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Thanks to You, 749 are Safe

In 2021 SRF pulled 749 Standardbreds off the slaughter-line from crammed kill pens. Some of these trotters and pacers never made it to the races, some earned more than others and one earned more than \$900,000. There were injured, sick, and healthy sound horses in need of someone to take that step to help them. SRF supporters did just that.

Kill pens as far as Kansas and Arkansas had these beloved trotters and pacers. Of the 749, SRF took in well over 100 that have not found homes yet, putting the number under its care and expense close to 500 horses. Sadly 6 horses, while SRF was working on helping them, were used by the pen to fill a load. They were shipped to slaughter. Fourteen, while still in the pen either passed away or were euthanized. Seventeen taken in by SRF were quickly seen by a veterinarian and were euthanized, as she expressed that it was the kindest thing to offer them. Twenty-four went back to their racing owners.

The remaining are either with SRF presently or have found loving homes. SRF will still remain their guardian, how SRF is different. Thank you for saving their lives. Seven-hundred-forty-nine is exclusive of all the horses SRF helped right from the racetrack.



A surprise arrival! Imagine the staff's stunned faces when they came to work to find 8 horses in the field surrounding a brand new colt! Story on page 2.

RECENT ADOPTIONS



Acajou Panic	BC Five Star Roc	Cheyenne Hold'em	Drew	Go To Helsinki
Ace	Benjamin T Hanover	Cheyenne Ina	DrivingOnTop	Gost Rider
Active Trading	Berto Garfield	Cheyenne Triengel	E LS Colton	Governator
Alcars Zigzag	Best Of Art	Chocolate Fix	Early Touchdown	Granderson
All American Profit	Bet-Me-Laag-Prayer	Cinderose Seelster	Eddie The Ophan	Great Thou Art
Allamerican Dion	Bird Of Prey	Classic Reaction	Eddy Buddy	H Too Double O
Allstar Beauty	Black Brinny	Closed Agenda	Estafan Blue Chip	Heavenly Sierra
Allstar Preview	Blessednbeloved	Como Ta Amo	Evan's Message	High Joltage
Amish Bowie Gelding	Broadway Spur	Cowboy Badboy	Fare Compare	Hillbilly Rockstar
"Sam"	BS Bill's Big Boy	CR Rhat	First Title	Holly Hill Rowdy
April Lady	Burning Shore	Crystanas Image	Fluffy Slippers	Hot Shot Louie
Armstead Casey	Capt Silverheels	Daylon Hideaway	Foggy Lane K	Hottest Star
Art Simpson	Carly Hanover	Deluxe Sport Coupe	Four Starz Trump	I'mANewDayTwo
Asti Spumante	Cashmeonthetrack	Delvecchio	Full Benefits	Ideal In Art
Astrophe	Caviart Jett	DHB Eleven	GenesisPriorityOne	Ima Smokin Machine
B Cons Boy	CD's Speedy Socks	Diamond Said	Get Over Liz	IPutASpellOnYou
Balancizi	Cha Ching Chip	Done Dreamen	Giant Flash	
Barney Bones	Chautauqua Helen	Dreams To Remember	Go Cowboy Go	

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Save This Date Golf Outing May 31st

SRF's 29th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, May 31, 2022 is once again at the beautiful and private Battleground Country Club in Manalapan, NJ. Sponsorship levels are tax-deductible ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 and offer a very generous media package. Everyone is welcome and a fun time is guaranteed for all. For more information, contact SRF at 609-738-3255 or via email at SRFHorsesandkids@gmail.com.

A Surprise Arrival

Modern Star, "Star", a mare rescued from a kill pen in January 2021, surprised everyone when her little colt arrived. "WhiskeyTangoFoxtrot" or "Whiskey" for short was big, strong and full of energy. This sturdy colt trotted his way out of the field, up the driveway and into the barn with his mom the day he greeted us with minimal help. He was such a curious and mischievous little fellow!

He was quick to lend a helping hand to the dentist when Mom needed a float, and absolutely needed to stick his head in every bucket he could find! Star and Whiskey were lucky enough to be adopted by Diane. She embraced all of Whiskey's clever antics and fell in love with "Star's" mellow, "go with the flow" attitude. We are always excited to receive our regular videos, pictures and anecdotal tales from Diane which we call around the office, "The Adventures of Whiskey and Star." The most recent adventure was Whiskey experiencing snow for the very first time in his very own little blanket!

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

Please pass this newsletter on to your friends!

12 Days Filled the Big Red Sack!

Our hearts are full with gratitude for those helping out with our 12 Days of Giving! We were able to fulfill our list with the following assistance:

1. Fill the hayloft for geldings - Elizabeth Stith
2. Cover for our Gator - Marc & Marcia Goldberg
3. New shoes for 4 horses - Marc & Marcia Goldberg & Brady Jensen
4. Assistance for the NY location for 18 horses - Teresa O'Connor, Elizabeth Pectal and Nicole Jespersen.
5. Retire via CHAPs Program - Several are in process!
6. New Saddles - Matt and Kathy Pickup
7. Six Hay racks - Dr. Joy Micale - all six!!
8. Equine Dentist - Marc & Marcia Goldberg
9. Feed for the girls - Still hoping for a donation
10. Assist in sponsoring SRF at the PA Horse Expo: Matt and Kathy Pickup
11. Software assistance: Elizabeth Stith
12. Rescue donations - Thank you to our numerous donors for saving so many lives!

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.

Breeding Donations

The tax-deductible donations of breedings 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, but 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. It is inevitable that all babies will not make it to the races, some may never make it to the finish line first, but 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 Tammy at 609 738 3255 or email her at SRFHorsesandkids@gmail.com to purchase or donate breedings.



Giving Tuesday ~ Match Met!

Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF) is overwhelmed with gratitude and is sending a huge "Thank You" to all our supporters who made Giving Tuesday a great success. Because of you, we were able to raise an incredible \$20,000 in just 24 hours! Your generosity met the \$10,000 matching donation challenge from Cheryl Scordliss, and now it will help feed many hungry whinnies over the winter months. The passion and care of people like you keeps us moving forward with our mission. Thank you for your generous support!

Storm Dampens Fundraiser

As if Covid wasn't enough of a challenge when it first hit and caused the cancellation of our Holiday event last year, this year the weather slammed New Jersey on the day the Holiday Fundraising event was scheduled. Needless to say, it was postponed. Re-scheduling the mounted Police unit from Newark, NJ was not possible, nor was the band, and of course, it was expected that some volunteers, and guests planning to attend that day had other engagements. The new date still had much to offer, and it was full of enjoyment with the warm and cozy holiday feel. Thank you to our guests, volunteers and the Millstone Elks for all their help.

Scott Maltby, a member of the Millstone Elks, is smiling here with 13-year-old, If I Remember, aka, Remy. Remy was a hit with his sweet personality and holiday hat. Our lovely supporter, Anne Poole, crafted many for SRF to sell, and they were a hit too!



Prouder, no one could be! This is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. SRF's adopted horses keep the peace with the New York City Mounted Unit, Newark Mounted Patrol, Philadelphia Mounted and Rockland County, NY.

And The Winner of \$5,000

When we called to share the good news with Dr. Martha Goldstein that she was the winner of the SRF Raffle, she spoke of her fond memories of owning race horses and enjoying the days with her husband. She recalled going to the track and the wonderful social life it had given them. Half her winnings were donated back to the horses she enjoyed so much, thank you for such a great gift.

These raffles are key to feeding and caring for the nearly 500 trotters and pacers under SRF's care. Another big raffle is coming in April! Watch your mail and e-mail, and if you would like to help sell tickets, please let us know, that would be very much appreciated.

A Legacy of Love

Celebrate your lifelong love of Standardbreds with a gift to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation (SRF). There are so many ways to accomplish this that will be beneficial to you and to the horses that have touched your life. You can choose to do this while you are still enjoying them, or when you watch them from above. Some of the many ways include charitable gift annuity, retirement assets, real estate, wills, trusts, life insurance, appreciated securities, a charitable remainder trust, as well as others.

SRF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit for 32 years. If you would like more information, please contact Judith Bokman at 609-738-3255.



Big Al Beaster



Big Al Beaster has the best personality, he is a farm favorite! He is funny, personable, mostly polite (he's just 4, so the occasional lapse requires just a simple reminder), easy-going and bombproof. When people compliment him, I shrug my shoulders and just say "typical Standardbred." LOL, Did we mention that he boasts this personality with just one eye!

Here is a photo of him with my 96 year old Mom, Eleanor! ~ Mary Ellen Kunz



Volunteers Save Lives

An event of overwhelming generosity brought so much to two special horses. Within a matter of a couple weeks, two of our already half-blind special guys had developed eye issues in their other eye.

