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Our Mission:

“To provide a better life for Thoroughbreds, both during and after their racing careers by supporting retirement, rescue and research and by helping the people who work with them.”

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Dollars & Sense

Thoroughbred Charities of America, (“TCA”) maintains the mission to the left, which guides us to grant to the following 5 sectors of non-profits:

♥ Thoroughbred Rescue, Retraining for Their Next Career, Adoption, and Retirement

Now, visualize a crowded meat auction pen, with a beaten Thoroughbred who didn't run fast enough, crammed against another who broke down yesterday standing bravely on three legs with his fourth shattered. Somewhere a foal screams for its mother. Observe the rescue gal walking stoically, assessing her budget for today, not showing her broken heart so as to not drive up the price on those she intends to bid on, to save.

♥ Research Grants in All Equine Scientific Fields

Put on a mask and look into the laboratory where they are correlating the data to decode the laminitis disease that has taken so many of our star Thoroughbred athletes.

♥ Backstretch Support for Jockeys and Track Employees who have little or no education, medical or child care

Hold the door open for the volunteer delivering groceries to the permanently disabled jockey sitting in his wheelchair. Hear the squeals of the babies of the track's backstretch workers having a hot lunch, surrounded by toys and books.

♥ Education in Equine-to-Public Related Fields and for At-Risk Youth Utilizing Thoroughbreds, and Equine-Based Scholarships

Go to graduation and see the horse farm worker's children smiling at their graduation from vet school, a dream so unthinkable just a few years ago, without the scholarships.

♥ Therapeutic Riding Facilities which Utilize Thoroughbreds in Their Program

Hold the lead shank of the Thoroughbred that was so slow at the track and declined through the claimers, gently carrying the severely handicapped child that is “walking” for the first time ever without her wheelchair, feeling the movement of the horse strengthen her muscles.

Feel the power of your dollar at work. You know why you choose TCA. We grant to nearly 200 organizations which give joy and life. We annually accredit every single one of these wonderful organizations so you can feel confident your dollar is spent wisely. Our expense ratio, for this year, was .057—that means over 94 cents of every dollar raised, was granted out.

Inside, you will read about several other groups that chose TCA is a big way, through charitable partnerships this year. We need your partnership as well! Please consider regular donations for our annual grants or our endowment fund--now more than ever--for the unwanted horses and unseen stars of our industry.

Sincerely,

Liz Harris

Liz Harris
Executive Director, TCA

PS. – We want to know your opinion – Please fill out the survey question card and include in the envelope provided, thanks.

Go Shopping!

The TCA website has a wonderful new option of giving and it's something you LOVE to do — Go Shopping! Just go to our website and click on "Go Shopping" and you will see a small array of items which we'll be continually expanding.



iGive

If you could give TCA up to 26% of each everyday online purchase you made at no extra cost to you, would you? It doesn't cost a cent to join and once you sign up, every time you shop online,

participating vendors give a percentage of your purchase to TCA.

Choose from more than 600 nationally known online merchants such as Barnes & Noble, Eddie Bauer, Lands' End and PETSMART. Your privacy is guaranteed, plus they offer money-saving deals and daily specials.

We hope you can't resist! Please join www.iGive.com/TCA. Once you sign up, a little yellow flag slides appears on your computer screen when you are ordering from a participating company.

Other Ways to Donate to TCA:

- ♥ Donate your vehicle
- ♥ Corporate Matching Gift Program
- ♥ Sell something on e-Bay's mission fish for TCA
- ♥ Creative Donations for those who have it all (honor them with a donation to TCA on their birthday or anniversary)
- ♥ Donate Stallion Seasons or Fine Art to our auction

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Churchill Downs selects Equus Run Vineyards for Derby 133 with Proceeds Directed to TCA

The award-winning wines of Equus Run Vineyards, owned by Cynthia Bohn, were selected as the Commemorative Wines of the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs. Equus Run has produced a limited edition bottling of Chardonnay, Merlot and Bluegrass Blush. The wine labels feature the Official Art of the 2007 Kentucky Derby by Misha Lenn. Equus Run also produced a highly collectible bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon with the logo of Kentucky Derby 133 etched and hand-painted in gold and the bottle numbered.

