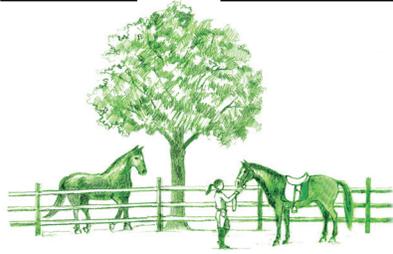


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Breedings and SRF Auction

Our most important fundraiser every year is the gift and sale of breeding donations. Our auction has passed, but breeding donations will gladly be accepted and will be available for sale until the breeding sheds close in July. It's inevitable that all babies will not make it to the races, some may never make it to the finish line first, and 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 SRF to purchase or donate a breeding.

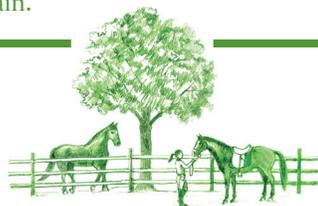
SRF is Different...

- Helping Standardbreds exclusively, young, aged, injured, neglected or abused;
- Feeding and caring for more than 300 trotters and pacers, and providing a lifetime permanent home for 160 unadoptable horses;
- Lifetime follow-up for every adopted horse, never to be at risk again.



The snow is fun for someone! SRF got socked with it and it slammed all the stall doors closed, so to speak. For nearly three weeks, two feet of snow, and temperatures, on some days in the single digits, brought everything to a halt. Even the creeks that water many of the horses, froze solid. None of the 65 at the leased facility in NJ, well into their saddle training, were able to stay in training; they could barely get to their water and hay. This winter setback may be pretty from the window & fun for this guy, but for SRF and the horses, it played havoc. We hope the groundhog does what he is suppose to so spring is early.

RECENT ADOPTIONS



All American Chief
Allie (Unregistered Mare)
American Joe Cool
Arietta
Armbrø Beyond
Baltic Speeder
Bay Diamond
Bernamatic
Black Tie
Brandodge
Brickyard Wayne
Brother Melvin
Brylin Everreddy
Budget Surplus
Calypso Blue
Cam Cam Gypsy

Camtaza
Captain Gary
CCS Lover N
Tag 306
Chelemark Stature
Chelemark Taffy
Cheyenne Julie
Cheyenne Michael
Chip's Veldt
Church
Classic Cowboy
Clay Hill King Pin
Click Twice
Clydex
CR Adelina
Daisys Son
Dale's Master

Desert Jewell
Devils Cut
Donnegal
Ducky Medwick
Earna Look
Electric Valentine
Elywood Taylor
Enjoy The Day
Entry Hanover
Fawn De Hall
Felicia Scott
Fico
Fire Up the Mach
Fisher Move
Fleet Street
Fox Valley Lovebug
Funny Tricks

Funtime Rockroll
Giant Jackpot
Gordy's Earth Angel
Hackensack
Happyglo Kash
He's A Blizzard
He's The Most
Headline Type
Hoosier Hobo
Hope Again
Hotsteamingjumbo
Ima Fever
International Style
Jasper
Jazz
Jeremiah
JK Letshangon

Kash Talent
Kermit T
Kid Conway
King's Cavalier
Kinney Pike Kid
Lastbrightcushion
Lima Dreamin'
Little Bad Boy
Looking At Art
Lord Rave
Lotta Speed
Lucky
March On
Max The Mike
Max Will Start
McArctic Circle
Mercy



IT WORRIES US

With more than 300 Standardbreds under our full care and more than half assumed retired for life, as they are aged or injured and unattractive to adopters, SRF is always concerned about sustainability. Each year the income from its endowment only generates \$250. Without considering any cost for raising funds, or administrative costs, SRF must raise enough each year to follow up every horse in their adoptive home, and care for the 300+. When you do the math it can be mind boggling, but it is real. With only 12% coming from support from the industry itself, SRF needs help. Please help us build a future through an endowment by making a tax-deductible gift, and include SRF in your after-life plan so we can care for the horses that were good to you.

Elitloppet Raffle - It's Coming!

elitloppet 18
25-27 May



The Elitloppet Race in Sweden has such a spectacular draw, and this year will be no different. Our winners rave about this trip! This year's race is May 25-27, 2018, and yes, we will be mailing tickets to win this once in a lifetime getaway which includes: four (4) nights accommodations; buffet breakfast each morning; a get-together-dinner; sightseeing with an English-speaking guide; tour to the Yearling sale, and Menhammar Stud farm; entrance and program to Solvalla racetrack on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you for feeding and caring for the horses while taking a chance to be our winner in 2018.

Our Prix winner is...

One breeder, one trainer, three owners, one USTA employee, and two adopters have won the Prix d' Amerique raffle, and this year's winner is Paul Bordogna. Congratulations! Thank you to all for your wonderful and generous support, it's an exciting fundraiser that makes a great difference in how many horses get a little dignity in the end. It fills our hayloft and the grain bins, and when you have 338 mouths to feed, especially in the winter months, it makes a world of difference. Prendre plaisir!

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.

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RECENT ADOPTIONS

continued



Merrill	Nineteen Nintynine	Playing With Fire	Steak an Shake	Terrific Ann
Messenger's Prince	Nordic's Best	Positive Press	Stormont Cottage	Tes Mean Machine
Minerva	North By Northwest	Prestissimo	Swiss Arsenal	That's Al Foaks
Miss Mandy Mae	Northern Zephyr	Promising Sign	T L Masterpiece	Toe Tappin'
Mo Trot	NorthMedo J R	R J Gram	Tag 1560	Too Big
Mokey	O'Lady Be Good	Random Dynasty	Tag 2233	Unique Attack
Money On My Mind	OG'S Endora	Real Mystical	Tag 3140	UseYourTopStory
Most Remarkable	Ontario T	Ridgehall	Tag 3143	Vegas Chip
Mowerballyscooter	Orient Address	Rise to Glory	Tag 3238	West Royalty
Mr. Balance	Overseas Chip	SantaFe's Prince	Tag 3240	Western Artwork
Mr. Mustache	Paper Money	Satin Sweetheart	Tag 3350	Whitesand Lord
Mr. Universe	Parked Onda Street	Saw Mill Jack	Tag 777	Whooten To Go
Mrs. Wiz	Pastel Movie	Skedaddle Hanover	Tag 83	Win It Matters
Ms Pro	Pembroke Magic	Sometimes I Rule	Tapping Toes	You Too Can Profit
My Jericho's King	Petey	St James Magic	Tasty Max	Young Dan
Nathaniel Leigh	Pinkerton	Star Me Why	Ten Percent	



It Was Shocking...

In mid-November, the independent volunteers at SOSS, the Facebook page, felt defeated before they even tried to help when they heard there were 30 Standardbreds in a kill pen. All 30 were facing the horrific trip to slaughter. It was overwhelming for the SOSS ladies, and for SRF, but nothing



ventured nothing gained and a plea went out for help. There was much to coordinate on SRF's part, the phone messages, emails, donations and pledges reviewed and calculated, home offers and foster offers screened, finding quarantine, Face Book messages read, and so much more, and all of this on a weekend deadline.

How wonderful to have had people pick up the phone to give kindness to these animals. Every single dollar donated, every horse sponsored, home offered, shipping and quarantine offer, and offer to foster, pulled it all together to save these unfortunate trotters and pacers. It didn't just happen for 30, 30 became 42. One particular gift that helped to secure the troops from the heinous act of slaughter, was a gift from the estate of a wonderful man who only knew Standardbreds from the days he used to hover the rail betting on them.

HEAD	PRICE	KIND	MARK
11109	650 ⁰⁰	Z4033/G	LOOKS LIKE A WINNER
11116	775 ⁰⁰	9C880/G	TANTRUM
11117	700 ⁰⁰	8DE52/G	MR BALANCE
11124	800 ⁰⁰	8A061/G	KID DONOHAY
11125	700 ⁰⁰	1BE46/G	USE YOUR TOP STORY
11128	675 ⁰⁰	XE873/G	HYDROLYSE
11129	685 ⁰⁰	Z6443/VAY	SHORE GAURE
11127	725 ⁰⁰	VCD38/G	SHREACK
11119	700 ⁰⁰	X1400/G	CHUCK THOMAS
11127	700 ⁰⁰	7C595/G	RENO CHS
11110	575 ⁰⁰	APD34/G	EDMUN-UP
11111	625 ⁰⁰	X6033/G	MARCTON
11114	800 ⁰⁰	X8351/G	BENSCHTA
11105	675 ⁰⁰	Z5545/G	NO TROT
11106	750 ⁰⁰	Z5280/G	FEET COLLECTIONS
11103	700 ⁰⁰	3BL83/G	CHAMPION DESIGNA
11113	685 ⁰⁰	X5950/G	WILD WASHBET
11121	710 ⁰⁰	0A612 (M)	CLUBS ARSENAL
11107	685 ⁰⁰	0B400/G	HO LOTA SPEED
11120	785 ⁰⁰	6A957/G	GG SATTLEBUG
11118	710 ⁰⁰	SC284/G	NON ABLE HILL
11123	760 ⁰⁰	XV837/G	TONY THE BUM
11124	650 ⁰⁰	7U000 (M)	GKOR
11164	785 ⁰⁰	3D125	ELITA RUTHO
			CAEL

A look at the first scratch sheet.

Six lucky ones were offered a home in South Jersey. Within a few weeks two had passed, one was in very tough condition and was found the next morning peacefully gone, resting on a soft pile of hay. One struggled off the trailer, upon arriving to quarantine, and was obviously in distress. The veterinarian did not offer any hope at all; he was put at peace. The breeder of Tantrum explained that he has every horse he ever bred and raced. He has help at the farm, but because he is in his 90's, he just couldn't take another. He stepped up in every other way to ensure his safety. The remaining are either adopted or being cared for by SRF, hoping for a place to recover further, and live out their lives. They are a fortunate group to have a friend in you.

2017 Donation Acknowledgements

We look forward to noting the wonderful gifts received in 2017 from all those who made a difference in the lives of the horses. We will be providing that in our next newsletter, along with our wonderful donors who wrapped many gifts for the 12 Days of Giving. Another warm thank you to all who give to these horses.



Enjoy the Day

The start of a special friendship, Enjoy The Day, and 12 year old Lucas have plans, Gymkhana, a fun and games program for horse and rider where they try to accomplish things sometimes for accuracy, or accuracy and time. There is egg in spoon, opening gates on horseback, retrieving the mail in a timed manner and so much more. Enjoy every day Lucas, your horse surely will!

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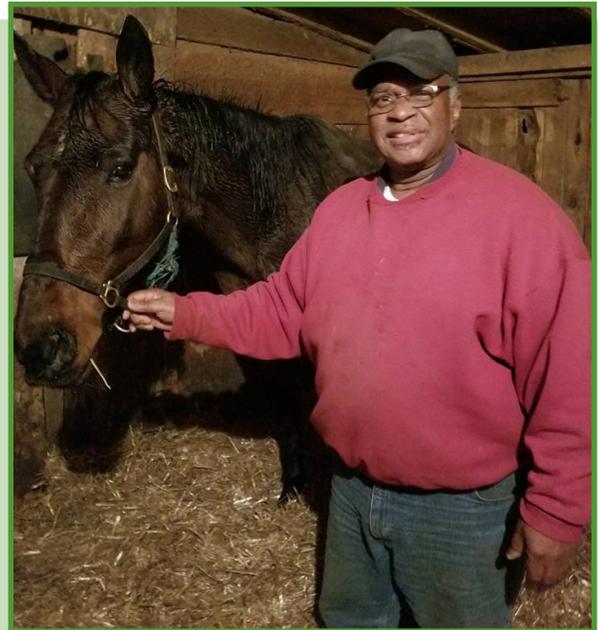
The Lexington Meeting

There is an outcry to address the need for a humane outlet for racing's animals when no longer competitive. To start dialogue and compile ideas, a meeting was held in Lexington, Ky. There is a great deal to report, but to summarize, here are a few suggestions received. Ideas have never really been in short supply, it's the commitment by the people who can make it happen that has been lacking. We hope this will bring the problem into focus.

- USTA should alter its mission to cover more of the issues in racing not just serve as a record keeping organization.
- Stop racing two year olds, make it more advantageous to race older horses.
- Educate new owners on the welfare of the horses, injuries that can become catastrophic if they keep racing, and what typically happens to them when no longer able to race.
- Treat every baby with Bute and identify with a brand so they will not be permitted to be slaughtered for human consumption.
- Lose your license if your horse is found in a kill pen.
- Ban dealers and/or from tracks and/or training centers and farms, horse dealers must provide proof where horse is sent.
- Every horse should be looked at closely before going on the track to race, under their equipment.
- Claiming races are detrimental to the humane care of the horses, it's a "dumping ground" for sore and lame horse and should be banned.
- People know who the trainers and owners are who abuse, mistreat, even stall train their horses, yet no one reports it. This needs to change.
- Create funding from within racing for retired horses.
- Charge a fee for every mare bred, then for the offspring all they way though a horse's last race in order to fund life after racing.
- Replace people in positions of decision making who do not have regard for a horse with those who do.
- Provide statistics and better information on the crosses that make for the best racehorses.
- For the crosses that are less likely to produce a champion, charge a hefty breeding fee/pension fee to go to help retirees.
- Develop more programs with correctional facilities; PTSD.
- License all breeders.

Other Notes and Concerns:

- SRF made note of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Program (GAA) where monies raised from within racing from fees and the likes, along with donations, are then distributed to charities that qualify. However, because ownership of the horses is relinquished to adopters, and most organizations have a weak follow-up program, if any at all many will be found in kill pens anyway. What is most interesting is that the one program we know of that goes the extra step to insure good homes for life and retire those in need, receive very little, if any support from the TAA.
- In T-bred racing, since the TAA was set up, charities that have depended greatly on donations from individuals have dried up. This especially affects those that are supporting retirees unattractive to adopters. Let's learn from this.



Back Home

Leon Harris shows us all what a warm heart looks like. When his gelding, Xiao Wang, was found at risk the SOSS ladies did their "thing" and searched for Mr. Harris. He was so happy to have had the chance to bring his horse home. In the past 18 months approximately 18% of past owners or breeders, when contacted about a horse they had bred or owned that was at risk, took them home to live out their lives. It is admirable say some, it is the right thing say others. Eighteen percent speaks to the need to change how racing still does not address the so called "by product" of the industry. Considering that approximately 25% of owners and breeders contacted have passed, and approximately 80% of those called have helped in some ways, this number is significant. It's been nearly 30 years since the SRF made a plea to the United States Trotting Association to help. Lets urge those who can change things to step up and step on it.



Our Horse Sponsors are Awesome – Please Be a Friend to One–

With well over 300 trotters and pacers under SRF’s care and expense, it is alarming when we think of what it takes to provide for their needs: hay, grain, a piece of land to graze on, keeping their feet trimmed, their teeth in check, worming and vaccinating. Some will find homes, but well over 160 will likely remain with SRF for life, as they are unattractive to adopters due to age or injury. Please sponsor one who needs a little piece of your heart to survive. Any amount, as often as you wish, and for any horse or one that may reach out to you from the list below or on SRF’s website. Thank you so very much, our sponsors change the lives of these horses and are very special to us. Here are a few:

Name - Age							
Legal In Nevada	8	Mollie Muggins	14	Catch Me Kid	15	Converse Hanover	18
Even Wiser	9	Harmony Nash	14	Caviar on the Menu	15	Fine Feathers	18
Goodgolly Ms Holly	11	Mattnipulator	14	Tractor Charlie	15	Winco Buddy	19
Ikester Lavec	11	Another Tino	14	Big Money	15	YouGottaHaveHeart	19
Not Arthur	12	Apocalypse Hanover	14	Lainies Knight	15	Lou E Kash	19
Sir Gawain	12	Game Arthur	14	Nike Ambro	16	Miss Tagliabue	20
Rader Detector	12	Quidditch	15	Desist Hanover	16	Grandpa’s Grounded	21
Sudden Interest	13	Realist Hanover	15	Pacific Typhoon	16	Arteffect	23
Idylwood Phoenix	13	Spokesman	15	Walt’s Love	16	Spinthrift Hanover	23
Alpine Thunder	13	Fivedollarsforsox	15	Mostly Hanover	17	Naughty Nancy	26
Express Annie	13	Bright Tune	15	Bright Hope	17	Ruffles and Lace	29
Premier Luck	14	Hummer Boy	15	Tiny Trouble	17	Kamsack Blue Chip	30
Royalton Star	14	Best Love	15	Gospel Joe	17	Letter Kenny Lad N	33

Hopefully Ending The Saga



Killean Cut Kid, who earned \$315,239 in his career, ended it in cheap claiming races. Noted on Facebook by the owner that he was euthanized, this notable horse was found nearly a month later in a Louisiana kill pen. Save Our Standardbreds From Slaughter (SOSS), a group of volunteers on Facebook, raised the funds needed to release him. His legs had Decubitus ulcers, a condition likely caused by being

bandaged too long, affecting the blood flow. His weight was poor, and he had foundered in one foot, a very painful condition where the coffin bone, the bone in the hoof, rotates and puts great pressure on the sole, often pushing through. After a couple of months of care at a farm in Louisiana, Kid was shipped to Dr. Hogan in NJ for more care. He remains there hoping for a loving home. Killean Acres in British Columbia, where he was bred, has offered him a soft place to retire, but there is a little concern about the long ship from NJ.

We hope a home more local to NJ is offered. To offer this very sweet guy a place to live out his life, please contact SRF. He is now sound enough to take an occasional stroll under saddle!





SRF's Golf Outing!

Get a team and c'mon out and have some fun!

Our 2018 Golf Outing is coming up soon. SRF's 27 annual golf outing still doesn't have a date, but you can be sure it will be in May or June 2018. If you only play in one event this season, make it SRF's and it will surely be a great day and evening. All are invited and bring a friend, client or co-worker! Give us a call or check out our website or facebook ([facebook.com/SRFhorses](https://www.facebook.com/SRFhorses)) page for up-to-date information.

Love My Standees!

I love my three Standardbreds to pieces!

They are such sweet boys and our four girls love them too. Here's my newsflash. Jason Lee has been totally easy with no issues. He gained weight easily & gets along with the group.

Mr. Coast Guard (who came in a condition that may have been the most horrifying ever) seems to be the low man on the totem pole & doesn't readily take up for himself. I feed him (& Bulletproof Billy) separately so that they have plenty bc the others are easy keepers. Coastie has a large abscess-like hole in his rear left hoof that is problematic. Our vet says the x-rays look like someone drilled up into his foot- poor guy. We've been doctoring it since he arrived & looks like it may never really grow back in. Keeping it clean, wrapped, & in an Easy-Care Rx boot helps tremendously, but... he gets to feeling good & romps around & then throws the boot off & mud compacts in the hole & he gets sore & we start again.

Billy loves to eat! He is now a healthy weight & always ready for twice daily feeding's. He stepped on an old, rusty nail (we live on an old farm & the ground just seems to heave this stuff up constantly) in mid-November. It was in a bad spot in his frog. We did x-rays & antibiotics (injections & then pills), as well as daily foot treatments & dressings. He now seems to have made a full recovery.

Susie added one more when SRF was desperate; you may recall reading about him in a past newsletter. We call him Old Man From New Holland, as he was in the New Holland auction. His lip tattoo was illegible, perhaps because he may be pushing his fourth decade in life. SRF boarded him at the farm, coincidentally just a couple of miles from Susie. After several weeks of trying to give him back his spirit and keep him from failing, as many older horses do when you change the life they are use to, he needed more hands on care. He

Hambletonian Casino & Poker Night

Paul Spears has a handful of chips, and the company of a show girl at the Hambletonian Casino and Poker Night fund raiser during Hambletonian week. He obviously doesn't need much more to maintain that smile. This exciting annual event benefits the SRF and the Harness Racing Museum and highlights a great week of racing at the Meadowlands. Stay tuned for the 2018 date. you won't want to miss it!



was not healthy enough to ship far, and when we asked for help, Susie stepped up in a loving way. Getting him to her was a struggle, but the Old Man put every ounce of life he had into getting on a trailer. Susie's newest horse is thriving as best as an elderly guy can. We all wonder what story he can tell, especially why, at his age someone would treat this old soul this way. Was it a dispersal of an estate where an owner loved this guy, but his will did not leave specific instructions? It's possible, because he looked cared for when the auction tag hit his hind end at the sale. Thank you so much, Susie and to our donors for giving this guy his life and dignity.

Sweet Hugs

Look at the affection between our wonderful volunteer, Ardeth Black and Hopefull N, a winner of nearly \$400,000. Now in her 70's, Ardeth still plays competitive tennis. Our volunteers are not only wonderful but all are so interesting as well. Ardeth spends 3 to 5 days a week at SRF's barn training horses and she knows all their quirks and joys.





Suspensory Injuries Are Crippling Many On And Off The Track

The most common injury horses have that come to SRF is a torn suspensory, whether these horses come directly off the track, or from the rural communities that put them to work after racing.

Suspensory ligaments attach to the back of the cannon bone just below the knee, and about two-thirds of the way down the ligament divides into two branches. They then attach to the inside and outside of the sesamoid bones, on the back of the fetlock.

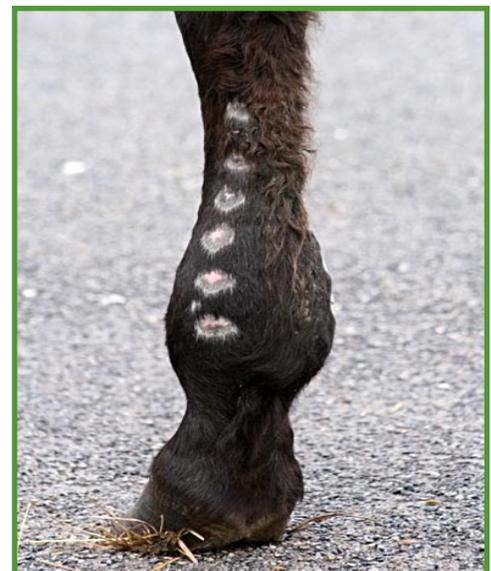
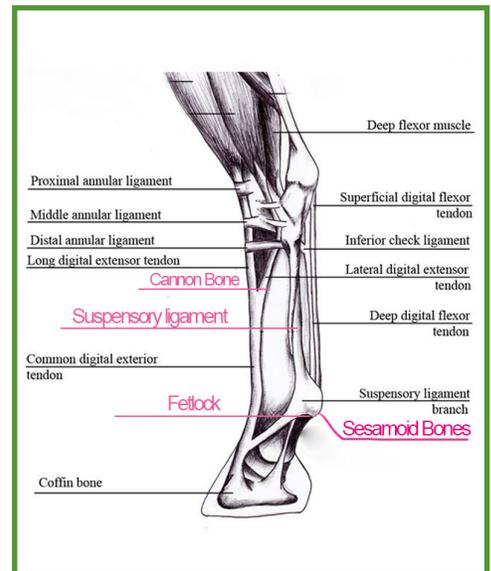
Moving at fast speeds can cause the ligament to over-stretch and the fibers tear. These ligaments can also rupture and can cause displacement of the sesamoid bones. Diagnosing this injury is best done with ultrasound, but swelling can be seen, and is sore to the touch. If caught during onset, there is a relatively good chance of getting the horse sound again.



Note the photo of the horse's legs on the right. His left fetlock is lower than the right. This is a result of a torn suspensory as his fetlock is dropped. We suspect that the those in the rural communities using horses for work, do not recognize that it is a problem. Cryo-therapy is often used to help this injury, it brings blood to the area, and it is believed to assist in healing. Note the white marks on the last photo, this indicates Cryo-Therapy treatment was received.

(left photo) Appreciating the loving care he is getting, Ugottahaveheart, a nineteen

year old son of Run The Table came to SRF from a kill pen. He was emaciated, depressed, blind in one eye, with some vision loss in the other, and had old and new harness marks. It appears he may have been serving as a work horse for more than a decade. Heartly is a kind animal and an "in your pocket" kind of guy. Wouldn't you know, this sweet gelding stands well over 17 hands. He is in a special foster home with Sue and Zoltan Hague, but this may be coming to an end soon. He will need a sponsor to continue his loving care. Would you be his sponsor, he has worked so hard and has given so much.



Family Foundations

Does your family have a giving foundation? A gift to help us feed and care for the more than 300 trotters and pacers would be so very helpful. Thank you for considering the monumental task we have every day to feed them, keep their hooves trimmed, vaccinate, worm, and give them the care they need.

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Here's a funny!

A text came from a gal from another organization asking SRF to help a Standardbred at New Holland. She said, "How can we not help, the horse untied himself from inside the building and just left." Smart horse! He was later found in the parking lot. After helping the 40 horses just a few days before, taking one more was impossible, but our Director reached out for help for him and the lucky guy is safe and happy! Texts came later with photos of his freeze brand and no one can confirm who this character is. Touche, smart one!

Horses and Coffee

Starting in April SRF will open the farm in Cream Ridge, NJ for a tour of the horses. Come enjoy the work you support, or come see what SRF's mission is. Visit the NJ horses and maybe bring some carrots and spoil them. No reservations needed, but good footwear is. Bring a beach chair and relax watching them interact, find the chief of the field, pamper the love bug, take photos, smell the sweetness of the hay and the pungent scent of you know what, the horses love visitors. Check SRF's website for a schedule of days.

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