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They Were So Fortunate to Have Friends

The twenty-six trotters and pacers tagged for slaughter recently had very wonderful friends save their lives. SRF is most grateful to be able to get each one safe and cared for.

When this group was brought to the attention of SRF, identifications were quickly made. Calls to the breeder of each horse and their past owners began while SRF made a plea for help for them. Doing this for so many years, the responses to these calls always vary. Some immediately drive to the pen to save the life of the horse; some people claim they didn't own the horse, registration shows otherwise: some folks are of the mindset that the horse deserves it; others step up and help SRF reach out to others; and some even help by assisting to raise the needed funds. We have even experienced the kindness of those willing to take back the horse they had bred, and when the identification indicating it was not their horse, they took the horse anyway.

Of this group one horse went back to his breeder. Upon arrival to safety Living Truth presented with advanced neurologic issues and was put at peace. According to the veterinarian. Ten speed Joe was unable to even take

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R Master Scott, "Scottie" had fourteen owners in just four years when he raced, and we can assume that he had worked in the rural areas since 2014. When SRF took him in and offered rest and rehabilitation, some good food, and a spitshine, we found such a handsome guy! Here he is under saddle preparing for a new permanent address with a loving adopter-that's SRF's goal, safe for life!

The SRF Race Series

The SRF Race Series is a gift from the Meadowlands Racetrack and Jeff Gural. The race was written with a \$200. entry fee donated to SRF directly for 3 year olds. The Meadowlands and Jeff Gural matched every dollar of these entry fees.

This series is the first of its kind, initiated by Mr. Gural, and brought 177 entries to the race. His ingenuity served owners and trainers, and trotters and pacers in need of help after racing. It's a great benefits package, a first of its kind and hopefully just the start of what it can become.

SRF is very grateful to Jeff Gural for this outstanding support, and congratulates all the winning horses, owners and trainers.



Looking More Closely

In a recent release, the United Horse Coalition, (UHC) under the American Horse Council, (AHC) is encouraging horse owners to be extremely cautious before engaging with organizations and individuals promoting time sensitive rescue offers. They are referring to horses tagged for slaughter hoping for rescue to safety. They note that horses are posted on social media with exaggerated price tags and an arbitrary deadline.

UHC encourages people to look to the many equine rescue organizations listed on their website for a horse instead. SRF is very aware of the unscrupulous tactics of some people, dealers, kill pens, and organizations, and agrees with being cautious. It does however, caution that organizations differ greatly from each other, and the UHC does not note whether they examine the practices of the organizations listed. An example is: Organizations associated with the Right Horse Initiative, a program of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, (ASPCA) requires relinquishment of ownership to the adopter in one year and refraining from helping horses shipping to slaughter. Organizations accredited by the Thoroughbred Transition Alliance (TAA), and the Standardbred Transition Alliance (STA) follow this. Neither of these practices serve the best interest of horses. Relinquishment contributes to the cycle that puts many horses in "kill pens". It is also the belief of these noted organizations that helping one horse going for slaughter encourages kill pen owners to take on two more. They take on two more because there are two more, there are many more. Actually, their not helping that one will cause three to be slaughtered.

The rescue situation is complicated. Having a federal non-profit 501c3 doesn't put the stamp of approval on any organization's practices other than those related to the IRS. In the past few years, the number of rescue organizations has swelled. With little or no accountability, or transparency there are questions, are the horses resold, given away, euthanized, adopted out or?

SRF helps Standardbreds in many different pens. The largest pen on the east coast with a contract for the Canadian slaughterhouses is Bruce Rotz in Shippensburg, PA. (The horses in the most inhumane condition generally are sent to Mexico where they're far less restrictions on the conditions they are received in.) It is aware of the tactics practiced, and the dealers with slaughter contracts. This problem will not go away by ignoring it, or by refraining from helping these innocent animals.