A portion of the proceeds from each bottle will be donated by Equus Run and their distributor, Republic Beverage Company of Kentucky, to Thoroughbred Charities of America, ("TCA"). To order wine please e-mail sales@equus-runvineyards.com

On Saturday, April 28 hundreds gathered at Equus Run Vineyards to get their first taste of the wine during the 'Springtime in a Bottle' Celebration. TCA attended with some of their grantees including KY Equine Humane Center, ReRun, Elite Groom Program, Dr. Tom Tobin of Gluck Equine Research Center, KEMI scholarship program, and Woodford Humane Society.

The off-the track Thoroughbred, Louisiana Lady, attended the party where Shannon Lisk fell in love with her. The next day when Shannon went to pick her up, she also adopted 5 year-old gelding, Boyagain.

Three dogs were also adopted as a result of the wonderful party thrown by Equus Run! ♥



Louisiana Lady



Maury Sparrow, Equus Run Business Development Manager with one of the adopted dogs.

Boyagain



Thoroughbreds and Fox Hunting: a Chat with Paddy Neilson

Rider of Three Maryland Hunt Cup Winners and Whipper-In for Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Fox Hounds

by Liz Harris

What is most notable about fox hunting, a Centuries old sport deeply embedded in British and American history, is the strength of emotions regarding the fox hunting ethics debate. While many people deplore the sport of fox hunting, many others acclaim the sport as traditional and one that promotes land preservation. It is said, with development undeterred, more foxes are run over and killed by cars than from fox hunting. Paddy Neilson shares his knowledge and experience of 60 years in fox-hunting with 50 of those making hunters out of off-the-track racehorses:



Paddy Neilson on "Plenty of Sweets"

Most racehorses are intelligent and the good racehorses are additionally sensible and creatures of habit. They are used to doing THEIR job, running as fast as they can. It's irrelevant how successful they were running in a circle, you must illustrate to the horse his new job and how it's different than his old job.

Despite their success, Thoroughbreds are apt to want to go too fast, so you have to gear them down. Physically they are built for speed so you must work on their mind—that this fox hunting is an entirely different game. Imagine these incredible Thoroughbreds, galloping across the fields, surrounded by the hounds, with a man on his back, loving his new job--fox hunting.

For the Thoroughbred, what a vacation after racing! Because of their physical ability transitioning to fox hunting is easy. After they are relaxed and happy you can start to school them. Take them through the woods and jump some logs in a ring, but logs in the woods are best because it's a natural landscape. In this setting they don't think too much and just start jumping, building their confidence to ensure they will go forward when they come to a fence in the fox hunting atmosphere.

When the Thoroughbred gets to the Meet and sees all the other horses he thinks, "I'm back at the racetrack!" Then he listens and the sounds are different--there are no loudspeakers and no one is going anywhere; everyone is just standing around. There are hounds all over, little kids on ponies and after initial jitters they realize it is safe, they RELAX and begin to enjoy themselves.

In retraining a Thoroughbred for fox-hunting, some will require more patience and some more time, with a small percentage never getting the picture--maybe 10%-20%. The demeanor of your horse at the racetrack is no indication of their demeanor out hunting. In August take the horses out cubbing, show them the hounds and get them to walk across streams, being gentle but firm.

Ironically, hounds are the least of it. To actually ride a 5 or 6 year-old Thoroughbred across a stream is a major accomplishment. You must deal with all of their fears and you can assist greatly by spending some time picking out a comfortable bit and easy crossings for them, trying several until he seems happy. Flat work is not all that critical; you are aiming for a pleasant and mannerly fox hunting horse.

