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The equine victims of the 1999/2000 National Hunt season

'It's a very, very cruel sport, there's no point glossing over it. Our fingerprints are in his blood.'

Phillipa Cooper, on the death of her horse Euology who broke his leg and was destroyed while racing at Sandown.

(*The Independent*, December 11, 1999)

ONE DEAD HORSE FOR EVERY 31 WHO RACED

During the 1999 / 2000 National Hunt horseracing season, 247 horses were raced to death – that's one dead horse for every 31 who took part in National Hunt rules events. This depressing and shaming statistic emerges from an Animal Aid investigation of the small print of racing industry data.

The victims either died or were killed following injury; or they were destroyed because they were not thought to be worth further investment due to their lack of racing ability.

The precise circumstances as to how and when horses met their end is not made public by an industry that prefers to shield punters from the consequences of their 'harmless flutter'. But Animal Aid has been able to produce a telling, if partial picture, of the devastating price so many horses pay.**

Our analysis reveals:

- * Ninety-one of the fatalities occurred on an actual racecourse.
- * A further 58 animals perished off-course as a result of injuries incurred during the race itself.
- * An additional 98 horses were discovered to have died prematurely during the season - cause unknown.
- * At least 22 horses broke a leg or suffered other major limb damage.
- * Ten animals collapsed and died on a course - five of them

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dying during an actual race.

* One victim was said to have 'pulled up' and was then 'coughing' following a race.

* 39 were described as having 'pulled up lame' or finished the race lame before meeting their end.

How many of these 39 lame horses were killed purely for financial reasons rather than because there was no reasonable chance of them making a recovery?

JOCKEY CLUB

TIGHT-LIPPED OVER THE FIGURES

The answer is not forthcoming from the Jockey Club (JC), which won't even provide racing correspondents with data on the nature of injuries suffered by horses who died or were destroyed on race courses – let alone details of deaths during training.

The information it does provide paints a thoroughly unreliable picture. The JC speaks of 176 fatalities during the 1999/2000 National Hunt and flat racing seasons 'out of 78,101 runners'. But these 176 are animals who died only during, or immediately after, a race. It provides no information on horses injured during a race but shot off-course, nor on training deaths, nor on the large number disposed of because they were considered commercially inexpedient to keep.

The reference to '78,101 runners' conceals an even greater truth. For this total does not represent the number of horses involved – as many people will assume - but the total number of times a much smaller number of horses ran. Our own analysis of the form book indicates that some 7,700 horses actually took part in National Hunt races. Since, as detailed above, 247 of those horses died or were destroyed either on or off the course, the attrition rate is one horse dead for every 31 who raced during the season.

The Jockey Club also argues that there has been a significant annual drop in on-course fatalities between 1997 and 2000 (down to 176 from 237, despite a rise in the number of 'runners'.) But for so long as the JC refuses to publish anything other than the barest statistics, there is no way of testing whether this decline signals a genuine welfare gain or if it arises out of factors such as softer ground conditions caused by wetter weather; or from a policy or trend of deferring the destruction process so that fewer horses are registered as having died on-course.

INEXPERIENCED ANIMALS

THE PRIME VICTIMS

Of the horses who perished - whether during, or as a consequence of a National Hunt race – no fewer than 165 were inexperienced animals, or those rated as lacking ability. They had been running in Novice or Maiden races, or in contests that end with animals being put up for sale. Eight died during or following Hunters' Chases – races for amateur riders and for horses who come directly from the world of fox hunting.

The ages of the 247 victims ranged from three to 14 years old, with the highest tally among eight year olds (a total of 44), followed by those aged seven (41), six (39) and five (33). The attrition rate reflects both the frequency with which these peak-of-fitness animals run compared with older or younger horses, as well as the consequent added stress to which they are subjected.

There were a great many factors, most of them predictable, which accounted for the fatalities during actual races: stiffness of fences, state of the racing ground, positioning of fences and layout of the course, the number of novice horses running and their lack of ability.

SHIELDING THE PUBLIC FROM THE TRUTH

Of course, the industry's ruling bodies do their best to shield racegoers from the sight of dead and dying horses. At Musselburgh in Scotland, Midyan Blue, a 10-year-old chestnut gelding, fell in the last race of the day, shattering his leg. One punter described the horse's injury as 'appalling...there was just skin holding the leg on'.

Race officials quickly erected a large screen around the felled horse so that the paying public would not have a distasteful end to their day at the races. However, as Midyan Blue was being lifted into the back of a horse ambulance, the screen was accidentally lowered, thereby providing a full view of a vet sawing off the dead animal's leg – a standard post mortem procedure for autopsy. The scene provoked an outcry in Scotland. Ardent defender of the industry, television commentator John McCririck, declared: 'Someone must be held responsible. Tragedies can happen at any event but is there any need to parade it in public?...I'm always saying "come racing", but if people go racing they don't want to see this horror.' (*Daily Record* June 20, 2000) In other words, the problem for the industry is not the routine carnage but racegoers being able to get a close-up view of it.

EVEN THE GREATEST FALL

Even the greatest fall. The first Cheltenham Festival of the millennium (March 14-16) saw the demise of Gloria Victis, a horse described as 'the shining force of jumps racing'.

