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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Clarification in Regard to Horses at Risk, SRF



Cream Ridge, NJ - 12/31/19 - The Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF) has 30 years of experience in its mission. Its general mission, while managed by staff, helping kill pen horses not only requires staff, it also relies on its volunteers.

There is a change in volunteers assisting in kill pen rescue management at the SRF. A few are no longer free to operate under the name of the SRF. You may see and hear names and think they are associated, giving you confidence in their actions. We recommend that you email or call for confirmation if you need clarification. In the future, approved volunteers will be listed on the website.

There is no universal standard of management or care to help horses tagged for slaughter. However, SRF has protocol established for many years. Issues with horses in kill pens include communicable diseases, being emaciated, injured, as well as others. Where the horse is scheduled to go, and how the horse is transported can put a horse at even greater risk. For these reasons and others, this protocol is required to be followed by volunteers

Here are a few critical points in its procedures; the website will provide further information to reference in the coming month:

- Knowing the condition of an animal before it transports is one of the reasons health certificates are done. SRF must have reliable knowledge of the condition of the animal before shipping, or limits transport to under 2 hours from the pen. A kill pen owner's information is far from reliable.
- Offers of home/adopters, and fosters are screened quickly far beyond the basic application It also includes a further in depth telephone interview process as these horses may need specific knowledge on care and handling.
- Shippers must be screened and approved based on safety of their vehicles and trailers, experience with horses, and their quarantine/isolation of horses when shipping with other animals.
- Facilities SRF uses to board its horses must follow isolation protocol to prevent any possible risk of communicable disease, or other illness.
- Adopters and fosters are advised on isolation procedures to avoid risk if a horse is sick.
- Adopters and fosters for these horses are required to abide by SRF's terms of follow-up requirements for life so none of these animals are never at risk again.

To contact SRF for volunteer clarification email [srfhorsesandkids@gmail](mailto:srfhorsesandkids@gmail.com), or call Tammy at **609-738-3255**.

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## About Standardbred Retirement Foundation

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*Standardbred Retirement Foundation provides humane care and services for horses in need of lifetime homes, and in crisis, through rehabilitation, training, adoption, life-long follow-up or life-time sanctuary, and offers therapeutic equine opportunities for children and adults.*

SRF is a 30 year old registered non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible.

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