Bottom line: Using the flat horses for fox hunting or steeplechasing is a good bet and your trainer is the key to catching your horse at the crucial part of it's career. Perhaps your small, nervous 5 year-old filly, which ties up easily might not do so well, but bigger horses do very well and will give their riders a great deal of pleasure. ♥

New TCA Endowment Fund

In February TCA announced a gift of \$250,000 from Roy and Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stables. Gretchen Jackson is a long standing and active board member of TCA.. The fund will be used to create a permanent Endowment for TCA to assure future grant giving. It will also offer donors an additional option when making tax-deductible gifts. Please consider a restricted gift today, for our new endowment fund. ♥

Barbaro Birthday Bash

by Liz Harris



Barbaro Fans gathered for a weekend in April to celebrate Barbaro's legacy on his birthday. "It is a privilege to be a Fan Of Barbaro and to help grow this community and observe its generosity for myriad horse welfare issues" said Alex Brown of www.TimWoolleyracing.com who ran the festivities with Sharon Crumb and Jennifer Duffy. An auction, raising \$19,912 in net proceeds benefitting Thoroughbred Charities of America with proceeds split between TCA-accredited equine rescues and laminitis research at New Bolton Center, took place throughout the weekend. ♥

TCA 17th Annual Auction Breaks Record

by Liz Harris



The 17th Annual TCA Stallion Season and Art Auction began days before the event with a telephone auction of hundreds of seasons and concluded with a live auction at the Keeneland Entertainment Center on December 1st. This year's auction proved to be a record-breaking event. Fasig-Tipton auctioneers conducted the auction which produced in excess of \$2,000,000, thanks to the generous support of the Thoroughbred industry and attending guests.

"With supporters such as Sheikh Mohammed of Darley donating a Bernardini season and Todd Pletcher donating his entire roster of seasons, there is a recognition of the good work being done by the charities we support," expressed Liz Harris, Executive Director of TCA, "It is a vote of support toward the post-careers of our Thoroughbred athletes and hopefully others will take note and follow their generous lead".

The star-studded evening of spirited bidding was held at the Keeneland Entertainment Center.



Curtis & Linda Green and J.P. and Liz Harris, event chairperson, danced the night away.



A star-studded crowd of 500 guests attended the event and bidding was spirited. A no-guarantee season to Bernardini, donated by Darley, topped the season list at \$280,000 with an Andre Pater original *Study of a Fox Hound* topping the art category at \$30,000.

The event honored the attending Barbaro Team including Roy and Gretchen Jackson and the New Bolton Vet Team headed by Dr. Dean Richardson. Dean Joan Hendricks accepted the TCA 2006 Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Dr. Richardson.

Herb Moelis, TCA President and Founder stated, "most interesting and gratifying to me was that this was the first time Keeneland and Fasig Tipton have worked together on a horse-related event. This is truly a watershed event in our industry. Hopefully, this type of cooperation will carry over to other parts of our industry".



**2007 Stallion Season and Art Auction:
November 30, 2007, Keeneland Entertainment Center**



Ferdinand Fee and "Check Off" Concept Takes Off

by Liz Harris

Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and the New York Horsemen have done something about the rescue and retraining of their Thoroughbreds. Known as the "Ferdinand Fee" in New York and the "Check-Off Program" by TOBA, these voluntary fees are just the beginning of the types of opportunities you will be given to give back to the Thoroughbred horses produced in our industry.

When you renew your TOBA membership or membership in the New York horsemen's associations, you can opt for a small donation. These voluntary fees have really added up. To date these programs have brought in \$32,660.52 for TCA annually-accredited rescue, retraining and retirement groups throughout the United States. Other trade associations considering offering the option are Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania.

If you need assistance starting one in your state, please e-mail Liz@Speedbeam.com to help you get started. ♥

Give Today, so a Thoroughbred will have more Tomorrows!

