

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

To be eligible for acceptance to the retraining program, horses must:

- Have been foaled in WA or domiciled (or raced) under the care of a licensed WA trainer for a period of at least 12 months.
- Raced, trialled or been in race work with a registered WA trainer in the past 12 months.
- Be deregistered for racing.
- Be sound, with a veterinary certificate and declaration to be provided at the expense of trainer/owner (as per the application process).
- Have had basic groundwork and handling, if not commenced race preparation at all.
- Be of good temperament.
- Be in good condition (as not welfare/emergency care cases), with up-to-date routine health management (teeth/deworming/vaccinations) and farrier work undertaken. Horses are not required to be shod, however feet should be in good tidy condition if barefoot.
- Not be entire - colts/stallions are to be gelded and be recovered from the procedure (minimum 6 weeks).
- Have been spelled/let down for a period of at least 4 -6 weeks prior to arriving at the OTTWA Estate.

Horses which will not be considered for acceptance into the retraining program:

- Thoroughbred or Standardbred horses which have not been bred for the purposes of racing.
- Mares or stallions which have been used for breeding and have subsequently been retired, with the exception of cases with extenuating circumstances (infertility), which will be considered at RWWA's discretion.
- Horses which have previously exited the racing system into a home within the equestrian community.

In addition to the requirement of meeting acceptance criteria, preference will be given to horses which are in locations which make retraining and rehoming complicated logistically.

RWWA reserves the right to request further information about a horse prior to acceptance if a concern is indicated on the horse's application form.

Assessment for acceptance into the program is at all times at the discretion of Racing and Wagering WA, an application form ([AWF004 OTTWA Retraining Program Application Form](#)) must be completed with relevant paperwork provided, for the horse to be considered for acceptance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Upon acceptance into the OTTWA Retraining Program and arrival at the OTTWA Estate:

Horses must be released from current ownership, with custody granted to Racing and Wagering WA, for the purposes of assessment, retraining and rehoming as practical. Any proceeds from subsequent sale are relinquished to RWWA.

- No payment will be made by RWWA for horses entering the program.
- All relevant retirement from racing forms must be completed, with horses' papers/ID card provided.
- **All relevant health, injury or temperament issues (including stable vices) must be disclosed. Failure to accurately disclose a condition will result in the horse being returned immediately to the trainer/owner at their expense.**
- All costs associated with the delivery of horse/s to the facility are at the expense of the trainer/owner.
- Any decisions made by RWWA about the eligibility of a horse for the retraining program will be at RWWA's discretion and final.