C R Rhat, aka Pogo, developed an ulcer in his only eye, and Stormont Monsieur, aka Monty developed an infection behind his intact eye. These two horses had very easily won over every volunteer at the farm with their personalities and their comedy and affection. When their medical issues presented, there was nonstop commotion. SRF was committed to help, but without the around the clock care that was needed, the prognosis was questionable, these two horses could become permanently blind and likely need their eye enucleated. Then what? Who will provide their care? That would be a tough one for SRF to take on. The text messages, and the phone calls started to come in from the volunteers until they banded together and stepped up with such connection, offering to cover veterinary expenses including a catheter inserted at a veterinary hospital, shipping, and two-hour treatments around the clock with a veterinary tech at her farm for a few weeks. The best part of the story is both boys are healthy and now homed. These awesome guys were adopted by two of our outstanding volunteers, Angela and Marta.

Just a week later, Full Benefits suffered a fracture behind his eye. Once again, a trip to the veterinary hospital. Surgery removed all chips and his prognosis was good. Back to the vet tech for the frequent follow-up treatment and she fell in love with this guy. She roached his mane, fussed over him and when comfortable, saddled him up. Ahhh a "gaming horse!". Thank you to Anthony Hale for helping with these medical expenses. He has made a full recovery and has a loving home.

Let's Consider Their Welfare

Claiming races still haunt the welfare of these horses. New requirements have been implemented to provide some protection, but the bottom line is, they are a place to "dump" a sore horse.

Why would someone provide top notch care if every time their horse races there is such a risk of someone buying him without recourse. What about owning a horse you don't wish to sell? With claiming races written so frequently, wanting to hold on to your horse makes it difficult.

A recent petition on Facebook had 160,000 signatures demanding the closure of a Pennsylvania track. FYI This says a lot about the public's feelings toward racing and the welfare of these animals.



Still on This

There are Face Book pages, sweatshirts and t-shirts being sold reading #Istandforthebrand. There is much outrage that the United States Trotting Association, (USTA) has removed the requirement for freezebrands putting these trotters and pacers at greater risk for slaughter. In addition, microchips being the only requirement for identification, is presenting numerous problems for owners, trainers and veterinarians. They slip, fail, and require always having a wand with you to identify horse. Some have shown up to race and were turned away due to microchip mishap issues.

There are several USTA Directors who recognize these issues and are in support of returning freezebrand requirements, but more are needed. Why some Directors are not on board with this, and why the welfare of the horse is not first and foremost on the minds of all, is mind boggling. #Istandforthebrand was started by Dave Palone through a YouTube video. Having someone of his stature standing up for these horses is admirable. The meeting of the USTA directors to finalize whether mandatory brands will be returned is March 11-14th. Please contact the USTA Executive Director Mike Tanner to voice your concern. Mike.Tanner@USTrotting.com.



Morgan Deal Bryant has the warmest smile in this photo but, check out 9 year old Bill Jones. This photo is from the day he arrived to her farm from the slaughter line. He knows he is now safe and has Morgan's heart.

RECENT ADOPTIONS

(Continued from cover)

Island Inspiration	Market Dreamer	Red Neck Ranger	StreetsOfBaltimore
Its Gonna Get Ugly	Maximum Sport	Regatta Gold	Striking Mick
Janco	Megatron CA	Remington	Super Dad
Jealolicous	Million Bells	Renewal Notice	Tag # 311
Jiliby Rebel A	Modern Star	Rich Drummond	Tag 074
Joe Super	More Zip	Ritz Whiz	Tag 4303
June's Prince	Mr Sharky	Rock Paper Scissor	Tag 532
Kaiapoi Lil N	MVP Fifty Five	RockinRollin Now	Tag 845 Unbranded Mare
Kampaign Supernova	My Shadow	Roddy's Hot Again	Tenacity Dream
Kemar Hanover	MySon Dylan N	Rogue Wave	The Perfect Escape
Kendra Oaks	Natiemadiemaryann	Rose Royce	The Plumber
Keystone Notorious	Nights Saharra	Royal Power	The Sniper N
King High Flush	Nip's Flame	Royaldon	Three Plus One
Kong Fi	Nod Ya Head	SamsSpecialExpress	Thundergolightly
Lady D Kosmos	Northern Beach Gal	Santa's Super Star	Tora Bora
Lark Minus Five	Our Main Man	Santino Corleone	Touching A Star
Last Outlaw	Out Of My Hands	Sea Dog Time	Twinssquire
Like Victor	Overseas Chip	Secret Image	Two Gun Bart
Lil Orphan Elmer	Oxford Station	Share Your Dreams	Unbranded Black Gelding
LineBriated	Pandoras Sox	She's An Artiste	Up Front Lady
LittleBitASpice	Partly Cloudy	Sherr Finn	Victorio
Lizard Lick	Pegasis	Shore Native	Well La De Da
Longbeach Victor	Pineville Querencia	SignOfTimes	Western Seduction
Longest Haul	Prestidigitation	Sillie Joe	Whata Rock
Lord Reveaire	Pretty Power	SJ HereComesPride	Whiskey and Beer
Luau Louie	Prince of A Guy	Skulls And Bones	Whitesandwinchimes
Mac Attack	Prince Topgallant	Son of Kitty Bowl	WhoLeftTheGateOpen
Mamiecrombie	PW Lover	Splish Flash	Why Bother
Manarae's Image	Quick Lavec	SRF Chocolate Clover	Windy Knoll Poplar
Mandy's Boy	Quite a Corker	SRF WhiskeyTangoFoxtrot	Windy Lane Bec
Mapleton Twister	R U A Pres	St Lads Ladeeda	Zipper Cycle
Marco Polo	Rain Dance	Stormont Monsieur	



