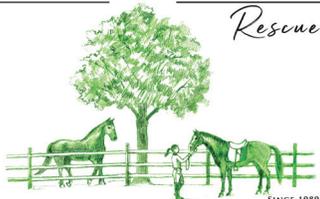


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## Helping Horses & Kids Since 1989

### Fosters Rock It!

Fostered horses are often very lucky to be adopted right from their foster home, and sometimes they steal the hearts of their foster home and get to live out their lives right there!

June and Brian Heiser are a foster family for 28 years! They have seen many of these noble athletes, helping each one live a life with dignity - Uncle Milt, Pro Law Mike, Gut Feeling, Skippen, Jeremiah and Cancun Time are a few. Every one of them have enjoyed their same loving address for the remainder of their lives!

Ugottahaveheart, a horse we shared with you before, is an example of how important life changing foster homes are to SRF. He earned \$433,825 while on the track, and then worked so hard in the rural areas pulling equipment. He had a wonderful foster home with the Hagues, but started to lose his eyesight. Now being completely blind, yet happy, he will likely never find a home, and moving him would be too traumatic for this big, gentle soul. Heartly is now tucked in and safe right where he is, his last name is now Hague!

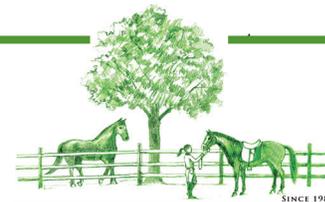
Another wonderful foster offered help for a very elderly guy, his face was nearly completely white from age. His tattoo is under his lip and we cannot decipher even one digit. It only took a couple of months of enjoying the fussing over the old guy when they welcomed a few more. Every December, we are told how these old men fill their hearts and lives with smiles, she, her husband, her children and grandchildren and they bring them all together as a family. She wouldn't have it any other way!

There is no shortage of the warm and fuzzies our foster homes experience, and our own warm and fuzzies of thanks. We never have enough special folks willing to change a life or two. Ask us how to foster to a horse, or take a look on the website AdoptaHorse.org.



Who is fussing over Pamela Braren, June and Brian Heiser's daughter? That is 30+ year old Jeremiah! This big lover boy (whose tattoo is unable to be read) came from Wisconsin, tagged to ship for slaughter. His friend, Cancun Time, lucked out too, tagging along side!

## RECENT ADOPTIONS



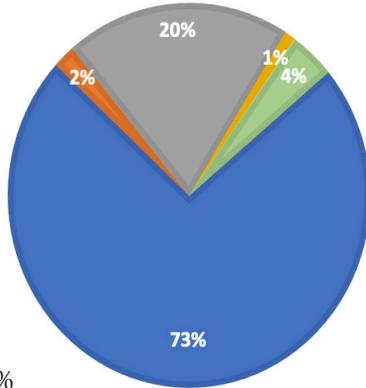
Causey Sings	Mista	Tag 4305	Iron Brigade	Roses From Heaven	Tag 3849
Spartan Justice	Rock N Ride	Son Of The Fog	Naomi Blue Chip	Meadow Matt	Hope Again
Teagan Smiles	Unique Attack	Fox Valley Mylady	Daddy Jack	Delightful Mia	Miss Dreamboat
Our Man Hammer	Sammie So So	Whooten To Go	Ontario T	Pea Vine	Miss Mandy Mae
Terro Franco N	Camtaza	Wizard of Wyoming	Jo Jos Escourt	Labirinto Sas It	Abrakosdabra
MVP FIFTY FIVE	Crosswinds Red	Windy Notch	Clover	Tag 2702	Caddy Club
Julie's Dance	Northern Mistral	Hammer	Tag 2528	First Aqua	Ace
Dinn's Mopey	Big Rock Star	Rock'N Ron	Commander Richards	Casimir Bad Boy	Park City
Ditchdamagicdragon	Ten Percent	Sharkskin	Listen To Me	That's George	Pirate's Revenge
Ziti	Tequila Sipper A	Let Em Whirl	Two Time Tony	Cannae Delight	SJ's future
Brickyard Tom	Badland's Skip	Yankee Blitz	Grand Theft Auto	D GS Turnaround	

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## SRF's Sources of Support

Public Support	73%
Adoption Donations	2%
SRF Fund Raising Events	20%
Donations, Grants & Event Sponsorship from Harness Racing Organizations	1%
Grants (unrelated to Harness Racing)	4%
<b>TOTAL %</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Elitlopp 2020 or Disney!

