



Media Release

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Retired racehorse found neglected at Pine Mountain

An Animal Welfare Direction has been issued to a licensed stable hand after a retired racehorse was found in a poor condition at a Pine Mountain property yesterday.

Acting on information provided from a member of the public to the QRIC Report Something portal, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Integrity Investigations Team (IIT) urgently inspected the neglected thoroughbred within hours of receiving the complaint.

The horse was examined by Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Animal Welfare of Veterinary Services Director, Dr Martin Lenz who considered the horse to be severely underweight and displaying signs of low-grade colic.

“This is one of the most underweight horses we have seen since the Commission commenced in July 2016,” Dr Lenz said.

The owner of the five year old bay mare was directed to immediately seek veterinary attention for the horse and follow their advice to improve its body condition, trim its hooves and worm it within a week of the direction.

Officers also directed the owner not to remove the horse from the property without the consent of QRIC’s Authorised Officers.

See image below

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Neglected retired racehorse found in a poor physical state at a Pine Mountain property yesterday.