Just six years old, the French-bred steeplechaser was among the favourites to win the Gold Cup, even though he was a novice pitted against some horses nearly twice his age. Gloria Victis was being asked to negotiate 22 fences on a 3 1/4 mile premier challenge that was one of the most difficult courses in the country.

'Thrust into the ranks of the professionals [and] asked to do a man's job', noted Andrew Longmore of *The Independent*, as he came to the penultimate obstacle, Gloria Victis fell in a heap, exhausted. He bravely struggled to his feet and was taken away in a horse ambulance. Damage to the young horse's leg was said to be so severe (a shattered cannon bone) that he had to be destroyed.

Animal Aid director Andrew Tyler, quoted in *The Independent* (March 28, 2000), commented: 'There has been far too much poetry about the death of Gloria Victis, as if he valiantly gave his life for a marvellous cause, when in fact he was the victim of a ruthless business that extracts blood from the animals it uses.'

Horses at the other end of the ability scale, as we've seen, are even more vulnerable to injury and death. A typical example was an eight year old named Aside The Sea. He ran in a novice chase – featuring big fences - at Fontwell racecourse. After smashing his leg, he was shot behind green coloured screens.

In novice *hurdle* events, smaller obstacles are jumped but at a greater speed, compared with *chase* events. Not surprisingly, the level of attrition is high - 91 during the 1999/2000 season. Among those 91 was Barton Bill, a six year old who met his end at Uttoxeter. As hot favourite, he was encouraged to set a rapid pace and hold the lead. After the sixth flight of hurdles, Barton Bill broke down, injured and in pain. Whether for welfare or financial reasons, he was destroyed.

DEATHS ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY

A horse fatality occurred during or after a race at nearly every one of the 43 courses in the UK last season. Judging which tracks are statistically most dangerous is an enormously complex matter. But our analysis suggests that Haydock, Catterick and Cartmel as well as Aintree are particularly hazardous. The new and old Cheltenham courses also claim horses' lives most years during the main racing festival held in mid-March.

NO MERCY FOR HORSES PAST THEIR SELL-BY DATE

The 247 'visible' victims last season conceal a much larger number of horses – uncounted by the industry – who come to the end of their careers and are disposed of out of financial expediency. These animals – perhaps a thousand or more every season – simply disappear from official records. The fate of the majority is to pass from owner to owner and eventually end up at a slaughterhouse or at a knacker's yard to be converted into pet feed.

Only a small number will live out their natural lives in decent retirement. As with the injured, the sick, or those of lesser running ability, there is little sentiment, let alone money and time, expended by a self-serving industry on horses who can no longer produce a return.

****Our data was produced from an analysis of Raceform, plus racing media cuttings.**

THE GRAND NATIONAL - A BLOODY SPECTACLE

No British course arouses such passion or controversy as Aintree in Merseyside – home of the Grand National three-day spring meet. Its reputation for frequently lethal spills is well-deserved, with five horses dying during the 2000 event.

FOUR DEAD ON ONE DAY

On the opening day alone, four horses were killed - the worst death toll for a single day's racing anywhere in Britain for 10 years. And yet the total number of fatalities over the three days was in keeping with previous years. In 1999, four horses died, the year before, five.

Despite official murmurings of shock at such carnage – and any number of inquiries and adjustments to jumps – Aintree's two courses are designed to be deliberately punishing. Their purpose is to present a white-knuckle entertainment for a public which has learnt to associate the National course in particular with the 'thrilling spectacle' of horses crashing to the ground.

Aintree's Mildmay course is less well known than the National, but it is a formidably sharp, fast track with stiff fences. Last year it claimed the lives of what experts considered two of the most experienced and talented jumpers in the world: Strong Promise and Lake Kariba.

Gold Cup runner-up Strong Promise died from spinal injuries in a horrific fall at the sixth fence from home during the 2.35 Martell Cup Chase. A nine year old renowned for his peerless ability to gallop and jump, the stiffness of the fourteenth fence brought Strong Promise to his knees. He turned over on landing and broke his neck. The life could be seen draining from him as he lay helpless on the ground, his legs kicking out uncontrollably.

In the same race, Lake Kariba could be seen running while clearly distressed. He finished totally exhausted, in third place. Minutes later, he collapsed and died of a heart attack.

The third victim claimed by the Mildmay course at the 2000 Grand National meet was Architect, one of the best young hurdlers in Britain. He was running in the 4.20 Glenlivet Anniversary four year-olds' Novices Hurdle race, moving at around 30 miles per hour, when he toppled over the penultimate fence and irreparably damaged his spine.

Liverpool vet John Burgess put a .320 calibre pistol to the four-year-old's forehead, ripping a bullet through his brain and spinal cord. The gun's silencer produced no more than a muffled bang from behind green screens put up around the dying animal in order to shield the thousands of punters from the consequences of their 'harmless flutter'. Many were already piling on bets for the next race.

The more famous National course claimed two of the five Aintree victims of last year. In the 3.45 Martell Fox Hunters' Chase on Thursday April 6, Rossell Island fell during a multiple pile-up at the first fence and suffered catastrophic spinal injuries. Toni's Tip endured an almost identical fate at the same fence the following day during the John Hughes Chase.

'A STATISTICAL BLIP'

'It was just one of those things,' according to Ferdy Murphy, the horse's trainer. (*Independent*, April 8) 'He just made a slight mistake and went to save himself.'

After the first four deaths – and before any inquiry into the causes - Aintree adopted a rigidly defensive posture. Managing director Charles Barnett was quoted as saying: 'I can't accept that the course is to blame. It wasn't as though they all died at one fence.' (*The Sun*, April 7, 2000)

Peter Webbon, the Jockey Club's chief veterinary adviser, described the day's events as 'a statistical blip.' (*The Sun* April 7, 2000) Other comments from Webbon suggested that he was unaware that it was the horses rather than the men who rode them who had been the casualties in an event in which they had no choice but to take part. Said Webbon: 'One in six people who climb Everest are killed doing so and this is the Everest of horse racing...The reason we have evolved into the people we are, the reason we put a man on the moon and wrote wonderful music, is that people were prepared to take risks. If we didn't we'd get nowhere and we'd all still be living in caves.' (*Independent* April 7, 2000)

The RSPCA's David Muir also came to the defence of the race organisers: 'I don't know what else the management could have done.' (*The Sun*, April 7, 2000)

16,000 racegoers and millions of television viewers witnessed the Aintree deaths. The BBC – which paid an amount for broadcasting rights it refuses to divulge - excused the deaths with comments such as 'its sad...but they had a great life up to the point of death!'

BBC PRESENTER IRRITATED BY CONCERN OVER DEAD HORSES

One of the presenters, Clare Balding, daughter of the racehorse trainer Ian Balding, was particularly irritated by the public outcry caused by the horse fatalities: 'It's just so draining to be saying on air: "Four horses have been killed", as I had to on Thursday', she told the *Daily Telegraph* (April 10).

'I just thought: "Oh, God, why do I have to keep saying this." I just got the impression on Thursday and Friday that had a jockey been killed, there wouldn't have been the headlines that there were for five horses being killed.'

The point Balding missed, like chief vet Webbon, was that horses are pressed into racing – they have no choice but to risk life and limb for the pleasure and profit of others.

THE PUBLIC CARES

BBC Radio did indeed receive a stream of calls from outraged listeners and a television opinion poll resulted in a heavy majority concluding that the National should be banned.' (*The Times* April 8, 2000)

In an attempt to dilute public anger the BBC axed a 30 second special effects trailer for the Grand National, which showed a horse narrowly escaping different kinds of gruesome death at different fences.

The Grand National itself – run by a top-limit field of 40 horses - passed without any fatalities.

See, also, the Animal Aid website (www.animalaid.org.uk/racing) for a full background dossier on the racing industry.

Statistics relating to the 247 horses who died during the 1999 / 2000 National Hunt season

Where horses died

Number of Horses who died on the course
(during or after a race) = 91

Number of horses who died off the course
(result of race injury) = 58

Number of horses who died prematurely
(injury, lack of ability, other) = 98

Fatalities related to different types of races, Including the last race in which horses ran

NH Flat Races = 20 Horses

Selling/Claiming/Novice/Maiden Hurdle Races = 91 (These were young, inexperienced hurdlers, or lacking ability.)

Hurdle Races = 39 (These were experienced Hurdlers.)

Novice / Maiden Chases = 46 (These were inexperienced Jumpers.)

Hunters' Chases = 8 (These races featured amateur riders & horses who had been hunting.)

Chases = 43 (These were experienced jumpers.)

Numbers of NH horses who died 99/00 season corresponding to age:

3yo = 5

4yo = 19

5yo = 33

6yo = 39

7yo = 41

8yo = 44

9yo = 27

10yo = 20

11yo = 11

12yo = 6

13yo = 1

14yo = 1

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THE 247 HORSES WHO WERE RACED TO DEATH DURING THE 1999/2000 NATIONAL HUNT SEASON

1. Absolutely Equiname, 9yo - 1 April 00, Market Rasen, 3m 1f Novice Chase
Fell - Broke Leg - Death occurred on the course.
2. Aedean, 11yo - 31 Dec 99 Fontwell, 2m 2f Selling Hurdle
Cause of Death Unknown - Premature
3. Airflow, 4yo - 4 Jan 00 Edinburgh, 2m NH Flat Race
Broke Leg when fell on the flat - Death occurred on the course.
4. Alston Antics, 7yo - 10 Feb 00, Huntingdon 3m, Grand National Hunter Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
5. Altitude, 5yo - 15 March 00, Cheltenham, 2m 5f Maiden Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
6. Ancient China, 7yo - 14 July 99, Down Royal, 2m NH Flat Race
Death Unknown - Premature
7. Apparently So, 5yo - 7 March 00, Sedgefield 3m 3f Maiden Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
8. Arguably, 8yo - 19 Nov 99, Exeter, 2m 6f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course.
9. Arisaig, 6yo - 26 Sept 99, Huntingdon, 3m 2f Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
10. Aside The Sea, 8yo - 25 Jan 00, Fontwell, 3m 2f Novice Chase
Fell - Broke Leg - Death occurred on the course.
11. Baile An Daingin, 7yo - 11 Nov 99, Ludlow, 3m Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
12. Baranov, 7yo - 21 Oct 99, Wincanton, 2m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
13. Barhale Boy, 8yo - 28 Jan 00, Doncaster, 2m 3f Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
14. Barney's Bell, 8yo - 23 Feb 00, Ludlow, 3m 2f Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred on the course.
15. Barneym, 7yo - 16 Oct 99, Stratford, 2m Maiden Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
16. Barton Bill, 7yo - 13 Nov 99, Uttoxeter, 2m 4f, Novice Hurdle
Injured on land - ing, pulled up - Death occurred on the course.
17. Battle Glen, 5yo - 28 Sept 99, Sedgefield, 2m 1f Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
18. Beachy Head, 12yo - 12 Feb 00, Ayr, 3m 1f Chase
Slipped Up on a Bend - Death occurred on the course.
19. Benvento, 9yo - 23 Feb 00, Doncaster, 2m 3f, Novice Chase
Pulled Up with a severe leg injury - Death occurred off the course.
20. Bhavnagar, 9yo - 5 Nov 99, Hexham, 2m 4f Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
21. Bietschhorn Bard, 10yo - 27 Oct 99, Fontwell, 2m 4f Selling Hurdle
Finished the race lamé - Death occurred off the course.