The Elitlopp Race in Sweden has such a spectacular draw, and it's one of the few events that takes over the city. Our winners rave about this trip! The annual running of the Elitloppet (Sollvalla Raceway), Europe's premier trotting sprint event is set for Sunday, May 31, 2020, and yes, we will be mailing tickets to win this once in a lifetime getaway. Prefer to go somewhere with the grandkids? You can choose the Disney vacation instead and design it your way; Disney World or Disneyland!

### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing & Auction

SRF's 28th annual golf outing is being scheduled for the end of May or the first week in June, Save The Date Cards are coming soon! The golf raffle, and auction add to it's success. Your donation and sponsorship are key to making it successful and are very much appreciated. Please contact Tammy at 609-738-3255, SRFhorsesandkids@gmail.com.

### Wish List

- Horse Sponsors, what wonderful help!
- Support for the endowment.
- Another location for an adoption center .
- Items for our event auctions.
- Wormer & vaccines.
- Horse Guardians to assist in checking SRF horses.
- A farm, a home of our own.

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## Our Prix/Disney Winner!



When you live in Florida, Disney would not likely be your choice if you won SRF's raffle to the great Prix d' Amerique race in Paris or a trip to Disney. Mark Goldberg of Sarasota is going Paris all the way. He was so grateful to have

won, and is so supportive of SRF's work, saying how important it is, he made a very generous gift to the horses to cover his big win! Thank you so very much to Mr. Goldberg, an owner in racing for a few decades, and to everyone for supporting this fundraiser, it will help us feed 396 of these noble & hungry horses!

### Breedings

One of SRF's most important fundraiser every year is the gift and sale of breeding donations. Tax-deductible breeding donations are appreciated and will be available for sale until the breeding sheds close in July. Some folks are concerned that more babies being born through SRF's fundraiser adds to the problem of more horses in need. Breedings are sold whether donated to SRF or sold by the owner. When SRF benefits, the funds are used to help other horses.

It is inevitable that all babies will not make to the races, some may never make it to the finish line first, and nearly all will need a place to live out their lives. Please consider writing in a lifetime breeding specifically for SRF when you are fortunate enough to have a winner. Thank you to our wonderful donors. Contact SRF to purchase or donate a breeding.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

*SRF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization*

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## These Are Different Times

Racing for a cigar was probably one of the most enjoyable times in the history of sulky racing. Getting together on a Saturday or Sunday morning with your horses and your family for some enjoyment, and finding the fastest steed meant taking home the stogie, and bragging until next week. For the horses it didn't mean culling the herd like a business would do with its widgets.

As racing grew into a business, money and greed grew too. Fast forward and the whole dynamic changed. The concept, now business model, is in trouble. It's fine to race human athletes, it leaves the slower runners behind, but they can move on, live on, they are responsible for themselves and can get a meal and a place to rest their head at night.

Greyhound racing is close to extinct in the US. The public was screaming for years about what happened to the dogs and they finally tried to do something, provide support for charities to take the dogs and find them homes. That obviously failed as did dog racing. Thoroughbred racing is doing the same with their Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, and that not only has many issues there are still tens of thousands of Thoroughbreds being slaughtered every year. Now Harness racing is following two failed attempts with the same or very similar model, the Standardbred Transition Alliance, (STA).

Racing needs a complete overhaul, its business model is why horses are slaughtered. Why not start from the ground up and figure out how to preserve the dignity of these animals, their lives, maybe then people might like racing.

## GIVING BACK AND LIVING ON

With more than 386 Standardbreds under our full care and half assumed retired for life, as they are aged or injured and unattractive to adopters, SRF is always concerned about sustainability. Each year the income from its endowment only generates \$270. Without considering any cost for raising funds, or administrative expense, SRF must raise enough each year to follow up every adopted horse since 1989, and care for the 386+ in need of homes. Only 1% of funds come from harness racing a year.

When you do the math it is mind boggling. SRF needs help. Please be the one to build a future through an endowment by making a tax-deductible gift, and include SRF in your after-life plan so we can care for the horses that have touched your life.