Become an Adoption Partner

Join us in this life changing and heartwarming mission by becoming an Adoption Partner. The goal is to prepare a horse of your choice for a loving, adoptive home by providing your training and helping in his homing process!

Good care and experience with training at your location or a boarding facility is all that is needed. (SRF has information on training gaits.)

Their ages vary greatly but, their super temperament and personality, and their humor too never does!

Go to SRF's website at Adoptahorse.org for more details or give our Adoption Team a call at 609-738-3255.

Seniors Are Special



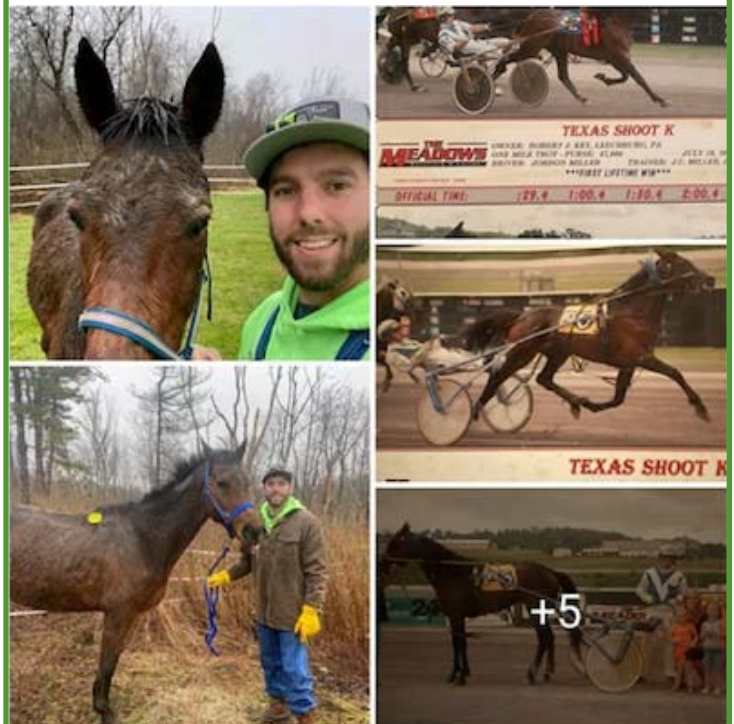
She's Reno Bound was found in horrific condition along with her friend 18-year-old A F Alice. They were tagged to ship for slaughter, had SRF not taken them out immediately they would both have passed. Without the funds to do this, SRF still sent a shipper hoping for donations to help with the expenses. A veterinarian was brought in immediately, but short of all the open wounds and obvious severe emaciation, refeeding and rehydration was what the two girls needed. Sadly, the next day Reno had passed on her own.

When one of SRF's wonderful donors saw the initial photo of A F Alice's condition she was alarmed, "I will adopt her," Doris Nielsen texted. Doris was unaware of the mare's name and shared that it was her mother's birthday on that day, her mother's name was coincidentally, Alice. Alice has now recovered and will be leaving to join Doris for a whole lot of fussing, brushing and hugging! We love the good karma, Doris, 83 years young, was very taken back by the sharing of her mother's name.