22. Big Bands Are Back, 8yo - 2 Oct 99, Chepstow, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle
Reported to have had a breathing problem - Death occurred off the course.
23. Billy-Gwyn, 11yo - 12 July 99, Wolverhampton, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Hit fence, tried to refuse next, pulled up next - Death occurred off the course.
24. Blazing Castle, 6yo - 11 July 99, Stratford, 2m Novice Selling Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
25. Brockton Glen 7yo - 2 Nov 99, Warwick, 2m 2f Novice Hurdle
Brought Down - Death occurred off the course. One of two to die in the race..
26. Brook A Light, 9yo - 10 Aug 99, Newton Abbot, 2m Novice Chase
Finished well behind the rest - Premature Death
27. Bucephelus, 6yo - 23 Oct 99, Market Rasen, 1m 5f NH Flat Race
Pulled Up 2f out - Death occurred
28. Bright Flame, 8yo - 14 Jan 00, Folkstone, 3m 2f Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
29. Brave Envoy, 6yo - 6 Dec 99, Fakenham, 2m Selling Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
30. Breeze Girl, 4yo - 20 Nov 99, Ascot, 2m Novice Hurdle
Broke leg after fourth hurdle - Death occurred on the course.
31. Buzz, 5yo - 2 Jan 00, Uttoxeter, 2m Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
32. Caplaw Skeen, 5yo - 16 Oct 99, Kelso, 2m 6f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
33. Captain Tancred, 12yo - 16 Feb 00, Edinburgh, 3m Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
34. Carlito Brigante, 8yo - 11 Jan 00, Leicester, 2m Novice Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred on the course.
35. Casa Fiori, 5yo - 2 Nov 99, Exeter, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death Unknown - Premature
36. Cash Flow, 9yo - 13 Dec 99, Newcastle, 2m 4f Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
37. Castlekelly River, 8yo - 11 Dec 99, Navan, 2m 6f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
38. Castleiney Boy, 7yo - 9 Oct, Bangor, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Coughing Later - Death occurred off the course.
39. Caulker, 7yo - 13 Jan 00, Wetherby, 2m Hurdle Race report:: "Not very big to carry 12 stone" - Death Unknown - Premature
40. Cebu Gale, 11yo - 8 March 00, Catterick, 3m 1f Hunters' Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
41. Cherokee Chief, 9yo - 18 Nov 99, Warwick, 3m 1f Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
42. Chipped Out, 10yo - 14 March 00, Sedgefield, 2m 5f Chase
Broke Knee on landing - Death occurred on the course.

43. Clarkes Gorse, 9yo - 3 June 99, Perth, 3m Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
44. Classical Dance, 6yo - 18 November 99, Sedgefield, 2m 1f Selling Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
45. C'mon Tiger, 8yo - 7 Dec 99, Sedgefield, 2m 5f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
46. Colonial Prince, 6yo - 29 Nov 99, Folkstone, 2m 1f Novice Hurdle
Collapsed and Died after the Race at the Course
47. Compton Ajax, 4yo - 25 Aug 99, Worcester, 2m Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
48. Contender, 7yo - 2 Dec 99, Leicester, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
49. Copcourt Flyer, 8yo - 2 Nov 99, Warwick, 2m 2f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course. One of two to die in the race.
50. Craigstown, 12yo - 28 Oct 99, Sedgefield, 3m 3f Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred on the course.
51. Cross Cannon, 14yo - 21 March 00, Sedgefield, 3m 3f Hunters' Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
52. Cuillin Caper, 8yo - 30 Sept 99, Hereford, 2m 3f Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
53. Cumbrian Kate, 7yo - 28 Aug 99, Cartmel, 2m 6f Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up with a Broke Leg - Death occurred on the course.
54. Cute Linnet, 7yo - 18 March 00, Uttoxeter, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
55. Damza, 8yo - 1 April 00, Haydock, 2m Chase
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.
56. Dancing Rio, 4yo - 28 Aug 99, Cartmel, 2m 6f Novice Hurdle
Finished Very Lame with report: doubtful if ever race again - Death occurred off the course.
57. Dapalia, 9yo - 22 Jan 00, Catterick, 3m 1f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
58. D'Arblay Street, 11yo - 7 March 00, Sedgefield, 3m 4f Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
59. Days Of Thunder, 12yo - 22 March 00, Ludlow, 2m Claiming Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
60. Dobaandi Secret, 4yo - 10 March 00, Hereford, 2m 1f Novice Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
61. Doc-Halliday, 9 yo - 31 Dec 99, Catterick, 2m Maiden Chase
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.
62. Double Dash, 6yo - 24 July 99, Market Rasen, 2m 5f Selling Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
63. Doubly Sharp, 5yo - 22 Nov 99 Ludlow 2m 5f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

