

# Racing WA Declaration of Euthanasia Form (AWF032)



In accordance with the Rules of Racing LR313 (Thoroughbred) and LR96B (Harness), a person **MUST** make a reasonable effort to rehome a horse for a period of not less than 6 weeks from the time the decision is made to retire the horse unless,

- (a) A veterinary surgeon has examined the horse and provided written evidence that it is unsuitable for rehoming on medical grounds.
- (b) At least two persons (not including the person submitting this form) have declared it to be unsuitable for rehoming due to "Dangerous Behaviour".

**"Dangerous behaviour"** means behaviour that is unpredictable aggressive, extreme, repeatable, and intractable such that it may present a risk to life and that a competent adult horse handler or rider would be unlikely to be able to be manage, control, modify or resolve to make the horse safe to ride or handle.

Euthanasia should be a matter of last resort only when necessary and unavoidable.

If a horse is euthanised, the last registered managing owner or the person in control of the horse at the time must complete this form and submit it to [equinetraceability@rwwa.com.au](mailto:equinetraceability@rwwa.com.au) along with the necessary supporting documentation.

This form must be lodged with RWWA **within 7 days of euthanasia.**

Participants are also reminded of their obligation to notify the relevant national registration body (Racing Australia or Harness Racing Australia) of the horse's death, as required.

For any assistance required to complete this form contact the RWWA Equine Traceability Team at [equinetraceability@rwwa.com.au](mailto:equinetraceability@rwwa.com.au) or on (08) 9445 5369.

## **Name and contact details of last registered managing owner or person in control of the horse at the time of euthanasia.**

Title:                      First Name:                      Surname:

Association:              Owner                      Trainer                      Other: *(please specify)*  
*(select applicable)*

Contact number:                      Contact email:

Postal Address:

- I hereby confirm I am the managing owner or person in control of the below horse at the time of euthanasia, and all declarations made herein comply with provisions set out in Thoroughbred LR313 / Harness LR96B.

Signature:                      Date:

### **Horse Details (Required)**

Registered race name:

SIRE:

DAM:

Age:

Sex:

Colour:

**Last Race Start:**

Date:

Location:

**Retirement Details:**

Date:

Location:

*(if applicable)*

Microchip number:

### **BRANDS**

Left Side:

Right Side:

Neck Brand:

### **Last Stabling Location (Required)**

Street Address

Suburb:

Post Code:

Duration horse has been at the above location:

Years:

Months:

If 30 days or less, provide address of horse's previous location:

**Reason for Euthanasia:**

- A. Rehoming Unsuccessful: Following a minimum of two (2) genuine attempts to rehome the horse over a period of no less than 6 weeks following the decision to retire/deregister the horse – **Complete Part A.**
- B. Medical Grounds: Where a Veterinary Surgeon has examined the horse and provided written evidence prior to euthanasia that the horse is unsuitable for rehoming on medical grounds – **Complete Part B.**
- C. Behavioural Grounds: Where written direct evidence from at least two (2) persons who have direct personal knowledge of the horses' unsuitability for rehoming due to past demonstrated dangerous behaviours is received to the satisfaction of Stewards. – **Complete Part C.**

**Euthanasia Details (Required)**

Reason for euthanasia:     Rehoming unsuccessful     Medical grounds     Behavioural grounds  
*(select applicable)*

Date of euthanasia:

Method of euthanasia:     Veterinary     Registered abattoir/knackery     Other registered service provider  
*(select applicable)*

Person who conducted euthanasia:

Name:

Contact number:

Address/location euthanasia was conducted:

Maintained personal supervision of the horse until euthanasia completed: *(select applicable)*

- Not applicable *(euthanasia conducted by a veterinarian or **registered abattoir/knackery**)*
- Yes, I confirm that I maintained personal supervision of the horse at all times, until such a time as the horse was euthanised. I ensured that the horse was adequately cared for and was euthanised in a humane manner in adherence to welfare standards.\*

**\* Participants are reminded it shall be an offence for any person bound to the Rules of Racing to at any time, to organise, permit, allow or consent to any horse that they have control of, being transported or conveyed to any premises which is not a registered knackery, registered abattoir, or veterinary clinic where they are aware or ought to be aware, that the horse is to be euthanised, unless they maintain personal supervision of the horse until such time as it is euthanised.**

**“A registered knackery or registered abattoir”, means any facility or place where animals are slaughtered and processed for consumption of any kind, or otherwise disposed of, which is registered and/or regulated with the relevant government authority and has established a Memorandum of Understanding with RWWA. RWWA advises that for the purposes of this rule there is currently one approved facility, that being the Southdale facility.**

ONLY COMPLETE THE PART IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES RELEVANT TO THE SELECTED REASON FOR EUTHANASIA.

### PART A – Reason for euthanasia: Rehoming Unsuccessful

1. Nominate what rehoming avenues were attempted. (Tick attempted avenues listed below. Must attempt at least two of the avenues).

- Publicly advertising the horse on no less than two recognised media platforms for same for a period of not less than 6 weeks.
- Making application to rehome through a credible rehoming agency (including OTTWA Retraining Program).
- Consigning the horse to a public auction.
- Consigning the horse to an industry auction.

2. Include details below and attach required documentary evidence.

#### Rehoming attempt #1

Date of attempt:

Details of attempt:

- Documentary evidence attached (required)

#### Rehoming attempt #2

Date of attempt:

Details of attempt:

- Documentary evidence attached (required)

Signature of declaring person:

Date:

## **PART B – Reason for euthanasia: Medical Grounds**

1. Provide details for medical grounds.
2. Provide copy of veterinary report - **Veterinary report to be obtained prior to euthanasia.**

Veterinary report attached (required)

Medical details:

Signature of declaring person:

Date:

## **PART C – Reason for euthanasia: Behavioural Grounds**

Two additional persons, other than the person declaring euthanasia, must provide written evidence supporting euthanasia on behavioural grounds. The person making the declaration is not eligible to provide written evidence.

### Person 1

Name:

Association with horse:

Details of witnessed dangerous behaviour:

*Sufficient details of behaviour must be provided. Failure to provide satisfactory information may lead to the form being rejected.*

Signature of Person 1:

Date:

### Person 2

Name:

Association with horse:

Details of witnessed dangerous behaviour:

*Sufficient details of behaviour must be provided. Failure to provide satisfactory information may lead to the form being rejected.*

Signature of Person 2:

Date:

Signature of declaring person:

Date: