

Survey's questions: section 1: Demographics

| | Question | Response format |
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| Demographics | | |
| 1 | Would you describe yourself as: Woman Man Prefer not to say Prefer to self-describe | Multiple choice with single selection, "Prefer to self describe" open-ended |
| 2 | How old are you? <20 20-29 30-39 40-49 | Multiple choice with single selection |

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| | <p>50-59</p> <p>60-69</p> <p>70-79</p> <p>80 and over</p> | |
| 3 | <p>In which country do you practice EAS? If you are willing to, please indicate the area/state/region</p> <p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Republic of Ireland</p> <p>United States of America</p> <p>France</p> <p>Other</p> | Multiple choice with single selection, "other" open-ended |
| 4 | In what year did you start practicing EAS? Approximate date accepted | Numeric |

Survey's questions: section 2: Selection, training and welfare practices

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| <i>General questions on selection</i> | | |
| 1 | How important would you rate the following criteria when you choose your horses for EAS purpose? On the following rating scale: Not at all important, Quite important, Very important, Critical | |

- Demonstrating a good personality/temperament
- Demonstrating high sensitivity/reactivity
- Not demonstration high sensitivity/reactivity
- Demonstrating a special bond to human
- Demonstrating an ability to “mirror” human behaviour
- Demonstrating curiosity
- Demonstrating shyness
- Demonstrating gentleness
- Demonstrating boldness
- Demonstrating impetuosity/bumptiousness
- Demonstrating a proactive attitude
- Demonstrating a passive attitude/stillness
- Enjoying the work
- Absence of propensity to kick/bite
- Physical performances (stamina, etc...)
- Physical shape (large back, etc...)
- The personality of your other horses

Likert scale

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| 2 | <p>What are the steps of your assessment programme for horse suitability? Select all that apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · I don't have an assessment process · Ridden trial with experimented rider · Ridden trial with novice rider · Ground trial with experienced horse specialist · Ground trial with horse novice · Driven trial with experienced driver · Observation in a group of horses · Observation in the horse work environment · Observation of reactions to various objects used in EAS programmes · Other | Multiple choice with multiple selection, "other" open ended |
| 3 | From your point of view, what are the 3 main signs that make you think a horse is unsuitable for EAS programmes? | Fill-in-the-blank |
| 4 | In your experience, how long before you decide if the horse is really suitable or unsuitable for EAS? | Fill-in-the-blank |
| <i>General questions on training</i> | | |
| 5 | Once you have chosen your horses for EAS programmes, do you have a training process in place to prepare the horses in regard to beneficiaries' safety and progress? | Yes/No |

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| 6 | If yes, does the training process take place at your own facility with you and/or your team? | Yes/No |
| 7 | Can you briefly describe your training process? | Free text |
| 8 | <p>Have any of your horses gone through training in a facility other than yours? Select all that apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Other EAS facility · Retraining centre · Rehoming centre · I don't have a special training for my horses · Other | Multiple choice question with single selection, "other" open-ended |
| <i>General questions on welfare</i> | | |
| 9 | In your daily routine, what are the three most important signs you check to make sure your horses have good welfare? | Fill-in-the-blank |
| 10 | In your experience, what are the three most important things to ensure positive welfare of EAS horses? | Fill-in-the-blank |

Survey's questions: section 3: Detailed information on horses (the 5 horses the respondent use the most in their EAS programmes and any other Thoroughbred used in in their EAS programme)

| Question | | Response format |
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| <i>General information</i> | | |
| 1 | Breed | Fill-in-the blank |
| 2 | Current age | Numeric |
| 3 | Sex | Multiple choice with single selection |
| | · Mare | |
| | · Gelding | |
| | · Stallion | |
| 4 | Acquired by | Multiple choice with single selection, "Other" open-ended |
| | · Donation | |
| | · Loan | |
| | · Purchase | |
| | · Other | |
| <i>Previous experience</i> | | |

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| 5 | Age when acquired | Numeric |
| 6 | Previous career | Multiple choice with single selection |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No previous career · Racing · Competition (sport) · Riding school · Leisure · Breeding · I don't know | |
| 7 | Training for EAS purpose the horse received | Multiple choice with single selection, "other" open-ended |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · None · I trained him myself · Retraining centre · Other | |
| <i>Current use</i> | | |
| 8 | EAS activities | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ground based · Ground work · Ridden · Driven · Other | Yes/No for each item, "other" open-ended |
| 9 | Type of beneficiaries | free text |
| 10 | EAS sessions on average the horse participate in <7/>7 | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <1 / week · 1 to 3 / week · 4 to 7 / week · 8 to 10 / week · Over 10 / week | Multiple choice with single selection, <i>(regrouped for analysis < 7 sessions a week, > 7 sessions a week)</i> |
| 11 | Other type of work in parallel | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · None · Competition · Riding lessons · Leisure · Other | Yes/No for each item, "other" open-ended |
| <i>Living conditions</i> | | |
| 12 | Housing | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Individual stable · Collective stable · Individual paddock · Collective paddock (pair or group) · Individual pasture · Collective pasture (pair or group) · Other | Multiple choice with single selection, "other" open-ended (<i>regrouped for analysis individual, collective or both</i>) |
| 13 | Average access to free exercise during summer | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Never · A few hours / week · Daily (1 to 3 hours / day) · Daily (3 to 12 hours / day) · Majority of the time: 12 hours / day or over | Multiple choice with single selection (<i>Daily responses regrouped for analysis</i>) |
| 14 | Average access to free exercise during winter | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Never · A few hours / week · Daily (1 to 3 hours / day) · Daily (3 to 12 hours / day) · Majority of the time: 12 hours / day or over | Multiple choice with single selection (<i>Daily responses regrouped for analysis</i>) |
| 15 | Average access to forage (hay, grass or other similar) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Unrestricted · Restricted | Dichotomous response |
| 16 | Average frequency and duration for social contacts | |

- Never
- A few hours / week
- Daily (1 to 3 hours / day)
- Daily (3 to 12 hours / day)
- Majority of the time: 12 hours / day or over

Multiple choice with single selection (*Daily responses regrouped for analysis*)

Health issues

17 Have you ever experienced the following with this horse?

- Ulcers
- Back problems (sore back, pelvis rotation and tilts...)
- Leg problems (lump, bump, puffy joint, tendons/ligaments issues...)
- Nosebleed (Epistaxis)
- On-going compensatory issues due to past injury during previous career
- Arthritis due to previous limb fracture
- Poor body condition
- None
- Other

Yes/No for each item, "other" open-ended

Behavioural issues

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Have you ever experienced the following with this horse?

- Aggressiveness towards other horses
- Aggressiveness towards humans
- Eating disorders (Anorexia)
- Apathetic behaviour (at rest or during work)
- Crib biting
- Wind sucking
- Weaving
- Wood chewing
- None
- Other stereotypic or abnormal behaviour

Yes/No for each item,
“other” open-ended

Survey's questions: section 4: Views on the use of Thoroughbreds in EAS

| | Question | Response format |
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| <i>Thoroughbreds' use in EAS</i> | | |
| 1 | Do you think Thoroughbreds (ex-racehorses) have something specific making them especially interesting for EAS? | Yes/No |
| 2 | What are their three best features/assets/characteristics according to you? | Fill-in-the-blank |
| 3 | Are you working with post-career Thoroughbreds in your EAS programmes? | Yes/No |
| | If yes, how many Thoroughbreds do you have in your EAS programmes? | Numeric |
| | If no, would you consider working with Thoroughbreds in your EAS programmes in the future? | Yes/No |
| 4 | Before this survey, had you heard that Thoroughbreds (former racehorses) could be used in EAS programmes? | Yes/No |
| 5 | Do you think former racehorses (Thoroughbreds) are suitable for EAS programmes? | Yes/No |
| | If you wish to explain why | Free text |