

## ***From Forest to Fabulous***

### **BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2024**



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#### **TRAINER INFORMATION:**

##### **Key information for Trainer applicants:**

The Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge is a 10 – 12-month event (final dates TBA) limited to 6 trainers. This Challenge has been created to showcase the Toolara/Tuan Brumbies and to promote Trainer's horsemanship skills. On acceptance to be a Trainer, Trainers pay the entry fee of \$600 (plus GST), which covers vet costs for the initial care of the brumby.

At the commencement, approved Trainers (aged 16 years or older) attend TBP's Brumby Show and Open Day (15<sup>th</sup> of September 2024) where brumbies will be picked from a pool of suitable, completely unhandled Brumbies via a draw. Brumbies will be from the Toolara and Tuan Forestry where they have been passively trapped and there will likely be mares and recently gelded stallions available. Brumby availability will depend on trapping at the time, however to keep the playing field as even as possible, the available brumbies will be selected to be similar in age, temperament etc.

Following selection, Trainers and their Brumbies will each have 15 minutes to complete their very first session together at the Open Day. Here they can introduce themselves, promote their training approach/style and spectators have the chance to witness this first interaction. Brumbies and their Trainers are required to be available for questions and to talk about the challenge to interested members of the public throughout the day. Following the Open Day, Trainers are required to transport their brumbies home in a suitable stock crate or truck. Please note that floats are not appropriate and there is no loading ramp onsite. Sections below further detail the minimum requirements for facilities/housing.

Throughout the period from pickup to the finals event (2025), Trainers send in monthly updates (videos / report) which enable us to share the process of training with a large audience through our social media pages. Updates will consist of 200-to-500-word update in Word document and 3-5 photos in JPG format and, a short video (maximum 3 minutes long is to be shared to the TBP Facebook/Challenge page each month. These videos will form part of the assessment process and count towards your final scores.

Scores will accumulate over the 11-month period, with monthly assessments and a final Showcase at the TBP Brumby Show and Open Day weekend in August or September 2025. Details of the finals will be announced but will allow Trainers to compete in the Show and to showcase their

Brumby one last time. There will be prizes for placegetters.

### CHALLENGE RULES:

- Trainers own their brumby and are required to participate in/complete the updates, promotion and events that form part of the Challenge.
- Trainers will get to choose their horse from the group via a draw.
- All brumbies must be picked up by 16th of September 2024 in a stock crate or similarly suitable trailer.
- If pickup is to be later, an agistment fee of \$110 per week will apply.
- If there are spots remaining, Trainers may participate in the September
- Upon leaving the property, horse welfare, care and safety is the responsibility of the trainer. Similarly, TBP will not be held liable for any injury or damage caused as a result of participation in this competition.
- Taking out personal equine insurance is encouraged.
- All media requests/involvement must be vetted by the TBP Show Committee.
- Trainers must provide monthly video updates to the designated Facebook page
- Trainers must agree to endorse/advertise the major sponsors of this event
- Trainers must attend the final challenge day and the September 2025 Brumby Show and Open Day.
- Trainers agree to have their photos, videos and updates shared on social platforms and with the media.
- TBP reserves the right to reclaim the brumby if the trainer fails to meet the requirements stipulated above.

I agree to the above challenge rules

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Applications open: 10/7/2024
- Applications close: 5/8/2024
- Trainers notified: 15/8/24
- Brumbies selected and first sessions at TBP Brumby Show and Open Day, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Amamoor Qld.
- Brumby pickup – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- Final Showcase at TBP Brumby Show and Open Day (2025), details TBA.

## FOREST TO FABULOUS BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2024

### TRAINER APPLICATION: A

I am applying for the Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge Program: **\$600 (plus GST) entry fee applies for successful applicants.**

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

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

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



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

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Age:

**Trainers must be 16 years of age or older to enter the 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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### TRAINER APPLICATION: B

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

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

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?

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

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

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

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

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



8. Please describe the facilities at the address where the horse will be staying.

9. 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

10. Please **INCLUDE** a headshot photo of yourself to be used for promotional purposes. **You must send a digital photo via email to [thebrumbyproject@gmail.com](mailto:thebrumbyproject@gmail.com) 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.**

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

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



13. Please include a short 3-5 sentence paragraph on why you feel you should be selected for this competition.

14. **COMPLETE** and **SUBMIT** the attached 1) Humane Statement and 2) Model Release with application.

15. How did you hear about the Forest to Fabulous 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 Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge has the unqualified right to determine eligibility and can, at any time, remove a contestant from the 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. I acknowledge that should I be successful in this application; I am able to attend the TBP Brumby Show and Open Day and pick up my Brumby from TBP HQ on the agreed pick up date.***

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

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





## **FOREST TO FABULOUS BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2024 HUMANE TREATMENT POLICY**

Every Brumby and all animals shall always 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 Brumby Project 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 behavior 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, TBP and the Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge promote and encourage the following examples of sound, compassionate, and successful training techniques and Brumby handling methods:

- Horse and trainer exhibiting solid relationship based on horsemanship 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 high level of dignity for the horse during all phases of training and competition.
- Trainers are expected to seek and employ methods of horsemanship that will promote and encourage the positive relationship between horse and trainer.
- Training techniques should demonstrate a strong bond between horse and Trainer

The Brumby Project and Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge support humane treatment and welfare in equine competitions of all kinds

Through my signature below, I certify that I have read and understand the Humane Treatment policy, and agree to abide by these principles as a participant in the 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 TBP and Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge sponsored events, and may also lose the privilege of any future opportunity to purchase Brumbies from TBP.

Name of Trainer (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

TBP Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## FOREST TO FABULOUS BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2024 FILM/VIDEO RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ("Model"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, give to the Brumby Project and the Forest to Fabulous 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 Brumby Project or the Forest to Fabulous Brumby Challenge has taken of the Model, or the use to which it may be applied.

I further release PRODUCER, The Brumby Project or the Forest to Fabulous 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## FOREST TO FABULOUS BRUMBY CHALLENGE 2024 TRAINER REFERENCE FORM

*Two Reference Forms must be submitted with each application.*

If the individual providing the reference would like for the information to remain confidential, please feel free to email this form directly to [thebrumbyproject@gmail.com](mailto:thebrumbyproject@gmail.com)

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?  
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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:

- Asked any questions you might have either via email or calling Anna on 0409925526
- Completed and signed:
  - trainer form,
  - humane treatment form
  - film/ photo release form
  - 2 x references
- Entry fee is **payable on acceptance** -
  - If paying by bank transfer, please make payment to:  
The Brumby Project  
ME BANK  
Bsb: 944600  
Acc: 001640575  
Please put FFBC 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 advertising and promotional materials.
- Applicants under 18 years old must provide a second Trainer Application form, signed by their parent or guardian.