Jonjo O'Neill's team of stable staff win the 2015 EPDS Racing and Racing Welfare Best Turned Out series title.

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After a highly competitive year of Best Turned Out competitions which took place across the UK; from Taunton in the South to Perth in the North and Fakenham in the East; It was the team from Jonjo O'Neill's Jackdaws Castle that were crowned the EPDS Racing and Racing Welfare Best Turned Out Series winners of 2015.

The Best Turned Out series, sponsored by EPDS Racing for the fourth year running, celebrates the dedication and hard work shown by stable staff in preparing their horses for a day at the races. In each monthly leg of the series, the grooms leading up the three horses judged to be best turned out receive points towards the series league table, along with cash prizes.

The consistently immaculate turnout of Jonjo O'Neill's horses was shown by their emphatic win in this series with 35 points clocked up at three different meetings; Market Rasen, Bangor-on-Dee and Uttoxeter. The yard in second place at the end of the year, with 20 points was that of David Thompson.

This was the second year in which the team from Jackdaws Castle have taken the spoils in the Best Turned Out series – they were winners in 2013, lost the title to Donald McCain's Bankhouse team in 2014, but regained the prize by a large margin this year.

Members of Jonjo O'Neill's stable staff team received the trophy and £1,000 grand prize on 22nd December from John Powell, Managing Director of EPDS Racing.

John Powell, Managing Director of EPDS Racing, said "*It is testament to the care and attention to detail of the team at Jackdaws Castle that they have won this title for a second time; it is no fluke, their horses are always spotless at every meeting. Well done to the travelling staff and also to the team caring for horses at home.*" He said, "*The Club is committed to supporting Racing Welfare and we look forward to continuing the Best Turned Out series in 2016*".

The first date of the 2016 series, which will continue to be sponsored by EPDS Racing, will be held at Plumpton Racecourse on January 18th.

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Racing Welfare is a UK-wide charity whose headquarters are in Newmarket. It serves the needs of racing personnel from the beginning of their careers through to retirement. The wide range of help provided includes provision of affordable housing, mentoring schemes for young workers, advice for those coping with illness and disabilities; through to specialist counselling and support at times of need or personal crisis.

EPDS Racing is a racing club run with the primary intention of making the excitement of racehorse ownership more accessible. They are particularly keen to encourage then next generation of racegoers to get involved, offering discounts to younger members. The club was formed, and is run, on the basis of providing a natural environment for its horses while in training and a guaranteed re-homing policy at the end of their racing career.

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