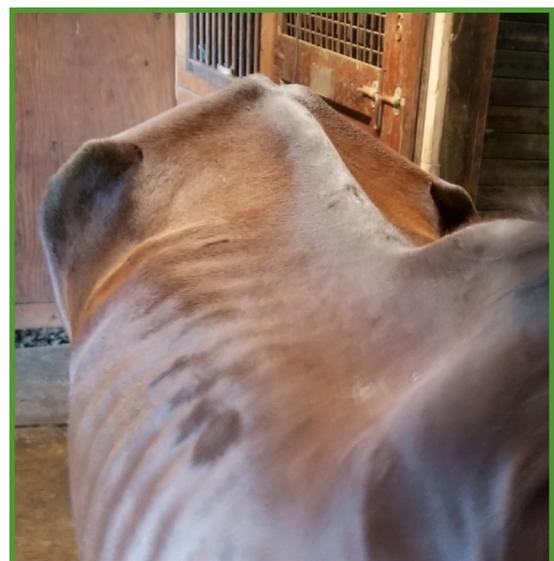


*Let's get young people involved and it will help racing, that is what some people believe, but this is a youngster and look at what he sees and how he feels upon the arrival of his family's foster horse from the kill pen.*

## This is Why

Even with a strict adoption contract, semi-annual follow up required in a documented form, there is always someone who will abuse and neglect a horse. Such was the case for this poor fella. He was in a home for just weeks when we learned that he was in trouble. SRF removed this horse and has began nursing him back to health.

SRF warns never to give a horse away without a strict, specifically worded written agreement, and knowing the people, whether a relative or not, or they live near you, or because you talk to them often does not mean there is good care. Eyes on, or a Veterinarian's eyes on are a must, and just as important is requiring return to you. This horse was pulled out of a home after a very short time. He had lost about 300 lbs.





## *Retiring With Smiles, All of Them*

Here's a story from Joe and Linda Cozzone, each share their own views of life now with their SRF horses.

### Joe's Story

If this one doesn't touch your heart, nothing will! I had horses as a very young man and one special boy happened to be Trigger's grandson! (Do you remember Roy Rogers, our cowboy hero?) I rode them, took care of them, did some fox hunting, and went through the heartbreak of losing them when I went into the Army. That was during the Vietnam conflict, and I haven't had horses since. When I was discharged, working full time and having my family left little time for much of anything else, especially horses. I never gave up my dream.

We decided to sell our big home for something more manageable and started our search; in the back of my mind, was the idea of a farm and, of course, horses. Just over a year ago we saw an auction sign on a property which was, literally, right around the corner from where we live. It was almost eight acres of land, a barn and run-in, a creek that runs through it, and a little house. We bought it and named it "Serenity Farm", and the name suits it perfectly. We learned about the Standardbred Retirement Foundation and drove down to New Jersey and spent almost the whole day there, getting an education about the organization and the Standardbred breed. We heard some heart-wrenching stories about these amazingly beautiful horses but we also heard quite a few heart-warming stories about the loving homes they went to. We saw so many horses in need of love and care that it seemed making a decision would be impossible. Then we saw Dragondotcom.

Sir Dragon is a magnificent 16.2 gelding, with the gentlest and most loving disposition. A former trotter, his father was Dragon's Lair. Now that his racing days are behind, he's loving life at Serenity Farm. He loves getting – and giving – hugs, he loves being petted and having a fuss made over him. Being groomed is one of his favorite pastimes; he loves having his coat brushed to a shine, having his hooves cleaned, and having his face gently rubbed. My wife, Linda, who was never around horses, was leery of him at first, but before long they became good buddies.

Sir Dragon came to us at the beginning of April, and everything worked out so well that we decided to adopt another horse. Back we went to the SRF in July, and we fell in love with our soon-to-be second boy, Windy Notch Hammer. We were told that he had been trampled on at an auction and had been kicked in the head. His recovery took place at the SRF and he was now ready to find his forever home.

Windy is a beautiful Chestnut gelding with a white blaze. His mane and forelock are almost a strawberry blond color. He's a little on the shy side, but very friendly and with a sweet disposition. While we were spending time with Windy we heard another horse making a great deal of noise in another pasture. When I asked what was wrong, the trainer told us that he and Windy had been best buddies during their time at the SRF and didn't like to be separated. So who were we to break up this partnership? Windy's best friend was Wooten to Go, shortened to "Hooten" by the Foundation, now named "Hoot". Hoot is another beautiful Chestnut gelding with a white star on his forehead and a beautiful wavy mane. He's a handsome boy with, again, a warm and loving disposition.

All three of our boys have settled in at Serenity Farm and seem to be very happy at their forever home and they have a lot of new friends who visit them and give them the love and attention they deserve. Linda and I are loving every minute of being with our beautiful Standardbred boys. They give back a hundred times the love that we give to them, and we spend as much time with them as we possibly can. One of our great joys is just sitting and watching them. Having Sir Dragon, Windy, and Hoot come into our lives has warmed our hearts and enriched our lives so much. We can't imagine life without them.

