

# NTF WEEKLY UPDATE – 01 FEBRUARY 2024 – Issue No. 1372

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### [MonoShield Gastro Care - BETA update](#)

We have been contacted by the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) regarding the use of MonoShield Gastro Care, which we understand has been marketed to British trainers by Irish-based companies. The product MonoShield Gastro Care has been withdrawn from sale in Ireland following an instruction from the Irish department of Agriculture to undertake a product recall.

BETA has advised that despite promising medicinal benefits for the prevention and treatment of gastric ulcers, Gastro Care operates outside feed and veterinary regulations and, at the recommended usage rates, could pose a risk to equine health and welfare. The BHA and NTF wanted to share this information right away, as we are aware that a number of British trainers are potentially using Mono-Shield Gastro Care. If you are using this product, you are advised to stop doing so immediately.

BETA has produced a helpful briefing note with further details about the product and its content, which you can read below. If you have any questions, we would recommend contacting BETA: [info@beta-uk.org](mailto:info@beta-uk.org)

[BETA Briefing note](#)

## Annual General Meeting

The 2024 NTF Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday 29th February at Saddlers Hall, London <https://thesaddlers.org/> Details and your invitation will include links to the Annual Report 2023, NTF accounts for 2023 and minutes of last year's AGM. You will receive these in hard copies by post before the AGM. We look forward to seeing you there.

## NTF Badges

Thank you to all who have confirmed their 2024 NTF badge allocation, and if still to do please find the link to the form here

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/webforms/badgerequest.asp> NTF members with a partnership licence are eligible for the two trainer and two supplementary badges. Assistant trainer badges remain allocated due to the number of horses in training.

NTF Trainer Metal Badges 2023 are valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March, and provide access to racecourses. The 2024 badges will be despatched in time for use from April. Please keep the NTF office updated with the badge number of lost badges, (date of where and when lost) and when a staff member allocated a badge leaves. NTF badges are non-transferable.

## Lycetts Premium and Membership Renewal

Lycetts have confirmed the premium calculations for the 2024 renewal of the NTF Legal Expenses Insurance (LEI) scheme, as explained in your NTF Membership Renewal Pack. The NTF membership fee, which includes each trainer's contribution to the premium remains unchanged for the second year, depending on the band with the number of employees. Weatherbys will be adding this to members' accounts next week.

An explanation of the LEI scheme, key facts and policy wording can be found [here](#) on the NTF website.

## NTF Members Legal Expenses Insurance

Members have been sent information about the business legal expenses insurance renewal in their 2024 membership pack.

We appreciate that there will be issues that arise whilst a trainer is an NTF member but where help is needed after the member has relinquished their licence. We are pleased to be able to let members know that the insurance cover will now apply to claims arising whilst a trainer is licensed and an NTF member but where the claim has been submitted after the licence has been relinquished, provided the claim is submitted within three months of that date or the end of the policy year, if sooner. All claims will remain subject to the terms and conditions of the legal expenses insurance and members are reminded that claims must be submitted as soon as possible. **This will only apply to claims made on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

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## National Racehorse Week - 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The 2024 National Racehorse Week (NRW) is confirmed to run from the 7th to the 15th of September in 2024 with support from the Racing Foundation, the Racing Post and Godolphin. The Racing Foundation will support the event for a fourth year by supporting the community engagement activities that form part of NRW.

In 2024, the event aims to stage more than 60 community events and attract more than 3,500 attendees to them. View the video [here](#)

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## RACE PLANNING

### Programme Book 2 Schedule

The early index for races from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> April are now available to [download](#) from the NTF Website. Weatherbys will publish the online programme book (23<sup>rd</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> April) on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The early index for 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> June will be available next week on the NTF website. Weatherbys will publish the online programme book (22<sup>nd</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> June) on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The hard copy of PB2 will be available from the beginning of March

### Cheltenham Festival Medical Declarations

Trainers who have entered a horse at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival or have previously entered a horse at The Festival over the last three years should have received an email from the BHA outlining the procedures for submitting medical records for horses entered at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival. The full letter to trainers can be found [here](#)

The only difference to last year's process is that medical records will need to be submitted via the Equine MediRecords (EMR) online system. If you have already entered a horse in a race that has closed for this year's Festival, you will have received an email from EMR with your login details and a video user guide. If you plan to enter a horse in a race that is not yet closed, you will be contacted by EMR on or shortly after the entry closing date.

The EMR team will be available to assist with this process and to answer any questions. You can reach them using the contact information below:

Email: [info@equinemedirecords.com](mailto:info@equinemedirecords.com) Phone (UK): +44 (0) 7469 131861

## Sunday Evening Racing

The third fixture of the six-fixture pilot of Sunday evening fixtures is scheduled to take place this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Newcastle.

Trainers are reminded that a guide to the additional payments was sent out on Thursday 21 December. It is available [here](#) and includes:

- Summary of process for payments to be made from racecourses to trainers and how they should be passed on.
- Confirmation of the agreement regarding (unpaid) time off to be granted on at least one evening of the three following the Sunday evening worked, if it was off rota.
- Clarification that existing Sunday afternoon arrangements remain in place and that the above are in addition to these rather than in place of them.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dawn Bacchus at [d.bacchus@racehorsetrainers.org](mailto:d.bacchus@racehorsetrainers.org)

We would also like to confirm that we will be surveying members for feedback on the six fixture trial of Sunday evenings and hope to gather plenty of feedback. The survey will be circulated after the fourth Sunday evening fixture.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Reporting Abusive Communications - latest scam

As part of the ongoing work on abusive communications to trainers, we are currently dealing with a scam involving fraud by false representation. An unknown male is making calls to members of the public, purporting to be a named racehorse trainer. He states that he has information and asks for a bet to be placed on his behalf, on the premise that it will be refunded if it loses. He is then putting pressure on those he has contacted to provide him with a share of any winnings.

It seems likely that he is also using other trainers' names as part of this scam and there is obviously a reputational risk to them. If you have been approached by any member of the public reporting this scam then please make contact asap, with the aim of building a full picture of offending behaviour. We expect to be able to identify this individual and will then act to resolve.

More information on the Reporting Abuse project here [Report Abuse](#)

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USEFUL LINKS :

**Assistance at the start :**

training on racing2learn <https://racing2learn.com/course/index.php?categoryid=97>

**Point to Point :**

[https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news\\_articles/pointing-the-pathway-to-riding-under-rules](https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/pointing-the-pathway-to-riding-under-rules)

[https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news\\_articles/trainers-urged-to-let-horses-race-on-in-points](https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/trainers-urged-to-let-horses-race-on-in-points)