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**McDOWELLS AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2020:  
TRAINER APPLICATION: A**

I am applying for the Australian Brumby Challenge Ridden Program: **\$200 entry fee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address (if different from mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website/Blog (Personal/Business/Property): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Trainers must be 15 years of age or older to enter the McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge. Entrants aged under 18 years must submit in addition to the standard entry form, a second form completed by a parent/guardian.**

Male Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Western-style Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge Trainer Application form

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# McDOWELLS AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2020:

## TRAINER APPLICATION: B

Questionnaire: **All questions must be completed.**

Please feel free to use the reverse side and/or additional pages if necessary.

**The Victorian Brumby Association may complete a criminal background check on all applicants.**

1. Have you ever been accused or convicted of animal or human abuse/neglect/cruelty?

Yes

No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How many years have you trained horses? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you a professional trainer or have you received compensation for training?

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4. Have you trained an untamed Brumby or untouched horse previously? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Do you compete in horse-related events? If yes, which disciplines/breeds do you compete in?

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6. Have you won awards and/or recognition in these disciplines? If yes, please list:

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7. Do you or a family member own the facility where you will be training the Brumby?

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If not, what is the address of the facility where your Brumby will be trained (Please provide contact details for property owner to enable the organisers) ?

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8. Reference forms are included in this application. Your application will not be considered until we receive two completed references forms. Please list the two non family members who will be used as your references, including their email/ daytime phone number so that we may talk with them regarding their comments.

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TRAINER APPLICATION: C**

9. Please **INCLUDE** a headshot photo of yourself to be used for promotional purposes. ***You must send a digital photo on a disc or email it to [info@australianbrumbychallenge.com.au](mailto:info@australianbrumbychallenge.com.au) If you email your photo you must include the trainer name in the body of the email. Photo must be received before application will be considered.***

10. Please **INCLUDE** a short 3-5 sentence personal biography to be used for promotional purposes. ***Biography must be received before application will be considered.***

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11. Please briefly express your personal horse training philosophy as it relates to unhandled and wild horses.

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12. Please **INCLUDE** a short 3-5 sentence paragraph on why you feel you should be selected for this competition.

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13. **COMPLETE** and **SUBMIT** the attached 1) Facility Form, 2) Humane Statement and 3) Model Release with application.

14. How did you hear about the McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge (family/friend, website, publication, etc.):

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TRAINER APPLICATION: D**

*By signing below I am stating that I am aware and in agreement that participation in this event is by invitation only; therefore, the committee of the Victorian Brumby Association has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from the McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge program and competition for any or no reason at all. I am also stating that all questions above have been answered honestly by the trainer applying for this competition.*

*In addition to this, I acknowledge that attendance at a pre event briefing/ interview day is essential to this application and that should I be successful in this application, I am able to pick up my allocated Brumby from the Victorian Brumby Association at 1861 Raglan Elmhurst Rd Glenlogie Victoria and to return it to the Equitana venue at the Melbourne Showgrounds for the finals event.*

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**McDOWELLS AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2020:**

**FACILITY REQUIREMENT FORM: A**

Trainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Draw a detailed layout of all yards and shelters ( or photo)**

**Draw a map to the location where Brumby will live (from nearest major hwy).**



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FACILITY REQUIREMENT FORM: B**

Directions to facility:

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Physical Address:

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## **McDOWELLS AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2020: HUMANE TREATMENT POLICY**

Every Brumby and all animals shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. Any participant using abusive or excessive training techniques or being inhumane to a Brumby in his/her care (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Victorian Brumby Association and consisting of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs. If a participant's horse enters the contest or if the trainer/participant at any time presents a horse with questionable training/care related injuries (determined excessive or abusive by a panel assigned by the Victorian Brumby Association and consisting of licensed equine veterinarian(s) and/or respected horse industry professionals) the participant may be removed from the contest and/or all future contests and training programs.

The following list includes but is not limited to examples of unacceptable behaviour and training techniques:

- No horse appearing to be emaciated, drawn or injured may be exhibited.
- Use of or evidence of inhumane training techniques or methods such as striking horse with objects, excessive spurring and/or excessive jerking of reins.
- Any inhumane treatment.

Additionally, the Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge promote and encourages the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and Brumby handling methods:

- Horse and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on respect and understanding
- A calm and willing partnership between horse and trainer, regardless of the obstacle or environmental challenge during competition or training phases
- Trainer maintains a credible level of dignity for the horse during all phases of training and competition.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship in order to promote and encourage the positive relationship between horse and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between horse and trainer

The Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge support the highest attention to humane treatment and welfare in equine competitions of all kinds and are committed to supporting the International Society for Equine Sciences Code of Conduct (attached to this application form). My signature below indicates that I have read, understood and fully support this document.

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in the McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge program. I also understand that should a determination be made (as outlined above) that I have violated any part of this policy, I may lose the privilege of competing at Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future opportunity to purchase Brumbies.

Name of Trainer (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

VBA/ ABC Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## McDOWELLS AUSTRALIAN BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2020: FILM/VIDEO RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Model"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, give to the Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge ("PRODUCER"), its legal representatives, successors, and all persons or corporations acting with its permission, unrestricted permission to copyright and/or use, and/or publish photographic portraits or pictures of the Model, and the negatives, transparencies, prints, or digital information pertaining to them, in still, single, multiple, moving or video format, or in which the Model may be included in whole or in part, or composite, or distorted in form, or reproductions thereof, in colour or otherwise, made through any media in photographer's studio or elsewhere for art, or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and approve the finished product or copy that may be used in connection with an image that the Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge has taken of the Model, or the use to which it may be applied.

I further release PRODUCER, Victorian Brumby Association and McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge or others for whom PRODUCER is acting, from any claims for remuneration associated with any form of damage, foreseen or unforeseen, associated with the proper commercial or artistic use of these images unless it can be shown that said reproduction was maliciously caused, produced and published for the sole purpose of subjecting the Model to conspicuous ridicule, scandal, reproach, scorn and indignity.

I acknowledge that the videotaping/photography session was conducted in a completely proper and highly professional manner, and this release was willingly signed at its termination. I certify that I am not a minor, and if a minor, have permission from my parent or legal guardian signed below, and am free and able to give such consent.

Model's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness or Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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TRAINER REFERENCE FORM**

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Name of Trainer Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer Applicant's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Ref. Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known this trainer?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How often do you see this trainer ride or work horses? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Do you feel that their facilities are suitable for working with a wild horse?

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4. Do you have any concerns about the horses in the care of this trainer?

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5. Would you recommend this trainer to people with unbroken or difficult horses?

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Personal Comments: (Regarding skill, work ethic, values, etc.)

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## CHECKLIST

Have you included:

- Completed and signed trainer form, facility form, humane treatment form and film/ photo release form
- Entry fee - cheque/ money order OR
  - If paying by bank transfer, please make payment to:  
Victorian Brumby Association  
Commonwealth bank  
Bsb: 063 671  
Acct: 1006 6183  
Please put ABC and your surname as reference
- Promotional headshot of yourself – this can show you with a horse, but must clearly show your face,
- Are you happy with the short Bio you have provided – if you are successful, this will appear on the McDowells Australian Brumby Challenge and EQUITANA websites.
- Clear diagrams or photos of the facilities the Brumby will be initially housed in
- Two completed and signed referee forms
- Junior applicants must provide trainer form for themselves and also for their guardian/ supervisor

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