### Linda's Story

I took riding lessons 30-plus years ago and I loved it. I had a great teacher who said I was doing very well – until I fell off and hurt my back. That ended that. For almost five years, my husband Joe talked of little else but someday having a farm and horses again. I still didn't have much interest until we had the incredible (con't on pg 5)



The Three Amigos!  
Loving life with the Cozzone Family.



## Memories Mean So Much

As a kid, like many others, Neal Rosenberg would visit Yonkers Raceway with his dad. They are great memories and he holds them close. When SRF/Save Our Standardbreds From Slaughter volunteers called him with the news that a horse his father owned was tagged to ship for slaughter, he didn't hesitate to step up and he stepped up in a very honorable way. Mr. Rosenberg paid all his expenses, the kill pen fee, shipping to quarantine, quarantine, shipping to a farm in Kentucky to retire and retiring this lucky gelding, paying board and care until Peace For Lee has his heavenly day. Adding to the character of the Rosenberg family, his brother sent a very kind email of thanks for contacting them. Stand up and stand out people, so rare and so special.



Dragondotcom has no problem being fussed over like his days while he was racing, the baths, the grooming, the spit shine, and the appreciation of a job well done after being chased to the finish line. Linda and Joe spoil all three this way! Don't you wish all these horses were this lucky!

## Visit Us at the PA Horse Expo

Horse World Expo ~ February 27th – March 1st  
PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg  
SRF booth #822.

## Retiring With Smiles *Continued*

experience of visiting the SRF so Joe could choose his horse. He had looked at so many on the website and wanted to see about six of them (an impossibly hard choice after seeing all those beauties), but when we got there it seemed as though none were really suitable until we saw Dragondotcom. He's magnificent with the most beautiful soft, warm brown eyes.

The day he came home was a truly happy one; Joe couldn't get the smile off of his face. His dream had finally been realized. Prior to his homecoming Joe had bought him brand-new tack, got his stall ready, had plenty of food, hay and treats for him, water buckets, brushes – everything a well-loved horse should have.

The first time I brushed him, I have to admit, I was scared to death. There we were in the barn, just the two of us, this incredibly big horse and me. Every time he moved I flattened myself against the stall door and waited until he was still again before I went near him again.

Dragon settled into his new home very well, and for weeks Joe spent more time at the farm before we had moved, than he did at home, making sure Sir Dragon was eating, drinking enough water. I had never seen Joe so happy. Eventually I started going to the farm with him and asking him to teach me how to take care of our beautiful new boy. I soon loved Sir Dragon as much as he did.

Dragon was doing fine, but Joe was concerned because he was there all by himself with no other horse for company. So back we went to the SRF and not only did we find our handsome Windy Notch Hammer (Windy), a beautiful chestnut gelding with a white blaze and personality plus, but we also found our precious Wooten to Go, aka Hoot. Joe says he looks just like "My Friend Flicka" from the old TV show. Hoot, at 25, is our senior boy; Dragon is next at 20, and Windy is 15. None of them look or act their ages, especially when they know carrots are at hand or it's time for chow. If anyone had ever told me that I would fall head over heels in love with three big, 1200+ pound horses I can't even imagine what I'd have said, but that's exactly what happened. I never get enough of them, whether it's feeding them, grooming them, rubbing their velvety noses – even mucking their stalls. I could spend all day every day just being with them. I am so grateful to Joe for getting us our beautiful little farm and putting so much work into it and especially for introducing me to our incredible boys. I can't imagine not having them.

Blessings to the SRF for rescuing so many horses and giving them a safe place to live and the opportunity to find loving forever homes. We would love for any of the representatives of the Foundation to pay us a visit so they can see how much Sir Dragon, Windy and Hoot are loved and cared for in their forever home. ❤️



## Victory Was Their Favorite

A New York State Correctional facility has no way to patrol its perimeter due to the terrain of the property, therefore they use SRF's horses.

In a recent visit the officers took a few for a test ride to see if they would fit their needs. SRF's Park City, Victory Glider A joined Pirate's Revenge on the force!