The mission of the American Horse Council is to ... advocate ...for the horse industry. The UHC mission... committed to helping at-risk or in transition.... Business and welfare of animals are like mixing oil and water. Should the SAFE Act pass in Congress, so no horse will ship for slaughter for human consumption, what will be done with all these animals, tens of thousands. We don't hear of any organization preparing for this, and understanding the practices and philosophy of the AHC, UHC, ASPCA, TAA, and STA we see very little, if any,

SRF's \$5K Winner is...

The winner is Apryl Heffering, or rather the horses, because this fundraiser is very important to these



horses. SRF is very grateful for the support of each and everyone. Ms. Heffering contributed a gift from the prize money to the horses. We are grateful for the generous gesture such as hers, but, please know we do not expect that from our winners. Having support from our raffle participants in the \$5k is what we are most grateful for.

Breeding Donations

The tax-deductible donations of breeding is one of SRF's most important fundraiser every year and are very much appreciated. These breedings are available for sale throughout the season 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 the horses in need.



Thirty is the new twenty! Look at the shine and great weight on this lucky 30-year-old gelding who has been in his loving home for decades. He even has a buddy when the dinner bell rings!



Horses and The Summer Heat

Did you know that horses normally cool themselves by sweating, and as sweat evaporates from the skin surface it causes a cooling effect. During the higher humidity the sweat will not evaporate as easily and when a horse is working hard, they will lose 2-4 gallons of water per hour. Horses doing some work such as riding require on average 10-18 gallons of water per day in the hot weather. An idle horse in mild temperature weighing about 1,000 pounds will drink 6-10 gallons per day.

Blanketing blocks water evaporation from the skin, even light sheets during hot and humid conditions. Veterinarians also do not recommend blankets in the winter unless there are very specific needs. Horses sweat under their blanket and that will matt down the wet blanket on their now damp body causing chills.

The three things horses should have free access to whether it is summer or winter, or any season, is water; hay; shelter from the sun, blustery wind and precipitation 24/7.



Look at this beauty, his posture, his composure, and his tolerance of a whirling NJ State helicopter! This is Chevals Clivesdale, SRF rescued him too. This classy guy had many months in rehabilitation and is the winner of \$328,378. Thanks to donors he has a noble and dignified life!



Two smiles, Medal Play and his girlfriend, Amy! Amy is about the age of the kids who benefit from SRF's Youth Programs. It's the perfect time when they are just strong enough to lift the water buckets, understand why rules are necessary, and take home happy lifetime memories.

Social Media – Struggling for More Than a Year

Thank you for the emails to assist us with the devastating challenge with Facebook to reinstate SRF's DONATE feature. Donations received through this social media platform accounted for a significant part of how SRF provides care for the horses for nearly eight years. This easy way to donate has not been available to SRF for nearly 16 months. Our non-stop efforts to rectify the problem with Meta still has not been resolved. SRF has 64,0000 followers on its three pages and hesitated to open new ones while it was trying to have the issue corrected, but there was no other option. We have opened another page, SRF Adoptahorse II. This is where a donate button is always present and active.

We hope you come back through this social media platform to donate. There are no fees to you or SRF when using the DONATE button. Ironically, once the new page was made, depending on the day, we can sometimes use the DONATE button on the page where it was removed. Both pages are live for now. We hope to see you there!



This should never happen to a racehorse, weighed for meat. SRF took this guy into it's loving care, thanks to generous donors.

Hay, Thank you so much!

The spring and summer grass usually gives SRF a break from the great amount of hay required for the 520 horses. Some areas this year suffered from the lack of rain resulting in the lack of grass to feed on. NJ was the one that was hit the hardest. Purchasing hay for these seasons was not allocated in the budget leaving SRF struggling. How wonderful to have donations come in to secure the purchase of hay for NJ and other locations where grass was sparse. Thank you so very much!

