



Standardbred Association
Queensland

HORSE PLACEMENT PROGRAM

*Specialising in placing Standardbreds retired from racing
into non-racing, pleasure and performance homes*



STANDBRED ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INC.

PLEASURE AND PERFORMANCE HORSE ASSOCIATION QLD

ABOUT THE STANDARDBRED ASSOCIATION QLD INC (SAQ)

The Standardbred Association Queensland Inc (SAQ) was founded in 1998, and was primarily established as the States Standardbred Breed Society. It became evident that there was a shortfall for opportunities for Standardbreds retiring from racing, with a large majority of them finding themselves in slaughter yards.

In 2002, the SAQ started their Adoption and Rehoming Program, which was the first Not for Profit Association in Queensland to focus specifically on retraining and rehoming retired racehorses. Over the past 20 years, the program has steadily grown along with the racing industry's awareness of the importance of retirement options for its retired athletes, and we have rehomed almost 1300 Standardbreds through our adoption program.

The Standardbred Association Qld Inc (SAQ) aims to increase the demand for retired Standardbred racehorses as pleasure and performance horses. This is being done through the SAQ Standardbred Horse Placement Program. The adopted horses have successfully transitioned into both Pleasure and Performance Homes on their retirement from their traditional role of Harness Racing. The SAQ runs and sponsors many shows, events and clinics, shares success stories, and actively promotes the attributes of the breed. It is actively educating the community about the various life beyond racing options, versatility of use, and the appropriate care and retraining of ex-racehorses.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- *To raise the profile of the Standardbred in all equestrian events*
- *To provide fair and equal competition in all aspects of equestrian events*
- *To promote the Standardbred as a Pleasure & Performance Horse*
- *To promote the temperament and versatility of the breed*
- *Provide a vehicle for Standardbred owners to meet and communicate*

WHAT ELSE DOES THE SAQ DO?

The SAQ has many goals and ideas for the future. We aim to grow our association, and continue to build relationships and rapport with owners, trainers, members, the equine industry and the general public, to allow us to promote Standardbreds as great harness race horses and riding horses.

Here are just some of things we currently offer SAQ members:

- *The SAQ Horse Placement Program*
- *Sponsorship of Breed classes at Agricultural Shows and the Brisbane RNA Show*
- *Annual Standardbred State Championships - Dressage, Show Jumping, Hacking & Harness*
- *Organised displays at race meetings*
- *Events, seminars, clinics, training & information days and musters for our members to attend*
- *Organised Trail Rides, weekend trips, and other social events*
- *Registration of Pleasure and Performance Standardbreds and Partbred Standardbreds*
- *Annual Members State High Point Awards*
- *Sponsorship of Annual Pony Club Award & Endurance Performance Standardbred Award*

SAQ MISSION STATEMENT

The Charter of the Standardbred Association Queensland Inc. (SAQ) is to promote the Standardbred as a successful & versatile horse that can excel in many disciplines outside their traditional role of harness racing. Through shows and organised displays, we will spotlight the abilities and temperament of the Standardbred.

We aim to be an association with a common interest: To promote contact between Standardbred owners regardless of the discipline their horse/s are involved in.





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INFORMATION PACK

Standardbred Association Queensland Inc. Horse Placement Program

How Does the SAQ Horse Placement Program Work?

The SAQ currently has members wanting to adopt a Standardbred. The horse does not need to be started under saddle prior to adoption, and the SAQ has contacts for members to forward their Standardbreds to, if they are not confident enough to start the horse under saddle themselves.

All Adopters are required to complete an Adoption Application form and are interviewed to determine suitability. To ensure we find the perfect match for a horse through our Horse Placement Program, only applicants fitting the following criteria will be considered:

- Aged 18 years or over
- The horse will reside at a property where they are inspected daily
- Must have suitable property and containment facilities for the horse
- Allow a property and horse inspection when required or supply photographs of property prior to or after the adoption. Horses may be inspected at any time until the completion of the Adoption Contract Period
- Demonstrate capacity to train and handle horses or be guided by a suitably qualified instructor or trainer
- Be committed to undertake all veterinary and husbandry requirements for the horse and cover all costs associated with ongoing care and treatment of the horse.

If a person's Adoption Application and interview meets our Adoption criteria, the person is then referred to Owners of suitably matched horses and are encouraged to meet with the owner and horse to determine if they would like to adopt the horse. Once a suitable horse has been identified, the person completes an Adoption & Wellbeing Contract which outlines all the obligations which need to be followed during the 12-month Adoption period.

