



Harness Education & Re-homing Opportunities

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BUYERS

Please read carefully to decide if a HERO horse is for you. Please be realistic about where your riding ability/confidence is now, an intermediate rider should be able to come and ride any one of the HERO horses confidently and independently. It is really all about your confidence levels, being able to confidently provide guidance and direction both physically and mentally to our HERO horses.

Our HEROES are amazingly accepting and willing with their new riding vocation but cannot be expected to take full responsibility of you. They need a confident rider willing to take the time to further their education and build the amazing partnership that they have to offer. If your confidence levels are wavering somewhat that is fine, but you will need to be prepared to take the time to improve your skills (ongoing lessons with a professional instructor) and riding fitness. It will be a process to rebuild your own confidence and develop an ongoing relationship with your new horse to provide effective leadership and guidance.

CONSIDERATIONS

- HERO horses come into the programme directly out of racing, race training and/or spelling.
- HERO values and respects the education and life experience Standardbreds gain as racehorses. Most HERO horses have had limited or no ridden training prior to joining the programme.
- New owners must be willing to and capable of continuing their horse's education, either independently or under the direction of a trusted professional.
- HERO horses are best suited to a confident rider as standardbreds which are new to working under saddle rely on their rider for guidance and support.
- It is also of the utmost importance that riders are realistic in assessing their current abilities when considering the purchase of a HERO horse.
- Horses which are schoolmaster types or ideally suited to a beginner rider generally have years of ridden experience and command a hefty price -our horses are new to riding and accordingly offered at an affordable price.
- HERO horses will not necessarily have an established canter.
- Our principal concern is a safe, reliable ridden mount.
- HERO prides itself on matching horses and riders appropriately but at the end of the day the onus is on the purchaser to make a considered decision on the suitability of the horse, factoring in their horse skills, knowledge, experience, and commitment.
- Potential purchasers will have an appreciation for, investment in, and commitment to supporting life after racing for standardbred horses and the HERO programme values.