

# Sanctuary Not Cruelty

Be a **WINNER** with our top  
**GRAND NATIONAL** tip:

**DON'T** bet on cruelty



**DO** help to fund care and  
shelter for rescued horses



[www.banthegrandnational.org.uk](http://www.banthegrandnational.org.uk)



UNDERWRITER: SAVED  
FROM THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

# Grand National death and destruction

- Since 2000, **47 horses have died** from their injuries at the Aintree Grand National meeting – **11 in the National itself.**
- They are amongst more than **200 killed racing** on British racecourses each year.
- Many horses do not enjoy a happy retirement when their racing career is over. Around **1,000 thoroughbreds are sent to the slaughterhouse** each year, either unwanted or broken down through injuries.

## Sanctuary Not Cruelty...

is Animal Aid's campaign to offer a positive alternative to betting on, or boycotting, the Grand National. If you're a 'punter' – or take part in a Grand National sweepstake – why not send the money you would have bet on the big race to a horse sanctuary instead? They all desperately need your help to look after the victims of cruelty, greed and neglect.



To learn more about Sanctuary Not Cruelty (and Underwriter), go to Animal Aid's website [www.bantheGrandNational.org.uk](http://www.bantheGrandNational.org.uk) Please **DO NOT** send your **Sanctuary Not Cruelty** donations to Animal Aid

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THE DEATH OF ACCORDING TO PETE (ON THE GROUND) AT THE 2012 GRAND NATIONAL

## Saved from the slaughterman Underwriter's story

Although the racing industry thought that Underwriter had great promise, his career did not start well. As his value plummeted, he took part only in lower-value jump races and had some dangerous falls.

But he was raced consistently for three years, even winning some events. He never raced at Aintree, but he did feature on some top courses. His winnings topped £10,000.

At the age of 11, Underwriter ran badly in what proved to be his last race. A year later – in December 2012 – he was found at a rock-bottom sale at Beeston in Cheshire, standing amongst a mix of ponies and horses who would fetch next to nothing and almost certainly go for slaughter.

It was at this point that he got lucky. The owner of Hillside Animal Sanctuary in Norfolk was at the sale and bid directly against the slaughterhouse. She managed to save Underwriter, who now enjoys a happy retirement at the sanctuary.

Many other horses are not so lucky.

**Donate directly to: Hillside Animal Sanctuary**  
Hall Lane, Frettenham, Norwich NR12 7LT  
● [www.hillside.org.uk](http://www.hillside.org.uk) ● Tel: 01603 736200  
(or another sanctuary of your choice)