

RACING NSW THOROUGHBRED RETRAINING PROGRAM

Racing NSW have initiated a new thoroughbred welfare program, the program, known as the 'Racing NSW Thoroughbred Retraining Program' aims to secure more certain and productive futures for horses leaving racing in NSW.

Racing NSW has secured the services of former police horse trainer, Scott Brodie, to head up their new and exciting initiative. Scott has assembled a team of highly skilled horse people to help in the implementation of his systematic approach to the re-education of ex racehorses, honed over the last 25 years through his involvement as police horse trainer and classically trained dressage enthusiast. The Racing NSW team utilise a surprisingly smooth synergy of natural horsemanship techniques along with the practical application of classical dressage to produce quality performance horses with a foundation to set them up for a future in any discipline .

Racing NSW has also formed a partnership with NSW Corrective Services, that see's Scott regularly attend the St Helliers Correctional Centre at Muswellbrook to train inmates and staff, in the skills of natural horsemanship, work in hand and lunging in order to ready horses for ongoing training at the programs headquarters at Canterbury race course in inner Sydney, where stables have been supplied by the Australian Turf Club.

Horses retiring from racing are sourced by Racing NSW and first sent to the St Helliers facility where they spell for approximately 6 months before commencing their re-education. The first 6 weeks of their training is carried out at the prison by inmates under the watchful eye of experienced horse handler/warders, educated in the Racing NSW training program. After

that 6 week period, horses are rested for a further month to allow them to digest their new knowledge . Once spelled, the horses move to Canterbury where Scott and his team go to work polishing them into pleasurable riding partners. The horses are schooled to a preliminary/novice dressage level and are given a calm and sensible introduction to jumping. From here the horses are put up for sale to suitable homes. Up to 65 horses can be in the program at any one time with a goal, taking into account current resources, to rehome a minimum of 100 horses per year.



Scott Brodie with ex racehorse Excentrique. (Exceed And Excel - Native Jester)

The Racing NSW Thoroughbred retraining program is completely not for profit. All money gathered from the rehoming of horses is put back into the training of more horses. The NSW Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Trust has been set up as the charitable fund raising arm for the program, funds donated to the trust also go wholly to the training and care of the many Race horses that retire from the NSW industry.

CEO of racing NSW, Peter V'Landys, has stated that the ultimate goal of the program would be to see all retired NSW race horses rehoused at the end of their racing career.

For further information on the purchase of trained horses or to donate a retired race horses contact Scott Brodie at scott.brodie@optusnet.com.au, call 0448088 844, or go to NSW Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Trust on facebook. www.facebook.com/NSWTRT