



**\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\***

Please read carefully to decide if a HERO horse is for you! Also please be realistic about where your riding ability/confidence is now, not 10-15 years ago.

You are not an intermediate rider based on what you used to do if your confidence is low. An intermediate rider should be able to come and ride any one of the HERO horses confidently and independently. It's Really ALL about your confidence levels, being able to confidently provide guidance and direction physically and mentally.

Our HEROES are amazingly accepting and willing with their new riding vocation but cannot be expected to take care 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 tuition with a professional coach), riding fitness, agility and accept that 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 Program directly out of racing, race training & breeding.

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 Program.

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. We cannot stress this more strongly.

HERO Contracted Re-trainers will provide follow up support and assistance within a reasonable timeframe after purchase.

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.

Small horses up to 15hh are in high demand; most HERO horses average between 15hh and 16hh.

Potential purchasers will have an appreciation for, investment in, and commitment to supporting life after racing for Standardbred horses and the HERO Program values.

**If you have any questions or require clarification, please ask.**

## **HARNES RACING VICTORIA HERO PROGRAM TERMS & CONDITIONS ...**

Potential buyers are required to complete an Expression of Interest Form and demonstrate they have carefully considered all aspects of horse ownership prior to purchasing.

Pre purchase veterinary examinations are available at the potential purchaser's expense.

Pre purchase veterinary examinations are conducted by Bendigo Equine Hospital.

HERO will not sell a horse sight unseen.

HERO will not sell a horse upon first inspection.

HERO does not offer payment plans.

HERO does not offer trial periods.

HERO does not accept horse returns or purchase price refunds.

HERO horses cannot be sold via public auction or for slaughter under any circumstances by the purchaser, or any subsequent purchaser.

HERO mares cannot be used for breeding purposes by the purchaser, or any subsequent purchaser.

HERO horses are deregistered from racing.

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