

## SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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## Helping Horses & Kids Since 1989

### Making A Difference

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation, (SRF) is taking other bold steps to make a difference in the lives of trotters and pacers. On Saturday, June 25th, 2022, the first "Horse Sense" Seminar was held in Lancaster, Pa. It provides useful information, on equine care to those in rural communities using horses as working animals. By the time this newsletter reaches you it will have been held and the anticipated positive results will be sent to you in a press release, but here is the plan.

The times have changed, but the use of horses in the rural areas has not. Dirt roads are scarce, as they are paved with hard asphalt; motor vehicle traffic has greatly increased; access to water while traveling has reduced; there are diseases and viruses in need of further awareness; weather is more severe in the heat of summer and winter months where traveling by horse presents hazards.

Today there are new preventative measures to reduce diseases; wound and illness treatment have new break throughs; prevention is seeing new methods; and horse care products in the past decade are keeping horses healthier and are offering more successful treatment options.

Better harness fitting; hoof care and (con't pg 3)



*Look at the form on Liz and Nixie! Who would guess that not long before this talented mare was a nobody that was tossed away and tagged to ship for slaughter. Story on page 6.*

### Recent Adoptions



Private Time	Popper's Dream	TalkTomeCourage N	Headlamp	Byrd
Amazing Art	Julie's Dance	Genesis Danishking	California Sun	Elisa's Model
EJ's Rayzer	Apache Rebel	Shark Island	Look And Sea	Casimir Hotshot
Kokorama	Gallant Rooney	Anson Hall	Imbad News Foryou	AllIAskedFor
Dodgeball	Powerful Ball	Chip Marshall	Well Bred	Galen
BFF Cams Diva	Pleasemesleazy	Rockaway Blue	More Desirable	Not Me
Royalton Star	Cowboy Cal	Racing Stripes	Bethpage Black	PBK Easy Goer
Czech This Name	Sonofwillie	IZA Swiss Boy	Chamber of Secrets	Cha-Ching Ba-Bing
Artlight Hanover	James's Dream	Doomsday	Sandtracker	Panfully Cool
JK Letshangon	Delco Rocknroll	RD Misty	Tag #8719	Ideal In Miracles
Who's Daughter	Up Front Lady	Davanti Talkin	Camsking	Abigail Dawn
Pockets Rocket	J M Arizona	CD's Speedy Socks	Berto Garfield	Casimir Nemesis
Mrs. Wiz	Tag 5725	Attitude Frannie	AF Alice Mae	Authentic Fashion
TT's Fortune	Extreme Yankee	Lucks Mistress	JLOnionAndGlory	Force Ten
Hope Again	Langley Road	Miss Fairfax	Seemenowlater	Juslucky MW
Shake Baby Shake	Queens Charm N	Brady P	Enoch	Get Goin Mel
Ho Lotta Speed	Jaidens Fortune	Great Thou Art	Flip The Paige	Granted
Ima Giggity Fool	Lock Him Up	Gastineau	Trader Win	

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## It Goes in Circles

A grey Standardbred, Talcolm Forbes, made his way into the adopted home of the Fedewas, all the way in Minnesota. Being a family who shares their love of horses, and Talcolm being so very impressive with his manners and temperament, the Fedewa's fell in love with the breed, not a tough thing to do. Michelle Fedewa is now busy volunteering with SRF in Minnesota to help the breed facing their peril at livestock auctions where they are sold for slaughter.

This summer, Michelle's daughter and her college roommate are spending their internship time with SRF in NJ. They are experienced with horses and can handle pretty much anything we ask of them, what a gift for us! The girls, Katie and Kendra Putzke were unphased by the heat at the golf outing and the 12 hour day, they train, drive, bath, mend wounds, can handle software and social media, work with adopters, and much more. There isn't much they can't do!

SRF has made many attempts over the years to universities to welcome interns, but to no avail. Hopefully that will change as these gals are having a fabulous experience and an awesome time!



## McCauley's Feed Rocks!

It has been more than a decade since McCauley's Feed started supporting the work of SRF. SRF very much appreciates this kindness, along with that of Reynolds Hay and Straw. Here are SRF's Heather Dyer, McCauley's Sales Reps Heather Layton and Tim Karl, on a visit to the leased farm in NJ where SRF has 75 beautiful and shiny fuzzy noses thanks to their quality feed!

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

Joyce Billings had all the luck this time winning \$5,000 in SRF's raffle. We like to say we had the luck because this support means a great deal. This is how we can go into the hay loft and the large feed bins and come out with 500 meals for the horses in need. We very much appreciate the fabulous support of this fundraiser, it is key to our work to care for these horses in need.

