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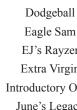
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Matty, a 7 year old gelding waiting for a loving home doesn't mind the weather this winter as he shows off for the SRF staff struggling to get through the towering piles of snow. Matty is thinking, grass, dirt, or snow, I am just happy to have a place to go!

RECENT **ADOPTIONS**



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Meadowlands Combines SRF Race with The **Niatross for 2011**

Attractive bonuses have been added to the newly combined Niatross and Standardbred Retirement Foundation's Race for 2 years olds. Every 2 year old is eligible to the race. Horses nominated that are sired by a stallion for which just one breeding was donated to SRF in 2011 will enjoy the new bonuses. (i.e., SRF received a breeding to Cams Card Shark this year so every 2 year by him is eligible.) These entries, being referred to as SRF-Horse entries, pay only a \$500 nomination fee, all others will pay \$750. There is a \$5,000 bonus for the SRF -Horse that finishes with the best time.

Race Secretary, Pete Koch added the new twist to help the SRF and sweeten the two races. Breeding donations must be received by March 1. Nominations are due March 15th. Contact your staking service, or the Meadowlands for nomination information. For breeding donations and sales contact Dana Letual at 609-324-1500.

Prix d'Amerique

Jessica Schroeder, the United States Trotting Association's Assistant Fair Liaison with the Outreach Department was the lucky winner of the fabulous SRF raffled trip! Jessica and her mother Susan will enjoy the 4 night/5day stay in a 4-Star hotel and an exciting opportunity to see Paris, the City of Lights, while also seeing the unforgettable Prix d'Amerique, which features the world's best trotters in action at the magnificent Vincennes Racecourse. Winners also visit the resplendent Grosbois training centre, truly a kingdom for a horse, and the horse sale European style. But being in Paris has all the other goodies that go along with it, the food, the sites and all the ambiance making it a once in a lifetime experience.

SRF congratulates the winners and is grateful to all who supported this vital fundraiser. There is always next year to try again and much luck to you in 2011.

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Please Call (609) 324-1500 or email admin@srfmail.com if you can help.

Get Those Putters Ready...

SRF's Golf Outing is scheduled for Tuesday May 31, 2011 once again at beautiful Knob Hills Golf Club in Manalapan, NJ. So please mark your calendar and join us for the event of the year! If you are not a golfer, don't fret because you can join the evening festivities which include a cocktail hour, dinner, raffles and much more. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to join the fun please email Dana at admin@srfmail.com

Hanover Outbids for SRF's Harness Paintings

One of a kind paintings done by Rocknroll Hanover, and his dam, Rich N Elegant were auctioned at the recent Harrisburg Sale and taken home by the men from Hanover Shoe Farms. The horses used their muzzle, tail, and hooves with acrylic paint and took the canvas. Even a bit of Rocknroll Hanover's profile shows on his canvas.

"I like them both, but I like the cause more than anything, explained Jim Simpson, Hanover's President. It's a great cause. We'll put Rock N Rembrandt in the house for a while and then maybe in the office, or the stud barn. It's a conversation piece."

Russell Williams, who is enjoying Rich N Elegant's talent will add it to his office décor not far from where the great mare enjoys her days in the field doing what she does best, making great babies. SRF appreciates the support of the Standardbred Horse Sales Co. and the men from Hanover Shoe Farms in this fundraiser for the horses of harness racing.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization created to care for, rehabilitate, and secure lifetime adoption of non-competitive racehorses, to ensure their proper care with follow-up, and to combine the needs of youth at risk and these horses in therapeutic equine programs to benefit both. SRF is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization



SRF Horses, Motor City Smitty, Western Leader, and **Zonka just joined the ranks of the First Company Governor's Horse Guard in Connecticut. The Company is** part of the organized militia of the State of Connecticut. Its mission is to serve the State whenever called upon by the proper. These three handsome and particularly well mannered geldings have special duties, none of which require fast quarters. They will be asked to control crowds, participate in regular training drills and parades, and shine at important political events such as inaugurations and memorials. The Company is also training to become a certified mounted search and rescue unit, the only one in Connecticut. Zonka has a leg up already; he served the city of Newark, NJ in their Mounted Unit which was dominated by SRF Standardbreds in the barn. Smitty and Wes, however, needed specific training to join the Company. The good news is, all three horses underwent a 60 day trial period and passed the initiation test. All three have been officially and proudly sworn in.

TREMENDOUS THANKS!

McCauley Feed and Kevin Reynolds are our Farm Sponsors with their generous donation of feed for all the horses at the farm. They are the best! Our horses look great, feel good and show like winners. We are very grateful.







Quick Arrow N, a seven year old New Zealand bred gelding made over \$70k on two continents before a knee injury ended his racing career. He was found standing in the so-called kill pen at the Camelot livestock auction in 2009. The poor fella was under weight and his general condition was poor. His dry coat, and numerous rub marks from a harness caught the eye of a few folks who rallied to save him from what was destined to be a trip to Canada to a slaughterhouse.

Life was looking better for this slightly boy; he had his essential needs taken care of, feed, water, and a place to call home as this caring group of folks had him shipped to a temporary facility. While in quarantine he made a friend, a mare that had just shipped in. While she seemed fine upon arrival she soon exhibited signs of Strangles. Strangles is the equine strain of Strep. It affects

Trials and Tribulations

a horse's respiratory system, causing high fever, mucus discharge, cough, and difficulty breathing. All the horses turned out with the new mare contracted the awful disease, including Arrow. All but one survived, luckily that was Arrow. He had now escaped another trip to the other side twice.

