



Standardbred Association
Queensland

Horse Placement Program

Specialising in placing Standardbreds retired from racing into non racing, pleasure & performance homes.

How Does the SAQ Horse Placement Program Work?

The SAQ currently has members wanting to adopt a Standardbred retired from racing. The horse does not need to be started under saddle prior to adoption, and the SAQ has contacts for members to forward their Standardbreds to, if they are not confident enough to start the horse under saddle themselves. However most SAQ members find that Standardbreds are so willing, sensible and trainable, that with a little common sense and patience, most have no trouble starting their own Standardbreds under saddle. The SAQ is always there for support and advice for members.

Simply contact Melissa Lewin on 07 5464 5530 to discuss horses you may have available for adoption. We will ask you to provide details of the horse eg height, age, colour, location etc.

The SAQ will discuss the horse with a prospective adopter and match a horse with an adoptive owner. The SAQ can also help with the sale of a retired Standardbred; we only ask that you make a small donation to the association if the horse is sold through the SAQ.

What can the SAQ offer QLD Harness Trainers

- A second chance for your horses to find their niche in other disciplines aside from Racing.
- The confidence of knowing that your horses have been placed in caring, non commercial homes, with adequate care, knowledge and support from the SAQ.
- Trainers will receive a quarterly report, with photos, and updates about the horses, in their new homes.*
- Copies of vet check paperwork and Certificates, required by the SAQ, if requested by owner/trainer*
- Ongoing communication and support between the SAQ, Trainers, and SAQ members/Adopters.
- Option to receive the SAQ Newsletter which is published every month.