**WIN! WIN! WIN!**



**\$5,000<sup>00</sup>**

**Drawing:  
June 1, 2022  
5:00PM**

## Welcome Our New Development Director

Leslie Long joined SRF as its Development Director after spending 30 years in leadership for several major nonprofits in New Jersey and nationally. Leslie's experience includes CEO of an Arc, Vice President at Autism Speaks, Director of Public Policy at Autism NJ and various management roles throughout her career. "I am humbled and excited to work for such an incredible mission and organization," Leslie Long. Leslie will be expanding SRF's charitable giving programs to maintain and expand on the need of this noble mission. Giving back is a noble way to say thank you to the trotters and pacers. It is so simple to make a gift, and to leave a legacy. A few of these ways include, Wills, Trust, Bank Accounts, IRA's, Life Insurance, Gift Annuity, Bequest, IRA Rollovers, gifts of real estate and retained real estate, Life Insurance Policies, and Donor Advised Funds. Leslie will also be reaching out to foundations and granters, and businesses to increase employee matching, further development of gifting with our wonderful existing donors and to develop new support, end of the year donations through securities and other pathways of giving to our organization. For more information and to discuss various ways of donating, please reach out to Leslie at 609-738-3255 or via email at [SRFdevelopmentdir@gmail.com](mailto:SRFdevelopmentdir@gmail.com).

## 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*





## Making a Difference *con't*

shoeing choices; other treatment for injuries from street accidents; and nutrition will be part of the day's information provided.

SRF will be addressing all of this and more and hopes to develop a relationship in the rural areas to continue this effort.

Topics include

- **Daily and preventative care to keep horses well**
- **Horse body basics**
- **Dental care**
- **No Foot/No Horse**
- **Importance of tack fitting**
- **Horse emergencies**

Speakers are:

Dr. Nicole Scherrer New Bolton Center  
Jamie Guiberson, Nursing Dept. New Bolton Center  
Emmanuel Smucker, Sunny Ridge Equine  
Amos Smucker Jr., JR's Farrier  
Dr. Patty Blakelee – Unionville Equine Associates  
Levi Stoltzfus – Bartville Harness  
John Glick  
Dr. Alycia Crandall, New Bolton Center

*This is the first effort of its kind by the 33-year-old organization. SRF is grateful to the many veterinarians and others who gave their time to bring this powerful educational seminar to this area. There are many expenses related to this first of many events to come, yet there is no funding available for it. SRF is feeding and caring for more than 500 horses every day, and so many others need help, but it is very important to address these other needs for the same reason, the welfare of these animals. To do so, SRF very much appreciates tax-deductible gifts for this important effort.*



*Proud of SRF's horses with the NYPD working at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Genius Again gets the job done every time!*



*Anikka Hazlehurst, her pup and Swiss are partners in fun on the trails! She was both happy and a little bit sad when he found his loving forever home!*

## Totally Blind and Loving Life

This big handsome boy is so grateful to SRF supporters for taking him off the slaughter line and giving him a chance. Swiss ZK was 21 when he received SRF's help this past year, but he had two more strikes against him, his age and his complete loss of sight.

Young Anikka Hazelhurst, a talented teenager, took him on the trails to find that he didn't balk, flinch, or question her requests to move on and stay calm. He rode like a gem! It all came natural to him.

SRF was paying his way during that time until one special day. Like so many times, when a potential adopter comes to the farm, a horse catches their eye. Swiss did just that, but he didn't fit what they had in mind, they adopted one of his friends. Swiss was on their mind for a week. He had made his way into their heart, and they couldn't shake the feeling. Then came the phone call to SRF, Swiss had a home! The family hooked up a trailer, got back into the truck, and came to bring him home! Not everyone wants a horse to serve their riding needs, some people just love horses.

Homes like this one make our day every time! SRF has a new guy hoping for the same kind of loving home. He too is blind and also rides like a season sightful lovebug!





## SRF's 29th Annual Golf Outing Sizzled in More Than On Way

SRF's 29th Annual Charity Golf Outing had very loyal supporters, they tolerate the freakish hottest day with challenging humidity. Our golfers were troopers, although one drove his golf cart right to the parking lot to get into his car and turn on the air conditioning! In spite of the weather, our devoted golfers filled the course they love to play! Cocktails and dinner brought a chance to enjoy the continued fun, and the fund raising from raffles and auction were very popular and received record support.

SRF is grateful to all of its fabulous sponsors starting with The Meadowlands Racetrack, our Presenting Sponsor, for the event, and of course its other donors, and staunch golfers! These fundraising events are how the horses get fed and cared for, 500 of them, all looking for homes.

