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
Framework

Breeding

Competition career

Post-Career
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)
What can be done?

Regulate?
Educate?
Legislate?
... to control for animal welfare??
SOLUTIONS??

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

Communication / Dialogue

**Open access to Information**
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
Sources

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