A Mercy Claim

by Amy Adkins of
Pegg Thoroughbred Consultants

“The Colt” wanted to win and, in almost every start, his determination was evident but management of his “ankles” was time-consuming and expensive. When he was claimed as a 4 year-old, he had won over \$100,000 but the original racing partners had remitted almost that much in vet bills.

He captured the hearts of a number of his original connections with his engaging personality, and they watched his entries with concern as he dropped down in tag. His original trainer offered to buy him with no success. Although barely earning his keep, the current trainer reported that he was just going to run him until he dropped.

Several people who had been involved with the horse were contacted and in advance of the next start, enough had been collected to go in for the claim, which was successful.

The original trainer agreed to keep the colt, without charge, until a new home could be found. The horse is no longer hurting, enjoying lots of peppermints, and being lovingly cared for as part of a small show horse stable in Los Angeles.

It is not hard or expensive to make a Mercy Claim and just takes a bit of organization:

- ♥ Follow the horses you breed, pinhook and campaign on stable mail – it’s free on DRF and BRIS.
- ♥ If you see them dropping down in form and tag, act proactively – it is your responsibility.
- ♥ Round up the minimal funds and go in for the claim – reputable trainers will be glad to help.
- ♥ If you can’t take or place the horse yourself, contact a retirement facility, and for a small donation, they will find a new home for your horse.

For an adoption facility near you, try a Google Search or ask TCA to provide their list of annually accredited facilities. ♥

Special Friends Honored Through Donations

~Barbaro, Dr. Richardson & his staff~Mr. & Mrs. George Bishop
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Burrow~Mr. & Mrs. Jay Boyd~Mr. Emile Fallo
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Fires~Charlie Gale’s 60th Birthday~
Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Grube

Carl Hanford, as classy as Kelso~Mike Helmbrecht & Lisa Chumbley~
Seth Klarman’s Birthday~James Layton’s 71st Birthday~
Debra Lopez~Silver Charm & Barbaro
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Wedding Guests of Meagan Ferrari & Kyle Szarek



Memorial Contributions

Barbaro~Karrie Casner~Roy Chapman~Allaire duPont~William F. Fanning
Foxy G~Maddox Reed Garlington~Elizabeth Grube~Millie Hanford
Thomas R. Justice~Pleasant Colony~C. Larry Schmidt~
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~Storm Boot~Dr. R. Smiser West

TCA selected as Charitable Partner of Churchill Downs-Woodford Reserve \$1,000 Mint Julep Cup Program

Churchill Downs and Woodford Reserve Bourbon sold 132 of the world’s most expensive mint juleps at the 133rd Running of the Kentucky Derby with all proceeds going to TCA.

Christie’s Auction House oversaw the on-line auction of 132 24-kt gold-plated cups. Each mint julep was presented with a silver sipping straw.

119 of them were adorned with a horse head burgee and engraved with the names of past Kentucky Derby winners.



11 of the cups had three rare rubies representing each leg of the Triple Crown and 2 of them had a diamond and were named, “Aristides” and “Barbaro”, after the first and most recent Derby winner, respectively. A toast to the horses’ health! ♥



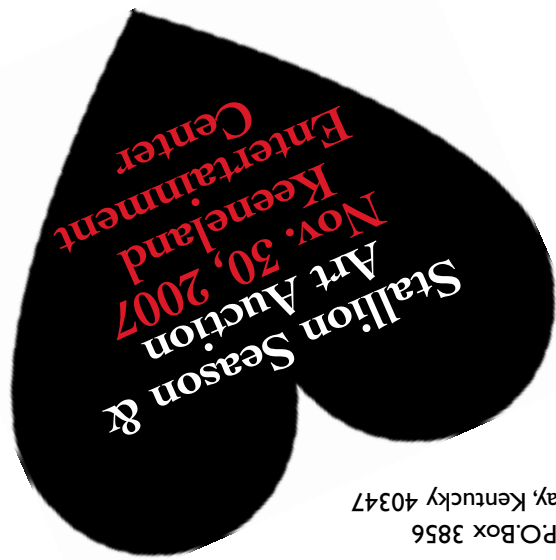
Thoroughbred Of America Grantees By Category



Every one of them special, each one with a mission to help horses, facilitate research, educate, help backstretch workers, jockeys or equine-assisted therapeutic riding. Your donations at work.