64. Dramatist, 9yo - 18 March 00 Market Rasen 2m 5f Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
65. Dream Ride 10yo - 14 Nov 99, Cheltenham, 2m 4f Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
66. Dr Leunt, 9yo - 29 Jan 00, Cheltenham, 3m 1f Chase
Collapsed and died of Heart Attack after the race at the course.
67. Dushanbe, 5yo - 27 Nov 99, Newbury, 2m Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
68. Eid, 10yo - 25 June 99, Stratford, 2m 4f Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
69. Elhabub, 4yo - 13 Nov 99, Uttoxeter, 2m Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
70. Ellenbrook, 4yo - 15 Oct 99, Gowan Park, 2m 1f Maiden Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
71. El Presidente, 6yo - 18 Oct 99, Plumpton, 2m 5f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
72. Enipus, 4yo - 15 Nov 99, Leicester, 2m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
73. Es Go, 6yo - 22 Nov 99, Newcastle, 2m Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
74. Eternal City, 8 yo - 12 July 99, Wolverhampton, 3m 1f Claiming Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
75. Executive Design, 8yo - 8 Jan 00, Haydock, 2m Hurdle
Fell Broke Leg - Death occurred on the course.
76. Below The Salt, 7yo - 15 March 00, Huntingdon, 3m Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
77. Bedthem Prince, 7yo - 26 Feb 00, Naas, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
78. Arctic Fox, 8yo - 19 June 99, Southwell, 3m Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course.
79. Fair Society, 8yo - 26 June 99, Worcester, 2m 7f Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
80. Fairy Ridge, 5yo - 11 March 00, Sandown, 2m Novice Chase
Fell - reported: sustained an injury that proved to be fatal.
81. Final Stab, 6yo - 10 Nov 99, Kelso, 2m Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
82. First Master, 5yo - 10 March 00, Hereford, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
83. First Instance, 10yo - 20 March 00, Folkstone, 2m 5f Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
84. Flippance, 10yo - 7 March 00, Exeter, 3m 6f Chase
Collapsed and Died during the Race.
85. Florentino, 6yo - 27 June 99, Uttoxeter, 2m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

86. Forgotten Hero, 7yo - 18 Jan 00, Folkstone, 2m 6f
Novice Hurdle
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

87. Forli Des Ormeaux, 7yo - 21 March 00, Sedgefield,
2m Novice Chase
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

88. French Holly, 8yo - 29 Oct 99, Wetherby, 2m Novice
Chase
Death Unknown - Premature

89. Frisky Fox, 6yo - 7 Jan 00, Ludlow, 2m Selling Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

90. Gedeon, 5yo - 2 Oct 99 Chepstow 2m 3f Novice
Chase
Injured when jumping - Death occurred on the course.

91. General Pingu 5yo - 27 Jan 00, Huntingdon, 2m NH
Flat Race
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

92. Genomic, 8yo - 27 Feb 00, Fairyhouse, 3m Novice
Hurdle
Brought Down - Death occurred on the course.

93. George Bull, 8yo - 15 April 00, Bangor, 2m 1f Novice
Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

94. Gloria Victis, 6yo - 16 March 00, Cheltenham 3m 2f
Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

95. Golden Arrow, 8yo - 11 June 99, Newton Abbot, 2m
5f Novice Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.

96. Golf Ball. 9yo - 30 Dec 99, Southwell, 2m 4f Novice
Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

97. Gracie's Girl, 4yo - 30 Aug 99, Huntingdon, 2m NH
Flat Race
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.

98. Grandioso, 3yo - 12 November 99, Newcastle, 2m
Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred on the course.

99. Grigori Rasputin, 8yo - 31 Oct 99, Punchestown, 3m
4f Chase
Death Unknown - Premature

100. Grovenor, 9yo - 12 Feb 00, Catterick., 3m 6f Grand
National Trial Chase
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

101. Hannas Day Dream, 5yo - 28 Oct 99, Stratford, 2m
6f Maiden Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.

102. Hawkfield, 11yo - 20 Jan 00, Ludlow, 2m 4f Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

103. Headway, 5yo - 15 Feb 00, Sedgefield, 2m 5f Novice
Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred on the course.

104. Headwest, 6yo - 10 March 00, Hereford, 2m 3f
Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

105. Highest Call, 9yo - 27 Feb 00, Fairyhouse, 3m 1f
Hunters' Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.

106. Hollow Suspicion, 10yo - 31 July 99, Market Rasen,
2m 6f Novice Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.

