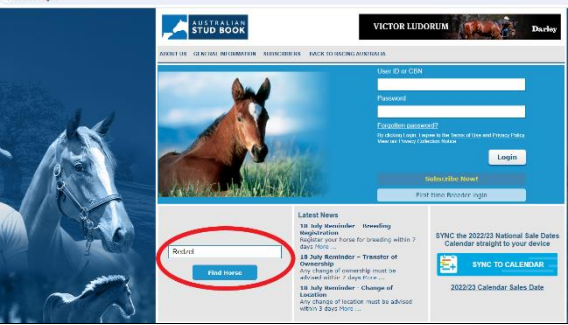# Retired Thoroughbred Identification Guide

This guide has been developed to assist you in identifying your retired Thoroughbred racehorse.

How can I check my horse's details?

Every Thoroughbred is registered with a unique microchip number. This is linked to their race name, or breeding details if unnamed. These details will also be linked with the horse's brands.

You can find this information by searching on the Australian Studbook, as long as you have your horse's race name or microchip. An example of the search function is below, using Redzel as and Example.

1. Visit www.studbook.org.au	
2. Enter your horse's race name in the box above the "Find Horse" button.	
3. Click "Find Horse" and your horse details will come up. Here you can see your horse's microchip number, breeding details, DOB and where the horse was bred.	
4. To find brand information, click on the tab with your horse's name and YOB next to 'Subscribers' and select "Brands and Markings"	

5. You will then be able to see your horse's brand and markings information.	
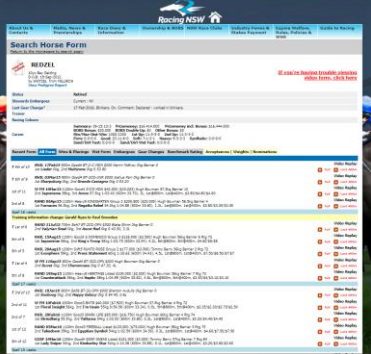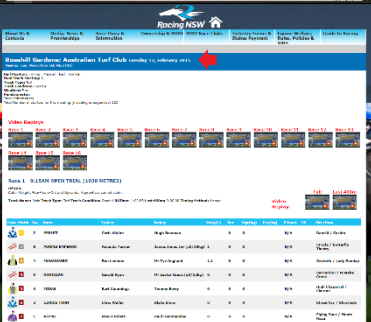
How can I check where my horse raced and if it is retired?

You can search where your horse raced and confirm that your horse has officially retired from racing, on the Racing NSW website. You will need your horse's race name to do this. An example of the search function is below, using Redzel as an example.

1. Visit www.racingnsw.com.au	
2. Enter your horse's race name in the yellow box, ensuring that "Horse Form" is selected and click "Search"	
3. Your horse's name, age, DOB, status, and racing details can be found on this page.	
4. To search all your horse's races, click on the "All Form" tab	

5. You will then be able to see your horse's entire race history, including all trials. The first 4 letters of the racetrack name is listed next to the race date. E.g. RAND – Randwick NSW, RHIL – Rosehill.	
6. If you click on the abbreviated version, it will take you to the full race day results and name. To determine if your horse predominantly raced in NSW, or interstate, tally the number of races and trials in the states.	

What if I don't know my horse's race name or microchip number?

If you don't know your horse's race name or microchip number, there are a few avenues you can explore.

1. Reach out to your vet. If they have assessed or treated your horse, they will likely have your horse's microchip details on file. If they don't, they will have a microchip scanner and can scan your horse to advise.

2. Reach out to the previous owner to ask if they have those details available.

3. If you have tried all avenues and have not been successful in retrieving the horse race name or microchip number, you can reach out to our team. Please send clear photos of your horse's brands to equimillion@racingnsw.com.au with the subject line "Brands Enquiry" and our team will search this for you.

How can I determine if my horse is predominantly domiciled in NSW?

All horses must be retired Thoroughbred racehorses that were predominantly domiciled in NSW up until their retirement from racing. Some ways to establish where your horse was predominantly domiciled up until retirement include:

1. Check what state your horse was bred – you can see this on the Australian Studbook Website.
2. Check your horse's race history and what state your horse raced in predominantly – you can check this on the Racing NSW website.
3. If you have checked this and are still unsure – please email your horse's race name and microchip number to equimillion@racingnsw.com.au with the subject line "Domiciled Enquiry" and our team will advise.

What do I do if my horse isn't listed as 'Retired'?

If you are a licensed industry participant with Racing NSW you should ensure that your horse's status is up to date in line with traceability obligations. If you have decided to retire your Thoroughbred from racing, you can lodge this through the "My Horse Racing" portal or through Racing Australia.