TCA grants over 94 cents of every \$1 raised directly to the following charities:

Horse Rescue and Retraining ~AAEP Foundation-Equine Emergency Relief Fund(KY)~Alaska Equine Rescue (AK)~Amaryllis Farm Equine Rescue(NY)~Angel Acres(PA)~Appalachian Horse Help & Rescue(PA)~Blue Horse Charities(KY)~Bran Manor Equine Rescue(PA)~Bright Futures Farm Rescue(PA)~CANTER(MI, Ohio and MidAtlantic) ~Castleton Ranch Horse Rescue(CA)~CERF(CA)~Chez Chevaux(WA)~Cobleskill Agricultural & Technical College Foundation(NY)~Days End Horse Farm Rescue(MD)~Equine Advocates(NY)~Equine Encore Foundation(AZ)~Equine Rescue & Rehabilitation(MD)~Equirest(OH)~Equus(CA)~Exceller Fund(TX)~Finger Lakes HBPA(NY)~Florida Agricultural Center & Horse Park Authority(FL)~Forever Free Horse Rescue(CA)~Give Me A Chance Equine Rescue(AR)~GEVA(CA)~Greener Pastures Equine Rescue Foundation(OK)~Heaven Can Wait(CA)~High Hope Steeplechase Assoc.(KY)~H.O.O.F.(Horse One To One Outreach Foundation)(CA)~Hooved Animal Humane Society (IL) ~ H.O.R.S.E.(CT) ~ H.O.R.S.E. Rescue & Sanctuary(NY) ~Hooved Animal Humane Society(IL)~Horse Feathers Equine Rescue(OK)~HorseNet(MD) ~Horses Haven(MI)~Horses in the Hood(CA)~Horse Rescue Fund(GA)~Humana Reserve/California Equine Council(CA)~Last Chance Corral(OH) ~Lexington Humane Society(KY) ~Life Horse(MD) ~Lonestar Outreach to Place Ex-Racers(TX)~Lone State Equine(TX)~Lost Acres Horse Rescue(FL)~Lost and Found Rescue Foundation(PA) ~Louisiana Vet Medical Association Equine Committee-Horse Hurricane Relief~Michigan State University Vet School(MI)~Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation(MN) ~Misfit Acres(MN) ~Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement(CT)~ Molasses Reef Farm(WI)~Mylestone Equine Rescue(NJ)~New York Horse Rescue(NY)~New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program (OH)~Old Friend(KY)~Paws For Life/Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue(MD)~Pegasus CA~Performance Equine Rescue Network(CA)~Pets Alive(NY)~Pure Thoughts (FL)~Rainhill Equine Facility(KY)~ ReRun(KY, MD, NY, NJ)~Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue(VA)~Ryerss Farm For Aged Equine(PA)~Second Chance Ranch(WA)~South Florida SPCA(FL) ~South Jersey Thoroughbred Rescue(NJ)~ South Delaware Horse Retirement(DE)~S.P.C.A.(MD)~Square Peg Foundation(CA) ~Summerwinds Stable(DE)~The Equine Sanctuary of Ojai(CA) ~The Horse Rescue of North Scottsdale(AZ)~The Horse Shelter (NM)~The Ranger Foundation(MD) ~Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation(DE, MD, NY, KY, SC, VA, FL) ~Tranquility Farm (Harry Bisantz Memorial Center for TB Retirement)(CA) ~Tri-State Equine Adoption(DE)~Turtle Rock Rescue(NH)~United States Equestrian Federation-Hurricane Katrina Horses(KY)~United States Equine Rescue League(VA) ~Voice For Horses Rescue Network(OH)~Walkin N Circles(NM)~Wind Ridge(PA)~Whidbey Island Equine Rescue(WA)~Whimsical Equine Rescue (DE)~Willow Pond Farm(CA)~Woodford Humane Society(KY)~Work To Ride(PA) **Education & Scholarships** ~ Backstretch Education Fund(NY)~Emergency Equine Response Unit(KS)~Fair Hill International(MD)~Friends of NY Racing,Thoroughbred Thank You Fund(NY)~Horse Farm Workers Education Assistance Fund(KY)~Kentucky Equine Management