107. Howyoudoing, 10yo - 19 Jan 00, Newcastle, 3m Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
108. Hunting Lore, 8yo - 26 Oct 99, Cheltenham, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
109. I'm A Dreamer, 9yo - 31 July 99, Market Rasen, 2m 5f Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.
110. Impeachment, 6yo - 17 Sept 99, Huntingdon, 2m NH Flat Race
Death Unknown - Premature
111. Indian Spring, 8yo - 7 March 00, Exeter, 3m 1f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
112. Indien De Cambran, 3yo - 21 Sept 99, Fontwell, 2m 2f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
113. Jamaican Sunrise, 5yo - 25 March 00, Bangor, 2m 1f NH Flat Race
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.
114. Jay Em Ess, 10yo - 25 Aug 99, Worcester, 3m Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
115. Jigtime, 11yo - 12 Feb 00, Haydock, 3m Hunters' Chase
Collapsed and Died after the Race at the Course
116. Joes Dante, 9yo - 7 April 00, Sedgefield, 2m 5f Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up report: stopped had a problem - Death occurred off the course.
117. Jolly Heart, 9yo - 10 Dec 99, Doncaster, 2m Maiden Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
118. Jonaton-Tee, 3yo - 1 Dec 99, Catterick, 2m Novice Hurdle
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.
119. Just Nip, 7yo - 1 April 00, Ascot, 3m Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
120. Karisma, 7yo - 4 Jan 00, Edinburgh, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
121. Kaselectric, 8yo - 17 Oct 99, Cork, 3m Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
122. Katies Sister, 6yo - 1 March 00, Wetherby, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
123. Keal Ryan, 6yo - 9 Aug 99, Worcester, 2m 4f Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
124. Kings Vean, 8yo - 27 Jan 00, Huntingdon, 3m Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
125. Kirstenbosch, 13yo - 22 Feb 00, Sedgefield, 2m 1f Hurdle
Finished the race lame - Death occurred off the course.
126. Knightsbridge Lad, 7yo - 11 Nov 99, Ludlow, 2m 5f Maiden Hurdle
Report: finished sore - Death occurred off the course.
127. Knockara Fair, 6yo - 23 Oct 99, Carlisle, 2m 1f Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred on the course.

128. La Charpentiere, 6yo - 1 April 99, Ascot, 2m 4f
Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course.

129. Lady Marlow, 5yo - 25 Nov 99, Taunton, 2m 3f
Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

130. Lagen Bridge, 11yo - 6 Jan 00, Catterick, 2m 3f
Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

131. Lake Kariba, 9yo - 6 April 00, Aintree, 3m 1f Chase
Collapsed and Died after the Race at the Course

132. Lamium, 5yo - 14 Feb 00, Hereford, 2m 3f Maiden
Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

133. Late Breaker, 6yo - 6 Nov 99, Wincanton, 2m NH
Flat Race
Death Unknown - Premature

134. Lester Who, 7yo - 23 Feb 00, Doncaster, 3m Novice
Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred on the course.

135. Little Waster, 7yo - 30 Aug 99, Cartmel, 3m 2f
Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

136. Liver Bird, 10yo - 8 Jan 00, Haydock, 3m Chase
Fell Broke Leg - Death occurred on the course.

137. Lord Egross, 7yo - 3 July 99, Wolverhampton, 2m
Novice Hurdle
Hit Fence Unseated Rider - Death occurred off the
course, unknown.

138. Lord I Pray, 5yo - 18 Sept 99, Carlisle, 2m 1f NH Flat
Race
Death Unknown - Premature

139. Lord Optimist, 6yo - 29 Nov 99, Worcester, 2m NH
Flat Race
Death Unknown - Premature

140. Lucky Owen, 4yo - 14 Oct 99, Taunton, 2m 1f NH
Flat Race
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

141. Madam Sioux, 7yo - 23 March, Wincanton, 2m 5f
Novice Hunters' Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.

142. Magillen, 8yo - 5 Jan 00, Catterick, 3m 1f Novice
Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

143. Mandrake, 5yo - 20 Nov 99, Naas, 2m 3f Novice
Chase
Death Unknown - Premature

144. Markellis, 4yo - 23 Feb 00, Doncaster, 2m Selling
Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

145. Marx Mistress, 5yo - 9 Aug 99, Worcester, Selling
Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

146. Mayday Lauren, 7yo - 4 Nov 99, Towcester, 2m
Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

147. Mister Gigi, 8yo - 6 Aug 99, Worcester, 2m 4f
Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.

148. Mister M, 5yo - 24 Nov 99, Chepstow, 2m NH Flat
Race
Collapsed and Died after the Race at the Course

149. Mister Ross, 10yo - 7 March 00, Sedgefield, 3m 3f
Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course,
unknown - Premature

150. Mister Woodstick, 6yo - 25 June 99, Stratford, 2m Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

151. Monsieur Darcy, 9yo - 17 March 00, Folkstone, 2m Chase

Fell - Death occurred on the course.

152. Mr Perfecta, 6yo - 14 Dec 99, Hereford, 2m 1f Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

153. Nansen, 6yo - 19 June 99, Newton Abbot, 2m 1f Novice Hurdle

Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

154. Native Gossip, 5yo - 10 Jan 00, Fontwell, 2m 2f NH Flat Race

Death Unknown - Premature

155. Nearly A Doctor, 7yo - 10 March 00, Hereford, 3m 2f Novice Hurdle

Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

156. Needwood Lioness, 6yo - 4 April 00, Newcastle, 2m NH Flat Race

Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

157. Needwood Musketeer, 5yo - 18 Feb 00, Sandown, 2m NH Flat Race

Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

158. Nicely Relaxed, 7yo - 8 March 00, Bangor, 3m Novice Chase

Fell - Death occurred off the course.

