

Further information

For more information on horse welfare, consult the following articles on the [RSPCA Knowledgebase](#):

- [National Horse Identification and Traceability - Information Paper \(Aug 2022\)](#)
- [How would a national identification registry help improve horse welfare?](#)
- [What is the RSPCA's view on the use of tongue ties in horse racing?](#)
- [What are the animal welfare issues with Thoroughbred horse racing?](#)
- [Should I stable my horse?](#)
- [Do I need to rug my horse?](#)
- [What are the welfare concerns associated with the use of bits and tie-downs in riding horses?](#)
- [What is a restrictive noseband and how does it harm horses?](#)
- [RSPCA Policy C04 Animals in Competitive Events](#)

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Links to other resources

- [Animal Welfare Indicators Repository - Brooke](#)

- [Equitation Science International](#)
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