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## **SRF Shares Important Data**

**Cream Ridge, NJ - 3/12/19** -The Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF), operating since 1989, compiled its data on the number of homes an adopted horse needed, based on the information it has collected from 1992-March 11, 2019.

#### Omitted are:

- Horses that were never adopted, likely due to age or injury and were retired with SRF until deceased;
- Horses presently under the expense of SRF, not likely to be adopted;
- Horses presently available for adoption.

The number of horses this data is based on is 1692.

1 Home 8.5%
2 Homes 49.0%
3 Homes 20.0%
4 Homes 10.5%
5 Homes 6.0%
6 Homes 3.0 %
8 Homes 2.0%
9-11 Homes 1.0%

Less than 9 of every 100 adopted homes keeps their horse for life.

Due to unreliable information received by adopters, it is difficult to pinpoint the actual reason these horses need more than one home, but change in lifestyle, such as divorce, going off to college, and financial, lead the reasons. This also explains why, after an individual finds a home for their horse, and when adoption programs relinquish ownership or do not follow-up diligently for the life of the horse, the vast majority of these horses are back at risk again, and some are found in kill pens.

It goes to reason that if Standardbred horses do not have a lifetime protective guardian, 91.5% need to be re-homed, and may be at risk.

For further information please contact SRF at <u>(609) 738-3255</u> or via email at <u>SRFHorsesandKids@gmail.com</u>.

## **About Standardbred Retirement Foundation**

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

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