159. Noble Athlete, 7yo - 14 July 99, Worcester, 2m 4f Selling Hurdle

Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

160. No Grouching, 5yo - 29 July 99, Galway, 2m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

161. Northern Maestro, 6yo - 26 Jan 00, Sedgefield, 2m Chase

Fell - Death occurred off the course.

162. Nutchat, 3yo - 30 Sept 99, Taunton, 2m 1f Novice Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

163. Oakmont, 6yo - 21 Oct 99, Ludlow, 2m 5f Novice Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

164. Old Gold N Tan, 6yo - 16 June 99, Worcester, 2m Selling Hurdle

Fell - Death occurred on the course.

165. Old Habits, 11yo - 26 Feb 00, Edinburgh, 2m 4f Hurdle

Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

166. Olumo, 8yo - 15 Nov 99, Plumpton, 2m 1f Maiden Chase

Fell - Death occurred on the course.

167. Our Main Man, 9yo - 4 Dec 99, Wetherby, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

168. Oxbane, 5yo - 10 Dec 99, Doncaster, 2m Maiden Chase

Fell - Death occurred off the course.

169. Parkgate, 6yo - 27 Dec 99, Leopardstown, 2m Novice Hurdle

Death Unknown - Premature

170. Petersen House, 5yo - 29 Oct 99, Wetherby, 2m 4f Hurdle

Fell - Death occurred on the course.

171. Plan Z, 4yo - 8 Oct 99, Carlisle, 2m 1f NH Flat Race
Collapsed and Died after the Race at the Course
172. Plato's Republic, 8yo - 26 Oct 99, Cheltenham, 3m 1f Chase
Fractured Hig Leg During Race - Death occurred off the course.
173. Pontevedra, 7yo - 4 Jan 00, Edinburgh, 2m 4f Hurdle
Fell - Died that Evening
174. Poplin, 8yo - 24 July 99, Stratford, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
175. Posative, 5yo - 7 July 99, Worcester, 2m 4f Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
176. Prince Dawn, 6yo - 2 Feb 00, Newcastle, 3m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
177. Punters Overhead, 12yo - 10 Feb 00, Wincanton, 3m 1f Hunters' Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
178. Purple Ace, 7yo - 21 Sept 99, Fontwell, 2m 6f Hurdle
Report: Broke Down Badly During Race - Death occurred off the course.
179. Qualitair Memory, 10yo - 29 Dec 99, Taunton, 2m 1f Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
180. Quince Bay, 7yo - 11 Dec 99, Lingfield, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred on the course.
181. Rathure, 7yo - 19 June 00, Southwell, 2m Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
182. Reflecting, 10yo - 16 June 99, Worcester, 2m Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up & Dismounted - Death occurred off the course.
183. Rich Life, 9yo - 19 June 00, Newton Abbot, 2m Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
184. Rio's King, 8yo - 15 Jan 00, Newcastle, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
185. Robby Come Racing, 5yo - 27 Jan, Huntingdon, 2m NH Flat Race
Death Unknown - Premature
186. Roi De La Chasse, 7yo - 14 April 00, Ayr, 2m 6f Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
187. Rolling Rio, 3yo - 20 Nov 00, Catterick, 2m Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
188. Rossell Island, 9yo - 6 April 00, Aintree, 2m 6f Fox Hunters' Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
189. Ruscombe, 5yo - 22 March 00, Ludlow, 2m NH Flat Race
Pulled Up & Dismounted - Death occurred off the course.
190. Samlee, 11yo - 15 April 00, Ayr, 4m 1f Chase
Pulled Up then Collapsed and Died during the Race.
191. Secrecy, 4yo - 10 July 99, Sedgefield, 3m 3f Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
192. Shadiann, 5yo - 31 Dec 99, Warwick, 2m Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

