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**Dear Owner,**

Our mission is to help you find a home for your horse. The information you need is enclosed.

**FYI: More than 90,000 horses were shipped to Canada and Mexico to slaughterhouses last year; *there are far more horses than good homes.*** The typical horse dealer may mislead you to believe that your horse will be rested and will pull a buggy to church on Sundays; this is highly unlikely. Generally, if a horse is sold for \$900 or less, the chances are great that he will be run through a livestock auction and be sold for meat. Any price over that *may* avoid slaughter but most probably will put your horse in the hands of a trainer or used as a plow/work horse until the risk of slaughter later.

***Our 30 years of statistics show that only 9% of horses remain in their first home for life. The number one cause of abuse and neglect is the loss of interest. It is for these reasons that SRF has strict adoption and follow-up policies listed on the enclosed.***

Today, we are caring for 390+ horses in need of homes, 191 are permanently retired under SRF's full care and expense, some returned by adopters due to age, and/or progression of old racing injuries.

**This follow-up policy is an expensive part of our work. This is why we ask you to make SRF your charity in the future so we can continue to protect and care for your horse.**

Should you find a home on your own we encourage your diligence to screen and follow-up. You are welcome to refer to our application for adoption as a guideline, and our adoption contract, both are on our website at [adoptahorse.org/application-forms](http://adoptahorse.org/application-forms). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all. I am available 9-5 M-F to help you.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Cailliau  
Administrator

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## General Information

### What SRF will do:

- Compile information on your horse to determine the care needed, and try to locate a suitable home where he will not be asked to perform beyond his physical ability;
- Advertise, profile him with professional photos.
- Screen homes through veterinarians, farriers, and other references;
- Continue professional under saddle training to become more adoptable.  
*(Standardbreds can ride and perform like any other horse with some training;)*
- Show your horse to potential adopters
- Provide care, feed, worming, etc. until adopted.
- Follow up on their care by requiring semi-annual reports from the adopter's veterinarian *for life*, as long as funds provide, and intervene should there be a concern. Unfortunately, most *horses have numerous homes in their lifetime so follow up is necessary to avoid abuse and neglect.*

### FYI: Adoption Contract includes:

- Horses adopted may not be raced, sold, bred, or ownership transferred from SRF.
- Horses do not typically stay in one home for their lifetime, therefore SRF **does not** use First Right of Refusal in its Adoption Contract; we never refuse to take a horse back provided we are financially able to do so. An adopter must return their horse to SRF if they can no longer provide good care.
- Require semi-annual reports from the adopter's veterinarian for the life of your horse should our funding permit. This is why we ask you to make SRF your charity.

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### The Process:

SRF does not receive regular funding from any source, only 8% comes from harness racing, and it does not have an endowment. If your horse must physically come to SRF's leased farm, we ask:

- Our cost to feed and care for your horse is \$350 a month, and when in actual training it is about \$875. per month. ***If you are experiencing financial difficulty please let us know and we will work with you, otherwise your monthly tax-deductible donation is what we depend on to do this work.***
- An initial tax-deductible donation so we can evaluate your horse and compile necessary information, photograph, list on the website, social media, and begin the process is appreciated.

### To Do:

1. Complete and submit the 2 attached forms.
2. Give the Veterinarian the 2 pages to complete and send to SRF.

When your horse is scheduled to come into the program then:

3. Send current Coggins and Vaccination info ahead of time (your trainer should have it).
4. Remove shoes, and check teeth, float if needed, these are very helpful as getting someone to the farm at SRF is very costly.
5. Arrange shipping, and coordinate with SRF as someone must be at the farm to receive your horse.
6. Send registration papers, if not readily available; sign and send Transfer of Ownership that is attached.
7. Send check, or credit card info/paypal (this can also be done online at [adoptahorse.org](http://adoptahorse.org)), again if you are struggling financially, please let us know.
8. Contact the USTA to complete the form for "Conversion to Pleasure Use." This is the BEST form to use to protect your horse from ever being raced again.
9. Only 9% of horses will remain in their first home for life. Forty-nine percent (49%) will need at least 4 homes, and some as many as 11 homes.

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## 1. Owner: Transfer of Ownership

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby transfer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name of owner above) (Name of horse)  
Age: \_\_\_\_, Sex \_\_ and Tattoo (if avail)#: \_\_\_\_\_ to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation.

Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed the registration papers:  Yes  No.

_____ Signature of racehorse	_____ date
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## 2. Owner/Trainer: Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name & relation to horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Location of horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Can horse remain at present location until adopted?  Yes, for how long  No

<b>OWNER/TRAINER INFORMATION</b> Horse Owner's name _____ Address: _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Trainer Name/tele _____ Veterinarian Name/tele _____
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**HORSE info:** Age: \_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ Approx. Date or Yr. Gelded: \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo #: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. date last raced: \_\_\_\_\_

Why is horse being retired from racing? \_\_\_\_\_

Injuries? \_\_\_\_\_

Temperament: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Support: Enclosed find a check, or charge my cc in the amt. of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help get the process started.

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my cc monthly for  \_\_\_\_\_ # of months, or  for however long it takes. (Please check one)

_____ Signature	_____ date
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If we cannot find a home for your horse in the period of time you permitted credit card charges should we:

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact you to discuss his return

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue his care and looking for a home, and charge the credit card

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**VETERINARIAN**

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*Evaluation/Medical Info*

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer's \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this horse been in your care? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History:**

Reason for retirement \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended rest, treatment instructions \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please use the attached form for important information we will need.**

Please list injuries we should be aware of and if consideration for them is needed. \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent information: \_\_\_\_\_

List any limitations the horse may have as a pleasure horse (i.e., no jumping, gymkhana, endurance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Vices (i.e. kicking, rearing, biting, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any blemishes or markings – loss of an eye, pin/freeze firing or similar? \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the horse's disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle body flesh: *Fleshy*    *Race Weight*    *Thin*

Date of last Coggins: \_\_\_\_\_ (please attach copy)    **Mare**    **Gelding**    **Stud**

Aprx. date of last dental care: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. date of last worming: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccinations (dates and types): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note any other information that would be helpful in correctly placing this horse.  
Please use back or attach a separate sheet of paper. Thank you**

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**Recommendations & Lay-up Required Level**

**Instructions:** Please note level of use for this horse at time it enters the program, any rest or care needed, and level of use after care/rest provided.

**Name of Horse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Rate: Please circle the level of present condition.**

**Please circle the level of use after rehabilitation period**

	<b>PRESENT CONDITION</b>	<b>NOTES FOR ANY NEEDED REHAB</b>		
<b>1</b>	Unknown condition when horse entered program		<b>0</b>	
<b>2</b>	Euthanasia recommended	Horse brought into program to avoid slaughter. Should be humanely euthanized.	<b>1</b>	
<b>3</b>	Companion Horse Only		<b>2</b>	Companion Horse Only
<b>4</b>	Companion Horse – Walk in Hand – Pony Ride small children		<b>3</b>	Companion Horse – Walk in Hand – Pony Ride small children
<b>5</b>	Light Driver – No Rider		<b>4</b>	Light Driver – No Rider
<b>6</b>	*Ride 1-2 times/week, light rides at walk. Light rider (150-160 lbs).		<b>5</b>	*Ride 1-2 times/week, light rides at walk. Light rider (150-160 lbs).
<b>7</b>	*Ride 1-3 times/week at walk or trot. Light rider (150-160 lbs).		<b>6</b>	*Ride 1-3 times/week at walk or trot. Light rider (150-160 lbs).
<b>8</b>	*Ride 3-5 times/week. Light rides/ easy trail riding at walk or trot.		<b>7</b>	*Ride 3-5 times/week. Light rides/ easy trail riding at walk or trot.
<b>9</b>	* Ride 3-5 times/week at walk, trot or canter.		<b>8</b>	* Ride 3-5 times/week at walk, trot or canter.
<b>10</b>	Ride every day at walk, trot or canter and light jumping.		<b>9</b>	Ride every day at walk, trot or canter and light jumping.
<b>11</b>	Full use of horse. Horse free from injury.		<b>10</b>	Full use of horse. Horse free from

OTHER COMMENTS: