



The 2018 Royal Ascot - All You Need To Know

Royal Ascot – Fashion and Celebrity

Royal Ascot is known for its high fashion and celebrity attendance. This features heavily in the promotion of the races by the media and racing itself, yet little or nothing is mentioned as to the fate of the horses.

- Most people attending are likely to be unaware that over the course of the last 10 Royal Ascot meetings, ten horses have lost their lives. And a further twenty horses have died as a result of racing at other Ascot Racecourse meetings since Animal Aid started Race Horse Deathwatch www.horsedeathwatch.com

Royal Ascot – Race Horses and Abuse

Many of the world's fastest thoroughbred horses race at Royal Ascot.

- Ascot Racecourse boasts that it is '*Famed for being a tough course...*'¹
- Take just one year's Royal Ascot meeting – 2014, for example:
 - 8 whip offences for abusing the horses and breaking the rules
 - one jockey failed to dismount from his lame/injured horse
 - 4 young horses were killed
 - one collapsed and died
 - three were destroyed - two broke their pelvises and one fractured a fetlock
 - The youngest victim was just two years old

Royal Ascot – Money and Statistics

There are huge sums of money to be won at Royal Ascot, running into millions of pounds, and a host of stakeholders looking to increase their wealth: bookmakers, owners, trainers, jockeys, stud owners and many more connected with the industry.

¹ <https://www.ascot.co.uk/facts-figures>

- Horses are, therefore, exploited and pushed to their physical and mental limits to win, which can lead to injury and death
 - Ten horses have been killed in the last 10 Royal Ascot meetings.
- Almost all the horses racing at Royal Ascot will be whipped by their jockeys to get the most out of their horses
 - Additional whip abuse happens almost every year when jockeys breach the whip rules with excessive beatings

Prize money to be won at the 2018 meeting = £7,305,000²

Resulting Stud and Breeding Potential of All Winners = unquantifiable but likely to be well over £100,000,000

- A minuscule amount of official racing industry money from its colossal multi-million pound income is allocated to the approx. 7,500 horses who leave racing each year. Even when compared only to Ascot's prize money and its attendance and banqueting takings, retired race horses receive a minimal sum

Aside from the horse abuse at the race meeting, animal suffering is promoted through the Ascot Racecourse food menu.

- Food consumed at the meeting (as boasted by Ascot Racecourse - no mention of a vegan option)³
 - 8,000 Crabs
 - 3,500 'fresh' Lobsters
 - 5,000 kilos of Salmon (= over 1,000 Salmon)
 - 5,000 steaks
 - 3,000 kilos of beef
 - 7,000 'rumps' of Lamb

Please help race horses and other animals

If you care about animals, please don't support the five days of animal exploitation and abuse at the 2018 Royal Ascot Race Meeting (19 to 22 June)

You can help race horses by signing this Animal Aid e-petition
[**https://www.animalaid.org.uk/horse-petition**](https://www.animalaid.org.uk/horse-petition)

² <https://www.ascot.co.uk/archive/record-prize-money-ascot-2018>

³ <https://www.ascot.co.uk/facts-figures>