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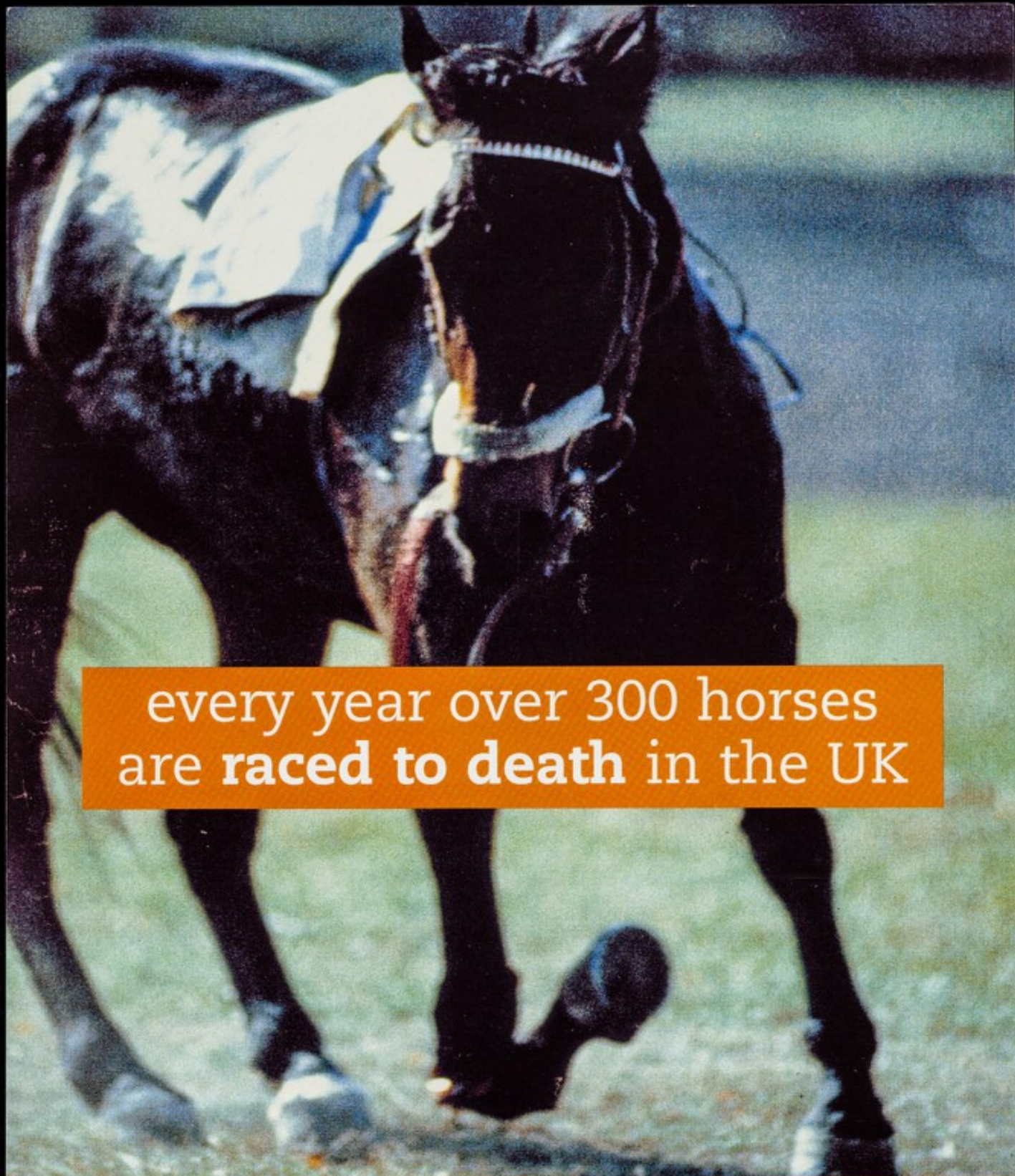
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Cruelty. You can bet on it.



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The British public have been conned into believing that betting on horses is a harmless flutter. But racing is a ruthless business that kills around 300 animals on British courses every year. They are shot following falls, or suffer fatal heart attacks.

The fate of thousands more animals – no longer commercially viable – is undocumented. Many are slaughtered for pet food.

Pushed to the limit

Horses who continue racing are pushed to their limits. Research shows that 55 per cent of horses racing on the flat suffer bleeding lungs. Among older horses the figure is 82 per cent.

Slower horses go into National Hunt racing – hurdles and chases. When a horse's leg hammers into a hurdle at speed, the

result can be a shattered limb or a fall, which can lead to a broken neck or back.

the horses always lose

Blood on the tracks

Chase fences have even less give in them than hurdles and are a foot higher. They often come with the added hazard of a ditch at take-off or at landing. All seriously injured horses are shot on the course – their agonising fate concealed by a screen.

Jockeys whip horses to make them run faster or to keep them going when exhausted. Racing's governing bodies allow animals to be whipped seven times in the last 200 metres.

Riders who exceed the whipping limit may receive a riding ban of just a day or two. But those who win and are then banned are allowed to keep their prize money, and their win stands in the record books. The rules, therefore, do little to discourage excessive force.

**Only you can stop the cruelty.
Horse racing... DON'T BET ON IT!**

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