After a few weeks of paperwork and preparation were completed, the boys loaded up and headed north. Reports came back with glowing news on how well they were performing for them and how pleased they were with the new ones. Victory Glider A quickly became their favorite, not surprisingly. While at SRF he stood out as well with his comical antics and his wonderful people skills. Between the run-in area and the shed row in the barn there is a ledge on a half wall. The trainer and volunteers keep their brushes, liniments, towels, etc. neatly in order, some in buckets, some lined up, a few on high hooks. Victory enjoyed picking each one up, and tossing them over. Often, he followed that with a swipe along the shelf to clear the rest. Ha-ha, all would be returned, and in a coy way, he would stand back and watch. Then eyeing another horse enjoying some fussing over by volunteers, he would speak his language of jealousy, count with his feet, twirl a towel and as soon as they would turn their backs, he would be at it his tricks again! The volunteers loved the fun.

Just before the holidays, SRF received a call from the Captain. He struggled to tell us that Victory had passed. Being the favorite of the squad, the Captain was very somber and choked up, as were all the officers, and everyone at SRF. Victory had a short life while he rehabilitated from a pen with us, and then in his new career, but he thoroughly enjoyed it, as did we all.

## It Was and Still is Overwhelming

Helping fifty-three Standardbreds recently tagged for slaughter in Pennsylvania speaks volumes because of such a high number. Two days later there were 18 more.

Racing folks must STOP moving these horses off the tracks and training centers to the people from rural communities via horse dealers. These horses go from working hard to working harder, often sick, and lame. With only a few years of education, and living a life of a hundred years ago, the care of animals is, for the most part, by most of these folks, primitive. Every week you can witness Standardbreds hitched up, driven to the livestock auction in Lancaster, Pa. Most are in their mid to late teens, many sore or lame, some with injuries from street accidents, and nearly every one is hungry, or emaciated. The cart is removed, the horse sold to the highest bid, and nearly every one, for lack of interest in a horse in that condition and of that age, to the kill buyers. For years SRF has made numerous attempts to have the authorities step in, but without success.

Thank you to all who helped these animals in great need, and to Michelle Crawford for bringing this to the attention of folks in order to secure donations. Funds were needed to pay the pen, bring to safety, and care for them. Should there be a shortfall the thought was rather than ship to slaughter, SRF would offer humane euthanasia. Michelle Crawford, while helping to raise funds all along, stepped it up and every horse is now safe. SRF's work for them is not over yet, in fact, it is just in the early stages, quarantine, evaluation, much rehabilitation, rest, re-training, homing, and SRF will remain their guardian so this never happens again. Thank you to all who helped give them life!

## SRF's Kids!



## RECENT ADOPTIONS

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Oriente  
Fifty-Fifty  
T L Masterpiece  
Big Star Chuck  
Giacometti  
China Road  
Wanna Roll  
Macky's Back  
Miss Fox Valley  
Selkirk Artemus  
St George Island

Cumulus Hanover  
Fox Valley Luxor  
Tag # 659  
SGT Matt  
Possessed Fashion  
Brauma Bull  
Passer By  
Lorenzillo  
This'll Be The Rei  
Garvey In Motion  
Getthepartystarted

Jake's Nordic  
SF Drifter  
Gallant Rooney  
Dragon Laws  
Aquarail  
V P Britt  
Yippy Skippy  
Andrea Cann  
Tag 032  
Shake Baby Shake  
Cheyene's Train



*The first load of 53 helped were covered in manure, urine and dried blood.*



## ~ Please Be a Friend ~

With nearly 400 trotters and pacers under SRF's care and expense, it is alarming when we think of what it takes to provide for their needs: hay, grain, a piece of land to graze on, keeping their feet trimmed, their teeth in check, worming and medical care. Some will find homes, but well over 200 will likely remain with SRF for life, as they are unattractive to adopters due to age or injury. Please sponsor one who needs a friend. Any amount, as often as you wish, and for any horse or one that may reach out to you from the list below or on SRF's website, AdoptaHorse.org. Thank you so very much, our sponsors change the lives of these horses and are so very special. Here are a few in need:

Name - Age	Name - Age	Name - Age	Name - Age
At His Best 15	Fivedollarsforsox 17	Major Mahogany 20	Sudden Interest 15
Boogies Delight 22	Fizz Bone 17	Man Among Men 17	Tortuga Bay 23
Bold Master 21	Flash Larue 14	Marys Moose 13	Valatact 27
Bomba Rumpus 19	Garvey In Motion 12	Now You See Her 24	Viking Serenade 30
Buddy's Money 18	GD Rosanne 11	On Cue 32	Warrior's Law 23
Catch Me Kid 17	Gentlemen Calling 18	Psycho Chicken A 26	Way of Life A 20
Classic Action 18	Hello Miss Mo 27	R Lucky Dakota 23	Whitesand Sakic 20
Dancer Springs 21	Jovial Whisper 18	Sid's Mystery 32	Wilson 18
Danish Dancer 15	Juan Miguel 19	Smokin Jacket 17	Winco Buddy 21
Diego Gram 17	Lake Club 25	Spokesman 17	Windsong's Queen 28
Dominion 16	Little Rosey 14	SRF's Lady Ray 1	Winwood Cruiser 23
Dutchie O'Donnell 22	Lofty Looker 17	Steve's Got Plenty 35	Yankee Slugger 18

