



Use or Abuse ? Animals in Sport



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Horse Industry

- World horse population 58 million.
- UK – over 1 million horses
- Affiliated to BEF – 40,000 horses; economic value £19m
- Unaffiliated competition - £17.5m





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Framework

Breeding

Competition career

Post-Career



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Breeding

Over-production

Why are 14,000 British horses living in sanctuaries?

'Desirable' traits

Is the Kennel club breeding genetic deformities?



Competition Career

Welfare:

-physical, mental and
'natural living'



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Post-Competition

'Retired' greyhounds and
thoroughbreds

-an industry as a result of over
production?

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Other Issues

Slaughter or not to slaughter?

Lethal injection or bullet?

Feeding, over feeding, ulcers...

MESSAGE??

Animals don't choose...

- to be born
- to compete (or train)
- to retire,
- to go NHS or private!
- to die (or how and when to die)



HUMANS



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What can be done?

Regulate?

Educate?

Legislate?

... to control for animal welfare??

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SOLUTIONS??

Good Governance

(transparency, accountability,
responsibility, etc...)

Communication / Dialogue

Open access to Information

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Specifically

Many of the problems in the equestrian sport are related to 'overproduction'...

'indiscriminate breeding' .



Speakers

Dene Stansall

- The horse racing industry

Andrew Byers

- 'Over production'

William Brooke

- Horse industry, society & government policy

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