

# COMMITMENT TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ETHICAL TREATMENT OF RACEHORSES



- 1. Welfare:** The NHRA is responsible for establishing and enforcing welfare standards for all racehorses.
- 2. Regulation Development:** Develop and implement comprehensive regulations that promote horse health, safety, and ethical treatment throughout the racing process.
- 3. Trainers' Responsibilities:** Trainers must adhere to best practices in training methods that prioritize the horse's physical and mental well-being.
- 4. Veterinary Protocols:** Ensure mandatory veterinary checks and establish clear protocols for handling injured or unwell horses.
- 5. Stakeholder Collaboration:** Work collaboratively with industry stakeholders to promote a culture of welfare and continuous improvement in racing practices.
- 6. Retirement Solutions:** Advocate for the safe retirement and re-homing of racehorses, promoting their well-being after their racing careers.
- 7. Research and Development:** Support research initiatives that enhance understanding of equine health and welfare.
- 8. Doping Prevention:** Advocate for the strict anti-doping regulations and support the NHRA who conduct regular testing to maintain integrity and ensure horse safety.
- 9. Continuous Improvement:** Commit to regularly reviewing and updating welfare policies based on the latest research and best practices.
- 10. Community Engagement:** Engage with stakeholders, including trainers, owners, and welfare organizations, to foster a culture of care and responsibility.

**Kubo** – a Xhosa meaning "A Charge" (i.e. an offensive manoeuvre in battle in which combatants advance towards their enemy at their best speed). To them, at them – attack!