

## POSITION STATEMENT ANIMAL WELFARE

Tabcorp is committed to building a sustainable future for our business and our industry.

As a participant in the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing industries through the offering of wagering products, Tabcorp expects the highest standards of animal welfare and integrity and has zero tolerance to animal cruelty, in racing and in society in general.

Tabcorp will continue to work in partnership with the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing industries to ensure the welfare of animals is prioritised.

Tabcorp is committed to the following animal welfare principles which guide our engagement with, and investment in, the racing industry.

### PRINCIPLES

- Tabcorp expects the racing industry to meet the needs and safeguards for animals set out in the Five Domains model for animal welfare.<sup>1</sup> The Five Domains are:
  - Nutrition:** Ensure appropriate consumption of water and nutritious foods to maintain health and minimise thirst and hunger.
  - Environment:** Provide shade or shelter, good housing, good air quality and comfortable rest.
  - Health:** Prevent or rapidly diagnose and treat injury and disease so animals enjoy good health.
  - Behaviour:** Provide sufficient space, proper facilities and appropriate company of the animal's own kind.
  - Mental state:** Promote safe conditions so animals feel safe and secure and avoid mental suffering.
- Tabcorp expects all participants in racing industries to comply with applicable regulations, industry standards, frameworks and codes of practice concerning the housing, training, management, husbandry, and transport of animals in the industry.
- Tabcorp supports responsible and ethical breeding practices for racing animals.
- Tabcorp supports owner accountability and tracking of racing animals throughout their life.
- Tabcorp expects that every effort is made to re-home or re-purpose animals at the end of their racing careers. Humane euthanasia should only be considered when there are animal welfare or ongoing care issues. The welfare of the animal is paramount in all decision-making.
- Tabcorp expects racing bodies to provide racing environments that prioritise animal and human welfare.
- Tabcorp supports ongoing research into the health and welfare implications of animals participating in racing.

<sup>1</sup> The Five Domains model for animal welfare was developed by the World Organization for Animal Health and is supported by the RSPCA.