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Your gift is tax deductible ~ Thank you  
 Visit our website at [www.AdoptaHorse.org](http://www.AdoptaHorse.org) to see ways to help.

## Sam and SRF Say "Thank You"

*Seymour Sam, another big strappy guy, came to SRF in the group of fifty-three in the recent rescue group SRF facilitated. He was so very hungry, on a scale of 9 measuring his weigh, he was a 1.5 at best. He had injuries to both hips, his knees scarred, and was bearing other old scars in numerous areas of his frail body.*

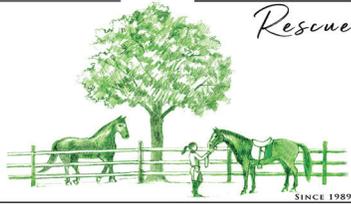
*His one hip likely had been injured for a while, as an infection was evident. His side was covered in hardened blood and puss. Our attempt to clean him up, even being sedated, had him very agitated, but it didn't keep him from his head in the feed tub. The first attempt to treat with antibiotics failed and the Veterinarian said he likely has a Sequestrom, an infection in the hip bone. We called upon Dr. Patty Hogan to see if she would be so kind as to provide the surgery needed to help him. After quarantine he was shipped to her. Today he is back receiving daily post surgical care.*

*Thank you so very much Dr. Hogan for donating life to this horse. Should his recovery be successful, Sam has someone who would like to give him a home, we are all so happy for him!*



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***SRF is the largest Standardbred adoption organization in the United States.***

### ***Whatever it Takes***

Raising money to feed 386 horses is a huge task. Sometimes, we have to get creative, and so we did with Bingo, Horse Plop Bingo!

One paddock was marked like a Bingo grid and donations of \$5 a square were accepted along with numbers chosen by those who loved the concept. The greatest fear we had in pulling it off was when the horse would drop his plop. It was set up for 4 p.m. When we brought the four horses into the paddock to do their business, they sniffed the lines, like dogs sometimes, with curiosity. These things can take time, horses search for their spot. It was not a cold day, but the wind was strong. We had our fingers crossed for some quick action on part of any one of the horses to produce a winner, but eleven-year-old Big Boy Toz went right to his spot and we had a winner! Arlene Santhouse, one of SRF's wonderful adopters and now a foster home for one of the 53 horses recently rescued, won a \$250 Amazon gift card! Thank you to all for sharing and supporting the helpful fun!

**TREMENDOUS THANKS!**

**McCAULEY'S®**

Thanks to McCauley's Feed for their gift of grain at their cost for all the horses we are boarding at Walnridge Farm. And a thank you to Reynolds Hay and Straw for their gift of getting it all to us when needed.

*Please pass this newsletter on to your friends!*

### ***Volunteers, SRF and SOSS***

The work of the volunteers who make rescuing these beautiful trotters and pacers from a trip to that unthinkable place, is so very important. Under the SRF, Save Our Standardbreds From Slaughter/SOSS volunteers are probably more productive in saving the lives of horses than any person or group in the U.S., possibly everywhere else too.

If SRF was a big business, no volunteer would represent it without thorough screening, training and assigning a supervisor to oversee. But this is rescue and there is no such thing here at this time, as if it means helping more horses. A lot of trust goes into its volunteers. Guidelines are clear on protocol and it is expected to be followed, if not then volunteerism is not accepted. When a volunteer is removed from SRF they are free to move on and sometimes they continue the same work under other names. SRF is not associated with Amanda Keyes, Heart & Hooves Rescue & Sanctuary, and Remedy Ranch in Texas. In order to separate from those doing similar work, because SRF/SOSS standards are a must, a list of SRF/SOSS volunteers will be added to the website soon. But feel free to call with any questions at any time, and to volunteer remotely.

***Thank You!***

We appreciate our shoppers for the holidays and are already looking for new things for the spring.

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