

THE 5 DOMAINS MODEL OF ANIMAL WELFARE

The Commission adopts the 5 Domains model of animal welfare. The model provides a framework by which animal welfare can be measured and provides clarity of expectations for animal welfare and development. The model emphasises the need for animals to have positive interactions with people and other animals. The early socialisation of animals is essential for racing animals to adapt well to training and then to successfully transition to retirement.

The provision of positive experiences and socialisation with other animals and people will build confidence and resilience in racing animals and also will greatly assist racing animals to adjust to new situations including retirement.

Promoting appropriate socialisation during an animal's development and racing career is a key component of the Commission's Animal Welfare Strategy.

Each of the 5 Domains are provisions that contribute to the overall welfare of an animal. The 5 Domains model is divided into physical and mental components which together give rise to an animal's welfare status.

The domains provide the requirements for survival and health along with experiences that are enjoyable for animals such as social interaction, exercise, play and exploration.

Management of animals requires positive experiences to be identified and provided for them, and barriers to positive experiences removed wherever possible.



Nutrition Animals have access to clean water and enough food in a balanced diet. Available food is nutritious, appropriate for the species and individual animal and varied.

Environment Animals are comfortable and safe and provided with opportunities and choices to engage in natural and rewarding behaviour.

Health Animals are fit and healthy and injuries and illnesses are prevented or immediately and appropriately treated.

Behaviour Animals are able to express natural and rewarding behaviour and are able to engage in free movement and play, and have positive contact with animals and people to form social bonds.

Mental or affective state Nutrition, environment, health and opportunity for expression of natural behaviour all influence an animal's mental state. Each of these can provide positive and pleasurable experiences that enhance an animal's mental state.

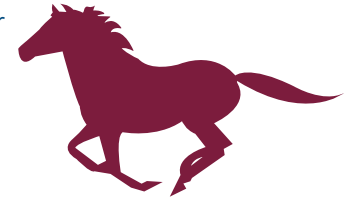
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GOOD NUTRITION

Provide ready access to clean water. Provide enough food through a balanced, nutritious diet with variety.

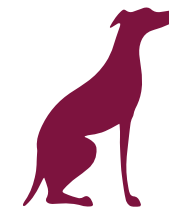
GOOD ENVIRONMENT

Provide shade and shelter and safe housing that allows free movement and expression of natural behaviour.



GOOD HEALTH

Prevent, rapidly diagnose and treat disease and injury, and foster good health.



APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Provide sufficient space, proper facilities and positive social interactions with other animals and people.

POSITIVE MENTAL STATE

Provide safe, species-appropriate opportunities to have pleasurable experiences.

SPEAK TO YOUR VET ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ENSURE YOU ARE PROVIDING THE 5 DOMAINS OF ANIMAL WELFARE TO THE RACING ANIMALS IN YOUR CARE.



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If you have any information about the mistreatment of racing animals or wrongdoing within the three codes of racing, we urge you to come forward and report it.

When everyone competes on an even playing field, racing is fair and everyone can win.



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Queensland Racing Integrity Commission works in partnership with the industry to:

- Monitor racing activities
- Uphold the Rules of Racing
- Safeguard the welfare of racing animals

The Commission exists to contribute to the ongoing success of the racing industry in Queensland.

Our goal is a sustainable, fair and safe racing industry, where everyone can compete on a level playing field.

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