These obligations include:

- During the Term of the Adoption, the Adopter is responsible for the Health, Wellbeing and On-going care of the horse. This includes Feeding, Watering, Regular Worming, Regular Shoeing or Trimming of Hooves by a Farrier, Annual Vaccinations, Dentistry by a Qualified Horse Dentist/Vet, Vet Costs when required, and Rugging if necessary.
- Spot Welfare Checks of the adopted horse can be performed at any time by a registered SAQ Welfare Officer during the Term of the Adoption.
- At 3 Months the Adopter will be responsible for sending a minimum of 4 full body photos of the adopted horse along with a report regarding the well-being and progress of the horse.
- At 6 months and 12 months the Adopter will be responsible for having a written "Wellbeing Check" (Vet Check) performed by a veterinarian and forwarded to the Association.
- If at the end of the 12 Month Term of the Adoption, all Contractual Obligations are met on time by the Adopter, and the Association Committee members are satisfied that the horse is not neglected and/or mistreated in any way, the Association will complete a Transfer of Ownership, and on receipt of this, the Adopter will become the owner of the horse, and then continue without further interference from the Association.
- If at any time the Association considers the horse to be neglected, mistreated or inadequately cared for, or the Adopter fails to have the required vet checks performed or breaks any of the terms or conditions of the Adoption contract, the Association maintains the right to remove the horse from the premises and the Adoption contract will be terminated.
- If at any stage though the Term of the Adoption, the Adopter is unhappy with the horse for any reason, or is unable to continue caring for the horse, the Adopter must contact the Association and the horse will be transferred to a new adoption home as soon as possible.

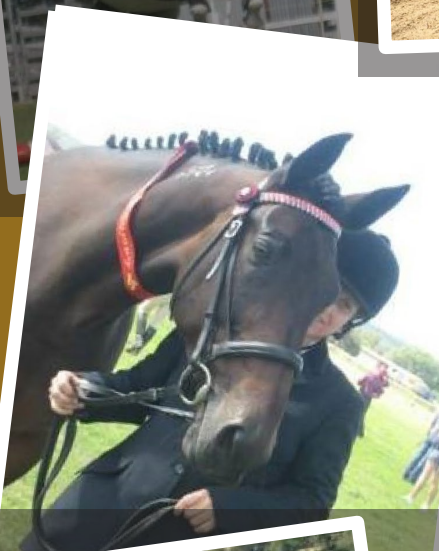
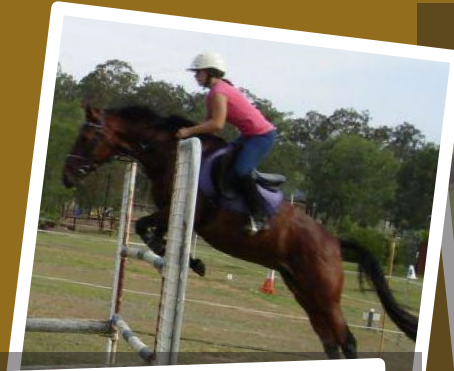
Please forward the attached SAQ Horse to Rehome Application Form & Photos to:

Contact: Melissa Bell (Horse Placement Officer)
Phone: 0412 973 102
Mail: PO Box 348, Rosewood QLD 4340
Email: horseplacement@saq.com.au
Web: www.saq.com.au



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SAQ – A second chance for Standardbreds



Not Just for Racing



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HORSE TO REHOME

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DETAILS OF HORSE FOR REHOMING

Horse Race Name:

Horse Stable Name:

Age: Sex: Brand:

If a mare, has she previously had any foals? **YES NO** If YES, how many?

Horse Colour (including white markings):

Height Location:

Last known trainer (name & contact phone number):

Why was this horse retired?

Does this horse have any known health issues/injuries (ie bleeder, tendon, roarer etc)?

Does this horse have any significant conformation issues (ie club foot, roach back etc)?

Does this horse have any known vices (ie windsucking/kicking etc)?

Describe the horse's ground manners (leading, standing still etc):

Does the horse tie up safely? **YES NO**

Does the horse have any known issues loading/floating?

Can the horse be paddocked safely with other horses? **YES NO**

Has the horse been ridden previously? **YES NO** Details:



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TERMS & CONDITIONS

- *I have read and agree to the accompanying Information Sheet.*
- *I agree that upon entry into the SAQ Horse Placement Program, my horse will be de-registered for racing purposes. I acknowledge this de-registration cannot be reversed.*
- *I agree to be contacted by the chosen retrainer (if applicable) should they wish to speak with me about my horse.*
- *I agree that should my horse be found to have physical or psychological issues which render it unsuitable for re-educating or rehoming, it will be returned to me.*
- *I agree that my horse will be placed into a suitable home on a 12-month Adoption Agreement, to be returned to the SAQ Horse Placement Program for rehoming should it no longer be required by the adopter during the contractual period.*
- *I understand that while SAQ takes all reasonable measures to ensure the health, wellbeing and safety of horses enlisted in the SAQ Horse Placement program, it cannot be held responsible for my horse's care, either during its retraining (if applicable) or after being rehomed.*
- *I have included at least 3 recent photographs of my horse for the Adoption Advert.*

Print Name:

Address:

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Phone: Email:

Signature: Date:

Please forward your completed Horse to Rehome Application Form & Photos to:

Contact: Melissa Bell (Horse Placement Officer)

Phone: 0412 973 102

Mail: PO Box 348, Rosewood QLD 4340

Email: horseplacement@saq.com.au



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