From Jordan Miller's Facebook Page

Jordan Miller
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Definitely a crazy week. I received a call Thursday that my old horse Texas Shoot K was in a kill pen. Without hesitation I bought him out of the pen. This guy gave me my first parimutuel win when I was 18yrs old at the meadows. I was young and dumb but this dude meant the world to me. I leased him for awhile, had him claimed but he always made his way back to me. This dude always raced his heart out for me never missing checks. At 18-19 yrs old that was huge! Unfortunately I made the decision to retire him from racing due to an injury. Last I heard he was doing great as a barrel race horse. When I got the call that he was going to be killed it made me sick. This dude is the reason I could afford my first new truck. He gave me so much, now many years later I finally can return the favor. This meant I had 24 hours to put up fence and a run in. 🙏 Frank Francica and Preston Miller worked all day and night to make it happen. My man is now home and doing great. He will live out the rest of his days at my house eating lots of carrots. Thanks so much to Helen Volshonok for what she does!! To many of these great athletes are not given the opportunity to have a happy retirement.



Helen Volshonok is the driving force behind the dedicated volunteer team at SRF helping these trotters and pacers at risk. Visit FB: Standardbred Retirement Foundation/SOSS.



Trooper upon arrival at SRF.

Love at First Sight

Bill's Escape, aka Trooper, saw his mom coming when she stepped out of her car at SRF to choose her horse! He knew he had to win her over. Standing in the cross ties, his potential adopter looked him over briefly for size and manners. Bill knew that this was his big chance. He lifted his hoof and gently handed it to her. With her eyes as bright as could be she said, "He just gave me his paw!" She turned her head to us and added in disbelief, "What a minute, did he just give me his hand?!!" Cindy was sold!

At the barn Trooper is everyone's favorite. For his birthday he had three birthday cakes, serious birthday cakes! For four little girls at the barn, he was the theme for their own birthdays, charming them in photo shoots and at their parties.

Here is Trooper when SRF took him in from the slaughter line, and here he is with one of his very many girlfriends at her birthday party!



Trooper enjoying his new life.

USTA and ASPCA Reprehensible

The USTA and ASPCA will not support organizations helping horses at risk for slaughter. In speaking with the Executive Director at the ASPCA, they believe this is how they can stop these dealers, referred to as kill buyers. The President of the USTA is heard in an interview saying the same. Kill buyers don't deliberately buy for slaughter, they buy to make money, if there is no buyer then they sell for meat. Horse dealers are around for centuries, this tactic obviously does not work. It's time to implement something feasible, and apply donated funds to change the fate for these desperate horses now.

New Initiative Starting in Spring

SRF finds itself in crisis-mode too often, fighting to save these horses, through no fault of their own, that end up at slaughter auctions. Along with its partners they must scramble to gather the resources, time, funds, and space needed to prevent our equine athletes from shipping to horrific foreign slaughterhouses. By building relationships within communities where Standardbreds often find themselves after racing, SRF hopes to create foundations that will lead to more positive outcomes for these horses.

It is time to end this cycle of suffering. This spring, working with several equine stakeholders within key agricultural areas in PA, SRF will launch horse care coaching, and other beneficial options to those in these rural areas. Most Standardbreds SRF has been helping come from these areas. If you are interested in supporting this work, please reach out to elizabethjensen9@aol.com, and donate to this effort.

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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**Give Your Horse a Buddy
Adopt a Companion**

Another Mom-to-be Needs a Kind heart

Lucks Mistress was found standing in the crowd of hundreds of other horses at a Pennsylvania pen known as a kill pen where SRF helps several hundred horses a year escape a horrific end. Lucks Mistress was intentionally bred to a registered Standardbred stallion, what happened after that one can only guess. She and her foal need to find some love, a place to safely bring the baby into the world. Please contact SRF if you can offer this help.

SRF is not set up to foal a mare nor raise a foal. It requires more than just experience. Ideally, a home where mom can safely have her baby and both could have a home is needed. At the very least, a place to foal, and a home for the neiger. Contact the office at 609-738-3255 or email SRFAdoption@gmail.com.

It's Still Affecting Us

For more than a month, one of SRF's valued employees struggled at home with Covid, two others were out being quarantined, and one broke her wrist while in the field with the horses. We hope our friends will understand that things are moving slowly here, thank you letters, return phone calls even Face Book messages are delayed.

Visit us at the Horse World Expo at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA March 3 - 6th. We will have horses to nuzzle and fabulous merchandise. SRF is seeking help with it's booth please call 609-738-3255 email: SRFHorsesandkids@gmail.com

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