



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PJA STATEMENT FOLLOWING PANORAMA**

Our members are devoted to horses. Many have grown up around them from a young age and the majority will continue to work with or be around horses long after they retire from the saddle. The PJA and its members share the feelings of shock, anger, disappointment and condemnation expressed by others in the sport following yesterday's *Panorama* documentary on the BBC.

Owners of racehorses have a responsibility to them that goes beyond their racing careers. It is imperative that this responsibility is enforced and we are fully supportive of the sport's equine welfare strategy that was launched by the independent Horse Welfare Board's last year.

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