Internship Program(KY)~Kentucky Thoroughbred Association(KY)~Kid's Charities(NYTB)(NY)~Midway College(KY)~Morrisville College Foundation(NY)~New Bolton Center-Scholarship Fund(PA)~NYTB Scholarship Fund(NY)~Race For Education(KY) ~SNAP (Spay-Neuter All Pets)(MD)~Taking The Reins(CA) ~TARA(KY)~Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (KY) **Equine Research** ~Colorado State University Research(CO)~Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation(KY)~Spot Castle Foundation-Int'l Equine Conference on Laminitis & Foot Diseases(PA)~KY Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders(KY)~Marion duPont Medical Center of Virginia Tech(VA)~Michigan State University McPhail Equine Performance Center(MI)~Middleburg Agricultural Research(VA)~New Bolton Center of the University of Pennsylvania(PA)~NYTB Symposium (Cornell)(NY)~Oklahoma State University Foundation(OK)~University of Kentucky's Equine Research Foundation (Gluck Equine Research Center)(KY)~ University of Maryland-Equine Studies(MD) **Jockey & Backstretch Programs** ~Backstretch Employees(BEST)(NY)~Belmont Child Care(NY)~Bethlehem Farm, Center For Women in Racing(KY)~Blue Grass Farms Chaplaincy(KY)~Delaware Horsemen Assistance(DE)~Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund(CA)~Father Martin's Ashley Drug Rehabilitation(MD)~ God's Pantry Food Bank(KY)~Grooms Development Program(NY)~Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association(LA)~Jana Domino Fund(NY)~Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers(KY)~Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Fund (MD)~New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association(NJ)~NY Firefighters(NY)~NTRA Charities-Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund(KY)~ Race Track Chaplaincy(CA, FL, KY & PA)~The Delaware Park Racetrack Health Clinic(DE)~The Elite Program(TX/KY)~The Pimlico Race Course Health Clinic(MD)~ Winners Federation(IL) **Mental Health & Therapeutic Riding** ~Amateur Riders Club (NJ)~ASPIRE Therapeutic Riding Program(IA)~Autistic Spectrum Program(AZ)~Bradley's Equine Assisted Therapeutic Riding Center(OR)~Chastain Horse Park(GA)~Central Kentucky Riding For Hope(KY)~ Challenge Unlimited(MA)~D.A.R.E.(KY)~Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center (OH)~Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program(MD)~Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding(MD)~Green Hill Equestrian Therapy(KY)~Greenwell Foundation Therapeutic Riding(MD)~Handicapped High Riders Club (NJ)~Heads Up! Therapeutic Riding Program(NC)~ Heroes On Horseback(SC)~Kentucky Horse Park Mustang Troop(KY)~Kids To The Cup(CA)~Luci Center(KY)~NY Therapeutic Riding(NY)~PALS(People & Animal Learning Services)(IN)~Pegasus Riding Academy For The Handicapped(CA)~Quest Therapeutic Services(PA)~Ride On LA (CA)~Shadow Equestrian(NJ)~Shangri-La Therapeutic Riding Academy(TN)~Sheltered Risks(KY)~SMILES (Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills)(WI)~Tekoa Therapeutic Riding(VA)~The Center for Therapeutic & Educational Riding(DE)~Therapeutic Horseback Riding(PA)~Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center(MD) ♥



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