### Thank you to SRF's Sponsors:



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## Thirty-three Years It was a Gamble Well Worth taking

June 2022 marked thirty-three years of helping these noble animals, and the kids who benefit from them. We are so very grateful to our wonderful grassroots supporters, and to everyone who believes in this mission and brought this effort forward. We are nearing five thousand homes, and three thousand Standardbreds specifically rescued from slaughter. These are the most outstanding numbers any organization can show. SRF's model showed risk in the early days, but it had to be tried, there was nothing else available to help these trotters and pacers. In the early 90's breeding was at its height, and slaughterhouses in the US were open. (Those sold into the work life in rural areas at that time, are now showing up in kill pens in their late teens.) It would have taken so much to perform a study to understand what was in front of us. There were questions and concerns such as how to divert horses from the track into homes; the lack of popularity for pleasure; knowing if they would remain safe in their homes; the extent of their riding ability; the fact that so many had lameness issues; would there be financial support; how many horses would need lifetime sanctuary due to physical issues; would the general horse public take to this breed; would knowing them as racehorses cause potential adopters to back away; and how much training would be needed in order to find good homes were just a few concerns SRF faced.

We believed then and now that when supporting an organization helping a horse in need, one would like to see that the horse would not be at risk again. Therefore, that was one of the first considerations in the design of the SRF, to accomplish their lifelong safety. People have lifestyle changes, financial, divorce, death and others so SRF implemented the mandatory follow-up program to address the concern for lifetime safety. Adopters are required to have their veterinarian report on the condition and safety of the horse semi-annually for life. Rehoming was addressed. It is not an option unless SRF is involved to screen and approve the home. We questioned whether adopters would only want a horse to serve them under saddle, ABSOLUTELY NOT was what we quickly learned! People love horses and want to love on them too. We also learned that people who have a respect for the welfare of horses love that we protect them through the Veterinary Follow-up program and remain their guardian for life.

As the program grew, so did our learning more in all areas. One very welcome piece was how well received



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this breed was and the endless compliments that has now earned them the nickname "Brainiac Breed", they are smart, quick learners, willing, and enjoy a job.

So here we are with a mission that has swelled immensely, an endless need for it, and our continued struggle to fund it but, look at what has been accomplished so far, the awareness itself has such value to the welfare of these all horses. Thank you for being there then and now. This year three babies have been born in 2022 to pregnant mares SRF rescued off the slaughter line. Two were a morning surprise to their adopters. Here is Lily-Beth, a darling little filly born to the Woodward family in NC. They were thrilled! SRF learned a few important things along the way. When people want to find a good home for their horse there is the need to protect them in a way similar to SRF. We find many tagged for slaughter when intentions of homing for life were sincere, but often the outcome is devastating. It is 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, and also move on from any responsibility to the horse in a year or two.

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## Such a Sweet Story

For a horse that came to us with no name and in need of long-term rehabilitation, she made quite a name for herself. Once she filled out and her spirit returned, a young rider came to meet Nixie, the name we gave this talented mare. Liz Poinkins wasn't quite ready for a horse to replace her much loved Standardbred that had passed away. She shared, "When I met Nixie, she just honestly felt like another horse. At the time I was still getting over my other Standardbred's passing and felt that I couldn't move forward, but I got on her. Right then I knew that she was the one!"

"After bringing her home, we just did a few flat schools and cross rails. It was a little tough in beginning. People were bashing Nixie and me saying she was "ugly" and she didn't move, and why did you get a Standardbred."

"About 6 months later I started training with someone and Nixie, and I joined Pony Club. Nixie and I started to accomplish more, we were going to shows, and bringing home 1st place much of the time. Then I heard that the United States Pony Club Championships were coming up in Kentucky. We got ready for the Show jumping rally and qualified for Championships! With that we were off."

"At Championships, Nixie was the only "At Championships, Nixie was the only Standardbred, and the first Standardbred, I believe, to compete at Champs. We competed in the 2'3-2'6 Show jumping and brought home 10th and 8th place of the 150 or more riders. It was a crazy feeling! Honestly the part that touched me the most was how many people came up to me before rounds just to meet her. She was a star!"

## 2022 Fundraising Event Calendar

**Hambletonian Casino Night** - Friday, August 5, 2022  
Meadowlands Racing & Entertainment,  
East Rutherford, NJ

**Ben Stafford Golf Outing**, Monday - July 11, 2022  
Wild Quail Golf & Country Club, Wyoming, Delaware

**SRF Golf -Hosted by Elks Millstone 2613**,  
Monday, October 11, 2022  
Cream Ridge Golf Course, Cream Ridge, NJ

**SRF's Holiday Online Auction** - November 2022  
Donate an item, and shop with us!  
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*Civil war re-enactment sees so many Standardbreds on the front line. Their temperament and tolerance fit in so well. Here are a few in a Living History event in Gettysburg, Pa.*

