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Veterinary

Enhanced Veterinary Protocols for the 2023 Grand National

The BHA and Aintree Racecourse have agreed enhanced pre-raceday veterinary protocols for all horses entered in the 2023 Randox Grand National Handicap Steeplechase.

This process will begin soon after entries close on Tuesday 7 February, with trainers required to submit the first set of veterinary reports, medication records and trot-up videos by midday on Tuesday 21 February.

All trainers with a Grand National entry will be contacted directly via email once entries have closed with specific guidance about the information required and the submission deadlines.

The information must be submitted using Equine MediRecord (EMR) – a [secure online platform](#) for uploading and storing treatment and medication records.

The hope is that this system – which is already being used by trainers in Great Britain, Ireland and

internationally – can help improve and simplify the pre-race veterinary process for all involved. For further information please [click here](#)

Join a Webinar With Equine MediRecord Team

On **Monday 6 February at 2pm** Equine MediRecord will be holding a webinar to show trainers how the system works and ask any questions in advance of entries closing. The webinar will be held online via **Zoom** and should last approximately one hour.

Trainers can [join the webinar](#) on 6 February using the details below. For those unable to make it, the session will be recorded and shared with all trainers holding a Grand National entry.

Please do let us know if you are planning on joining the session, or if you have any questions in advance.

Click [HERE](#) to join the webinar.

- Meeting ID: 810 1686 3207
- Passcode: 641196

Equine Influenza Vaccinations Process

Following discussions with the BHA, we have agreed some amendments to the Equine Influenza vaccine process which are intended to reduce the risk of horses being NQ'd due to vaccine status being incorrect. The new process will see trainers given a window between entries closing and 9am the next day to correct any issues rather than being NQ'd automatically. At 9am the day after entries, horses that are still non-compliant with requirements will be automatically NQ'd.

This amendment is intended to be a safety net and it is recommended that trainers continue to aim to ensure that vaccine status is correct before entries close.

Full details can be found [here](#):

Industry News

Summer Jumping Survey

The BHA recently commenced a review of summer jumps racing

We have played an active part in sessions so far but, ahead of a meeting of the NTF National Hunt Committee, would like to survey members for views on how this period should be planned in future.

The main survey question is whether the existing August break should be amended but any other comments from trainers are also sought. The survey will take only a couple of minutes

to complete and will be open until Midday on **Wednesday 8th February**.

Results will be sent to the NH Committee thereafter to agree an NTF position.

The survey can be reached through the link below. Your input is appreciated.

<https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/r18nvymr1ed3wyo/>

Trainers Equine Welfare Panel

In the Industry Perspective email sent last week, Paul Johnson discussed the setting up of a new panel of trainers to provide effective input to the BHA and Welfare Board on the growing list of welfare initiatives. It is hoped that we would be able to put in place a panel of 6-8 trainers, potentially with some veterinary experience, for occasional short Zoom calls to provide practitioner feedback on upcoming matters.

The reason for having quite a large panel is that it is understood that not all members will be available for every call.

Should you be willing to offer your services please contact Paul Johnson.

p.johnson@racehorsetrainers.org

Upcoming Events

NTF AGM – Thursday 23rd February

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February at The Honourable Society Of Gray's Inn, 8 South Square, London, WC1R 5ET from 10:00am. With guest speakers Joe Saumarez Smith, Neil Hayward and Richard Wayman. The annual report and agenda papers will be posted out to members to arrive two weeks before the meeting.

National Racehorse Week dates: 9th – 17th September 2023

Other Business

WANTED - 3 bay starting stalls

please contact Steve Brown at Julie Camacho Racing 07950 356440

TO RENT - 60 Box Yard available to rent in Middleham

Warwick Lodge, with accommodation. For all enquiries contact

Shane Gray 07855162899

Email: shane@graysresurfacing.com

JETS

JETS (Jockeys Education & Training Scheme) is planning a Career Case Study feature on workriders and other positions within training yards which former jockeys are currently thriving in.

If you have someone in your stable you'd like to put forward as an example of a former jockey thriving in their second career within your yard, please contact Kate Struthers at JETS (kate@jets-uk.org) or 07980 661003.

RSA Announce two syndicate race days and bonus pool

The Racehorse Syndicates Association (RSA) is delighted to announce two syndicate race days at [Warwick on February 24th](#) and [Nottingham on July 21st](#) 2023.

These days will be a celebration of shared ownership, will offer RSA members various opportunities to promote themselves and will provide incentives for RSA members with a runner. The RSA is arranging a bonus scheme at each race day.

This bonus is aimed at promoting shared ownership and highlights RSA's commitment to syndication.

The RSA is providing a £3,000 bonus pool which will be split between any RSA member syndicates that win a race on the RSA race day card. Should there be no winner further bonus pools will awarded to 2nd or 3rd placed horses.

Any RSA member with a runner on either race day will be offered 20 badges with a full O&T experience including paddock access.

A suite for RSA syndicate owners and O&T style food will be provided to all attendees. Non-member syndicates are [welcome to join the RSA](#) ahead of the event in order to take advantage of the bonus pool and these generous raceday allocations.

RSA member syndicates will be offered the opportunity for a trade stand (to be booked in advance) on the day to promote themselves. Any syndicate with a trade stand will be offered 10 general admission tickets to distribute to their members.

For full details and to register interest please visit: <http://racehorsesyndicates.org/racedays2023>

[The History of Lambourn racing stables](#)

John Slusar has completed his latest project on ' **The History of Lambourn racing stables.**'

It traces the history of each famous racing stable in the village.

The link below takes you straight to the main page from where you can read about each stable, either through the links or via the interactive map.

<http://www.greyhoundderby.com/Lambourn%20stables/Lambourn%20Racing%20Stables.html>

This is one of 3 similar projects. Mr Slusar has already completed 'The History of Newmarket Racing stables' and next week he starts on Middleham racing stables.

Many thanks for looking John Slusar