After the long and expensive illness Arrow found his way to SRF. The quiet horse earned the nickname, Lovebug, from the volunteers who found that his favorite part of the day was not the typical feed time, rather it was having his long, silky mane brushed, a task which young volunteers were more than happy to undertake. Arrow would lower his head in the cross ties and doze while little hands pampered him. He gradually put on weight and the gleam returned to his summer coat.

Upon SRF's routine soundness evaluation there was concern for some soreness, but that quickly changed when it was clear that Arrow had a knee injury that would prevent him from a riding career. SRF's Veterinarian deemed him pasture sound only.

Boarding care being less expensive for SRF in Kentucky, Arrow was on his way to the blue grass with much hope of finding a loving home, however, his

chances were slim;

few people want a

pasture-puff. It seemed like somewhat of a happy ending for this unlucky horse, if he didn't find a home he at least had a place to live out his life. But yet another terrible event crossed his path. Arrow and his pasture mates were napping peacefully on a summer night when a pack of coyotes appeared. Coyotes don't usually hunt large game like horses, but the recent drought conditions had left them desperate for food. The horses took off galloping for safety, but Arrow didn't escape the dreadful scene quickly enough. He survived with his life but was critically injured. His right hind leg was grossly bitten by a covote, the skin hanging in shreds around his fetlock when he was found the following morning.

Almost two years after his initial rescue, he is back on the road to recovery. The poor fella, he has had such hard luck even when so many people tried to help. He remains friendly, well-mannered and longing for a loving home or even a sponsor, but as you can see what this sweet kiwi needs is a dose of very good karma first. Hopefully, that karma will help to find him that special someone who will give him a loving, and safe home to live out his life.

Long and Happy Lives Thanks to You

Two of the oldest and dearest equine friends in SRF's program have passed on. La Sting Hanover was a much-loved riding horse for many years until his adopter lost his farm to eminent domain. SRF took the quiet gelding back into its arms and he quickly found a good friend in Ol'Red, the older gelding we featured on our Newsletter cover a few years ago. Red had been a therapeutic riding horse for many years, loyally working with challenged children. Both ole boys enjoyed their last years with SRF where 36 year old Ol' Red followed his friend La Sting Hanover to the clouds just a few shorts weeks after Sting passed on suddenly this past summer at the age of 29. Thank you for helping us give them comfort in their last years of life





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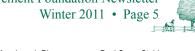
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Lena O'Brien and Road Kar at the World Equestrian Games

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SRF Horse at World Equestrian Games

The 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY featured one of SRF's adopted horses, Road Kar. This handsome gelding, a son of Nevele Pride participated in the Standardbred demo as a Hunter Under Saddle with Lena O'Brien of Lambertville, NJ on board. Road Kar was given the Golden Hoof award for his stellar performance at the World Equestrian Games. He is the first SRF horse to be presented with a participation award of this magnitude.

With their inherent desire to please and capacity to learn quickly, many former racehorses like Road Kar are reconditioned for new careers going from racetrack warrior to show horse, fierce competitor under saddle, to family companion, all with relative ease. After Road Kar hung up his racing shoes, a new phase of his life started. He was adopted by Lena via the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, just two days after his final race. But he never really had his down time, he didn't need it he was ready to shine and so Lena began his saddle training. Some highlights of his under saddle accomplishments include the 2000 SPHO Horse of the Year, The National Versatility, Driving and Equitation Champion as well as many wins in Non-Standardbred Open Classes.

He especially proves that there is a rich, rewarding life after racing. Standardbreds like to work and Road Kar is no exception. He has been Lena's partner for almost 12 years and they've had many wonderful experiences together. Their appearance here at the World Equestrian Games is at the top of the list!



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Pete's Sake is 29 years old and has had string halt since 2002.

Kathy's BG, 22, and **Lamour Lobell**, 25, have both been diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, COPD. They can live happily with the disease if it is maintained properly, but treatment is constant and expensive.

Danny Boy, 16, and **Streaks Tax Relief**, 20, both had EPM, a devastating neurological disease that rendered them companion-only. 'Taxi' is also the seeing eye companion for our resident blind horse, 21 year old **Neet Control** aka Duke.

Southwind Condor was happily adopted for 10 years, but his adopter passed away in 2009 leaving him all alone. He is 19 this year.

Delnouvelle is our 28 year old retired broodmare. She was kicked in the head last year. The wound was so deep that her skull was exposed and there was concern she would lose her eye. She has made a full recovery but is a senior and no one is interested in taking her home.

Nike Ambro is only 9. He fractured his skull as a weanling and experiences occasional neurological symptoms that prevent him from being ridden. He is a happy go lucky kind of guy with a very gentle nature.

Upcoming-Events

Redd's Restaurant and Bar in Carlstadt, NJ hosts *Celebrity Bartending*Monday - February 21, 2011 at 5pm until the night ends
Harness Drivers and Trainers plus additional celebrities from NFL & NHL
Enjoy a night of fun having your drinks stirred and shaken by celebrities
bartending, dancing to a DJ, singing karaoke, wing tasting contest with
prizes (\$10 to enter), plus much more.

Strikes for Standardbreds held at Country Lanes in Manalapan, NJ Wednesday - March 16, 2011 from 6pm until 9pm

Enjoy a bowling tourney for prizes, food and fun for the whole family Event sponsored by Baron Racing Stable/Prizes courtesy of Pom Pom BBQ Grill

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