*The next time you visit anything "history" look for them, they are surely in the show tolerating the shooting cannons, the crowds, the guns and bayonets. This is also why they are becoming more popular with mounted Police units, and therapy programs. This year 12 went to programs for therapy. What a breed!*

## RECENT ADOPTIONS

*(Continued from cover)*

Lumberjack Lavec  
Drivin Deon  
Shea Moi  
Howmacs Rocket  
Fred D Keeper  
Windfall Bayama  
Sheer Luck  
NF Flare  
Fox Valley Kit  
Fuzzy Cupid  
Goal To Gold  
Global Dragon  
Cascata  
Star Immortal  
Stirling Bullet  
Squirminsherman  
Ashley's Attack  
Handsome N Cool  
Cheyenne Jeffrey  
Sensuous Curves  
Chef Bo's Magic  
AllThatNABagAChips  
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## We Love Our Fosters All 152 of Them!

One of SRF's foster homes opened her door to My Face, and then to Queen's Charm N. The comicalness of the two mares has made for daily posting on Facebook by Maria Green, and Maria is just as funny as the two girls. Queenie was with her for a while hoping for a permanent adopted home and it happened at 21 years old. Maria was obviously a bit sad, but she then opened her barn to the needy Western Olympic. The fun among her menagerie on her Pennsylvania farm started up all over again! We find it so entertaining how Maria writes about the antics, so SRF is putting together a book of the going ons at her farm with the silly Standardbreds!

Interested in helping us get this published, please let us know! Interested in Fostering a horse, well, we do promise that this breed will bring a few laughs, likely every day. Check out what it takes to be a foster home on our website or call us. AdoptaHorse.org or call the office at 609-738 -3255.



*My Face, aka Mya Louise, is celebrating her birthday in style, like many of our horse, happy and loving life in her foster home!*



*Sweet Mercy was one mare SRF tried to help. She was suffering from eye injuries; hunger; abscesses; a swollen larynx; struggling to breathe; facial paralysis and other issues, she developed a fever and was failing quickly. We took her off the slaughterline to help her. The odds were very poor for her recovery, and she was suffering too great for her to endure. It is always so difficult to let one go, but in the end the choice was*

*to give her peace. This is how our donors help these horses in greatest need.*

## Common Poisonous Plants

Poisonous plants are a concern for all horse owners, especially for those with horses who live out on pasture. Almost every pasture has some toxic weeds and plants growing in it. Most horses are large enough that if they do consume a poisonous plant, they would need to eat an abundant amount to reach toxic levels. If your horse is out on pasture, it's important to be able to recognize toxic plants and understand the symptoms they can cause if consumed by your horse, those plants include:

- Buttercups
- Bracken Fern
- Red Maple Tree Leaves
- Black Walnut Tree
- Yew
- Oleander
- Poison Hemlock
- Yellow Star Thistle
- Johnson Grass and Sudan Grass
- Tansy Ragwort

## 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.
- Foster Homes for the horses.
- Adoption Partners

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**Hambletonian  
Charity  
Casino Night**

Join Standardbred Retirement Foundation and The Harness Racing Museum on Friday, August 5th, for the Hambletonian Charity Casino Night being held at Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ. Tickets are \$75 per person and include dinner, an open bar, dessert, and \$50 in casino chips. Casino chips won at table games are exchanged for raffle tickets to deposit in the baskets of the items you wish to win.

The poker tournament is \$150 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. The poker tournament begins at 7:15 p.m. in the Gallery.

Tickets are available online [www.adoptahorse.org](http://www.adoptahorse.org) and will also be available at the door. Contact Janet Terhune or John Mayo at the Museum at 845-294-6330 or Leslie Long at Standardbred Retirement Foundation at 609-738-3255 for further information.

***The Economy and Your Horses***

SRF wants its adopters to do all they can to continue afford their horses and keep that bond for a lifetime. Yes, the economy is a bit hard to swallow at the moment, but it will change, it always does. Here are some suggestions to help:

- Put your hay in a confined area such as in a haynet, hayrack on the stall wall keeper, or on the shed wall.
- Buy quality hay. Poor quality hay equates into poor horse health.
- Try making your own fly spray. Check online for recipes.
- If your horse is healthy, stop using a stall, you will save a bundle. Stalling your horse pacifies you, not your horse. If your horse is healthy he will acclimate outside in all weather with a three sided shelter, and probably love it!
- Emergency care: If your horse needs a veterinarian, don't hesitate to contact one. Waiting will likely lead to added costs and more after care.
- Save the cost and the time, blankets cause horses to sweat under them, resulting in their shivering, it isn't a healthy situation, unless your veterinarian recommends it.
- Use a professional licensed veterinarian, and farrier when your horse needs one.
- Core vaccinations and dental exams: Preventing disease is more cost effective than treating a sick horse, especially in an emergency.