each year. The industry gives a pittance to provide for retired animals. Many suffer a downward spiral of neglect, which can end at the slaughterhouse.

What can you do?

Don't bet on animals' lives! Betting income and racecourse attendance fees keep the racing industry in business. And please send for a free information pack and support Animal Aid's work to end animal suffering.

Yes, I want to help stop animal cruelty

- Please send me a FREE information pack
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