RECENT ADOPTIONS continued from cover

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Gelding (4) Bartolomeo N Outdo T Classy Rova El Paso Pig So Not Over Joshadamjacob Carolyn's Mikey Image Master **Daisy Baraness** Ana Malak N NF Soaring **B** J Rorv Keno Dave Kounty Blues Tag 0903 Joshua's Gold Passport Luxor It Really Matters James Lyon Hall Tag #8793 Nuke's Golden Jewel Katie's Prince Gro Text Teen **Pisante Bluegrass** Panz Kafka Air Taxi Skip and Bull Long Flight Lucky Courtney Major Hope Nali Tino Rockulese Hot Rod Mindale Maiestic Lad Shalomar Champ **Big boy Fred**

NJ's New Veterinary School Partners with SRF

The first veterinary school in New Jersey, a \$30 million gift from business leader and lifelong animal advocate Gerald B. Shreiber, is partnering with the SRF. With about 180 trotters and pacers under SRF's care and expense in NJ, the new teaching hospital has SRF to lean on when in need of horses to assist the students. The inaugural class will begin in 2025 and will be graduating new veterinarians in 2029.

SRF Featured on RVNTV

New Perspectives is an inciteful show on RVNTV in NJ. Barry Lefkowitz interviewed SRF's Director and brought great insight to the work of the organization and the reason this mission is in demand. Following up "Let's Talk" another show with Darlene Supnick brought the versatility of this "Brainiac Breed" on the air. Producers of both shows were aghast at what they had learned about the plight of these horses, but smiles also were shared at the outcomes for so many of these wonderful trotters and pacers.

Darlene was always partial to Arabs until she met a Standardbred. She gets it now, the Brainiac" breed is smart, willing and well mannered. She shares how very loving they are and that she is solely committed to this amazing breed."





SRFs 30th Charity Golf Outing

After a very long winter, a day with SRF on the greens was a welcome time! The beautiful course at the private club made for a fabulous sold out event. We very much appreciate our wonderful supporters, our sponsors, donors, golfers and those who patronized our online auction that coincides with the day. One hundred nine items were online to bid on, a few were very popular, especially with the ladies. Thank you for all your support!

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Ahh, to be young and so lucky to have horses in your life! Sunbath, the thirteen-year-old son of Conway Hall, has one cloudy eye yet hasn't a care in the world as to why, and what Haley is doing on his back. Needless to say, he found a loving home as soon as we posted him on social media!

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a step, his legs were so damaged from overuse, he too was given peace. Mel Tivo was offered a wonderful home with a current adopter, and the remaining are currently in guarantine as they are being rehabilitated and hope for homes. A few other horses not noted in the list of twentysix, were reunited with their past owners when SRF reached out to them.

With 520 horses under SRF's care and expense, taking on this group required adequate financial support. Each horse has funds for their quarantine; basic veterinary, dental, and farrier care; transport to guarantine and then to SRF for training; homing and follow-up. SRF is not prepared financially should any not find a home in a reasonable amount of time, or not at all. Let's hope they all are offered loving homes. There is gratefulness abounds to each and every one who saved their lives and gave SRF support to provide this heartwarming effort.

Wish List

- Adopters.
- Horse Sponsors, what wonderful help!
- Support for the endowment.
- Items for our auctions.
- Wormer, vaccines & halters.
- A farm, a home of our own.
- Foster Homes and Adoption Partners. See Adoptahorse.org for more information.

Horse Sense Seminar #3 is Coming!

In its second seminar to bring what good horse care looks like, the interest among the folks in the rural areas who use Standardbreds clearly has grown.

This is a great partnership with the community with wonderful support by veterinarians, blacksmiths, and knowledgeable guest speakers.

SRF appreciates the support of its donors in this outstanding program and looks forward to a great outcome.

Vermont, Montana, Wherever...

Long distance adoptions are fine with us but, SRF emphasizes that if the horse needs to come back at any time, the adopter must take on the cost. For many people with oodles of acreage and a solid life we hear, "No worries, if he doesn't work out for what I am looking for he will just live out his life here." Such is the case with Sherry, the adopter of Ana Malik N. Ana Malik N, translated in Arabic as "Angel" has traveled a bit. He was bred and raced in New Zealand, made it to NJ, and now planted his four hooves in VT. Hang up your shoes buddy, this is your home for life. Who would have thought!

Check out Astrope, below, in his new fly mask! He is another rescue who just about jumped on the trailer for his trip to his new home in Montana. SRF received photos of the big, beautiful field with Astrope contently grazing among several greys. He certainly adds some handsome color to the palate of green! We are all so happy for these lucky horses who get to spend the last part of their lives with such love, where to be in fear again.





SRF and NJ Legislation

A4465 is still pending in the NJ Assembly. This is the legislation that would provide some funds to programs in NJ helping racehorses and broodmares in need of a home.

This legislation lacks the details to identify qualifying programs for this assistance for racehorses. Imagine spending hundreds of thousands of dollars annually on programs and yet the risk for horses facing slaughter will continue. This is the disconnect that haunts all who try to help these horses. Finding a home is not that difficult. Finding a good and an experienced home where a horse is safe for life is the great challenge. These funds need to support the lifetime call for all intent.

It's SRF supporters who brought this to the attention of the legislators by emailing and calling to alert them to the changes needed in the Bill. Thank you, we will keep you updated. If you wish to have direct updates you can go to https://legiscan.com/ NJ/bill/A4465/2022 to keep up with this important legalization.



This little guy, whose identity is still unknown, is now safe with SRF and getting much needed care and love. This situation is an example of a horse dealer willing to make a "buck" anywhere, even if it means selling for slaughter. Horse dealers and kill buyers are synonymous and have been around for along as horses grace this earth.

~ Please Be a Friend ~

It takes so much to provide for the needs of the 520 with SRF. Hay, grain, a piece of land to graze on, keeping their feet trimmed, their teeth in check, worming and medicalcare for the 520 with SRF. Some will find homes, but more 250 will likely remain with SRF for life, as they are unattractive to adopters due to age or injury. Please sponsor one needing a friend in any amount, as often as you wish, and for any horse below or at AdoptaHorse.org Thank you so very much, our sponsors are so very special to these horses.

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SRF is the largest Standardbred adoption organization in the United States. Ninety three percent of it's funding comes from kind donations from caring people, and fundraising events.

So Many Dimples!

The popularity of golf goes a long way in helping these trotters and pacers. Tina and George Dennis organize the entire Ben Stafford Memorial Golf outing in memory of Ben. Our Delaware friends and others support this every year and we are grateful to all.

The Millstone Elks (NJ) will also host the 3rd annual golf event in October to benefit SRF's horses. These guys are great and we love their endless help. Keep posted for a dimple date!

The Barn Door is Open

SRF's barn doors are always open. Horses in NJ, KY, VA, NC, NY, and anywhere else SRF is boarding its horses welcome you. Just give us a call and we will put you in touch.

Helpful To Horse Lovers

So you want to find a home for your horse, racehorse, your child's pony, your horse of any kind. SRF finds many trotters and pacers that had a loving home once, thanks to an owner or other who cared, but now face the horrific trip to slaughter.

Please do find a loving home but, we highly recommended to review SRF's Adoption contract and consider using its clauses when homing a horse. When asking for help from an organization, read their adoption contract, as some permit the sale of the horse, relinquish all responsibility to the horse in a year or two. This cycle of a home, to a home, to a home, to a kill pen is very common and not what was intended.



Hambletonian Charity Casino Night

Join Standardbred Retirement Foundation and The Harness Racing Museum on Friday, August 4th, for the Hambletonian Charity Casino Night being held at Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$150 at door) and include dinner, an open bar, dessert, and \$50 in casino chips.

The poker tournament is \$175 (\$200 at door) per person with limited seats available. The chip leader will receive a trip for two to Las Vegas, including

round-trip airfare, and first-class hotel accommodations. Second place is \$300, third \$150. Poker begins at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available online www.adoptahorse.org and at the door. Contact Janet Terhune or John Mayo at the Museum at 845-294-6330 or SRF at 609-738-3255 for more information.

Make a Tax-deductible Gift Right Here

Send a horse a bucket of grain and a bale of hay-how about sending for a few, or maybe throw them a party. Seriously, hay and grain is always desperately needed along with the dirt under their hooves, and a pasture.

