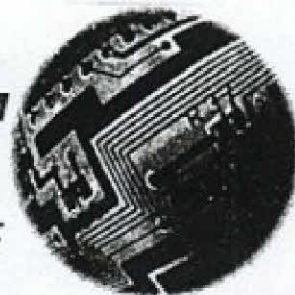


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Genetics website aiming to assist breeding decisions

> THE old and the new collide at thoroughbredgenetics.com, which is home to a new business bringing techniques of DNA analysis to the ancient art of breeding racehorses.

Using genetic analysis, TGC offers DNA screening tests that identify specific characteristics relating to the training of a horse, such as performance and soundness, going as far as identifying the optimum race distances for individual horses.

TGC's Dr Stephen Harrison says on the site that genetics are a poorly understood aspect of breeding, even among breeders, with millions spent producing foals which are subsequently unsuccessful, yet comparatively limited expenditure spent on DNA analyses.

The men in white lab frocks are trying to break the mould.