193. Shahrani, 7yo - 31 July 99, Market Rasen, 2m 6f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
194. Shanagore Warrior, 8yo - 2 Jan 99, Plumpton, 3m 2f Chase
Hit Fence & Unseated Rider - Death occurred off the course - Premature
195. Shannon Shoon, 8yo - 16 Dec 99, Towcester, 2m Selling Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
196. Simple Tonic, 5yo - 5 Jan 00, Catterick, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Finished the race lame - Death occurred on the course.
197. Singalong, 5yo - 19 June 99, Southwell, 2m NH Flat Race
Collapsed and Died during the Race.
198. Sister Gale, 7yo - 27 Dec 99, Market Rasen, 3m 1f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.
199. Sleazey, 8yo - 13 Sept 99, Plumpton, 2m 1f Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
200. Solar Moon, 9yo - 10 March 00, Hereford, 3m 2f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up Lame - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
201. Southernhay Boy, 8yo - 19 Oct 99, Exeter, 2m 3f Hurdle
Pulled Up Lame - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
202. Spanish Eyes, 4yo - 30 Aug 99, Huntingdon, 2m Maiden Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
203. Spring Anchor, 4yo - 27 Dec 99, Market Rasen, 2m 3f Maiden Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature
204. Steen, 7yo - 23 Oct 99, Carlisle, 3m 2f Chase
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.
205. Stock Option, 6yo - 12 Nov 99, Cheltenham, 3m 1f Novice Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
206. Strong Promise, 9yo - 6 April 00, Aintree, 3m 1f Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
207. Strong Spray, 6yo - 29 Oct 99, Wetherby, 3m 1f Novice Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
208. Sublime Fellow, 9yo - 17 Sept 99, Huntingdon, 2m Chase
Pulled Up Lame - Death occurred off the course
209. Super Guy, 7yo - 9 Oct 99, Hexham, 2m Novice Chase
Death Unknown - Premature
210. Superpride, 8yo - 8 Jan 00, Haydock, 2m Hurdle
Pulled Up Lame - Death occurred off the course - Premature
211. Supreme Target, 8yo - 3 April 00, Kelso, 2m Novice Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.
212. Swing Ball, 4 yo - 7 Oct 99, Wincanton, 2m Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature
213. The Clubhouse, 4yo - 5 Dec 99, Punchestown, 2m Maiden Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

214. The Good Knight, 8yo - 17 Jan 00, Doncaster, 3m Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

215. The Lightmaker, 7yo - 20 Jan, Taunton, 2m 3f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred off the course.

216. Three Franks, 8yo - 12 Feb 00, Catterick, 3m 1f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

217. Time Out, 4yo - 18 Nov 99, Sedgefield, 3m 3f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course - Premature

218. Tiotao, 9yo - 30 Aug 99, Newton Abbot, 2m 1f Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

219. Toms Choice, 10yo - 26 Oct 99, Cheltenham, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Death Unknown - Premature

220. Tom Tugg, 10yo - 6 Jan 00, Taunton, 3m Novice Chase
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred off the course - Premature

221. Toni's Tip, 8yo - 7 April 00, Aintree, 2m 6f Chase Grand National Course
Finished the race lame - Death occurred on the course.

222. Tonnerre, 8yo - 1 March 00, Wetherby, 2m 4f Hurdle
Finished the race lame - Death occurred off the course - Premature

223. Toshiba Talk, 8yo - 3 March 00, Newbury, 2m Hurdle
Finished the race lame - Death occurred on the course.

224. Tough Test, 10yo - 5 Feb 00, Uttoxeter, 3m 4f Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

225. Trojan Risk, 6yo - 22 Sept 99, Perth, 2m Claiming Hurdle
Pulled Up Lamé - Death occurred on the course.

226. True Scot, 10yo - 19 Jan 00, Newcastle, 3m Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

227. Tuffy The Tart, 6yo - 20 Jan 00, Ludlow, 2m Maiden Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

228. Turbulent Gale, 10yo - 26 Sept 99, Huntingdon, 3m 2f Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

229. Turbulent Ride, 7yo - 1 April 00, Hexham, 2m 4f Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

230. Turkist Tower, 8yo - 10 Nov 99, Kelso, 3m 1f Novice Chase
Death Unknown - Premature

231. Twin States, 11yo - 2 Feb 00, Newcastle, 3m Hurdle
Broke Leg during race - Death occurred on the course.

232. Unguided Missile, 12yo - 21 Jan 00, Ascot, 3m Chase
Collapsed and Died of a Heart Attack during the Race.

233. Upham Surprise, 11yo - 16 Dec 99, Exeter, 2m 3f Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

234. Up The Country, 7yo - 6 Oct 99, Exeter, 2m 6f Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown - Premature

235. Valedictory, 6yo - 3 June 99, Perth, 2m 4f Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

236. Warrior King, 6yo - 1 April 00, Market Rasen, 2m 1f
Novice Hurdle
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

237. Welcome Call, 10yo - 7 Jan 00, Towcester, 3m 1f
Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

238. Whispering Court, 10yo - 18 Jan 00, Folkstone, 2m
5f Novice Chase
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

239. Woodfield Ride, 7yo - 2 Feb 00, Leicester, 2m 7f
Maiden Chase
Finished the race lame - Death occurred off the course -
Premature

240. Zaudante, 8yo - 30 Sept 99, Hereford, 2m 3f Novice
Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

241. Zine Lane, 7yo - 6 Aug 99, Worcester, 2m 4f Novice
Chase
Hit Fence Unseated Rider - Lameness - Death occurred off
course - Premature

242. Hey Guy, 7yo - 29 Feb 00, Catterick, 3m 1f Novice
Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

243. Honour Bright, 6yo - 3 Sept 99, Sedgefield, 2m 5f
Novice Chase
Pulled Up - Death occurred off the course, unknown -
Premature

244. Rathglen, 6yo - 11 March 00, Sandown, 2m NH Flat
Race
Death Unknown - Premature

245. Three For A Pound, 5yo - 9 Dec 99, Ludlow, 2m
Novice Hurdle
Death Unknown - Premature

246. Architect, 4yo 6 April 00, Aintree, 2m Novice
Hurdle
Fell - Death occurred on the course.

247. Eulogy, 9yo, 6 Nov 99, Sandown, 3m Chase
Hit Fence, broke a Leg Death occurred on the course.