

## SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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## Helping Horses & Kids Since 1989

### Kindness In These Times

Sensing that Covid19 would not be short-lived, SRF's Director gathered the staff and volunteers and played out all the possible scenarios that would affect the care of the horses, and the staff. Ideas were discussed such as how to work from home and share the database of horses, communicate with each other, care for sick and injured horses, continue adoptions, and how to raise funds in light of the canceled fundraisers for an unknown period of time.

A week later the farm SRF leases closed its doors to visitors. As the Covid 19 situation worsened, SRF had to find ways to feed 403 trotters and pacers; with no fundraisers in sight, it was an alarming concern. A press release was issued pleading for help, homes, foster homes, donations, use of pasture to decrease the expense of hay and grain. What came to the horses was heartwarming. NJ.com picked up on the story and SRF's friends were joined by public support.

Adoptions were made without meeting the horses, they were done through video and pictures. Continued on page 5

### RECENT ADOPTIONS



Beach Access	Gizmo Williams	Phillipedes
BFF Cams Diva	Go Sharky Go	Private Time
Big Ten Linns	Grand Theft Auto	Real Bullets
Boogie's Delight	Green Acre Annie	Rubys Bob
Calypso Blue	Henrys Crown	SF Drifter
Cam Tue Succeed	High Hope Sandie	Star Me Why
CC Racy	Joyous Ghee	Tag 479
CCC's Dream	Lofty Looker	Tag 5527
Cheyene's Train	Lucrative Art	Three of Spades
Cheyenne Western	Major Tipper	Townline Roll On
Chippewa Warrior	Major War	Trotzilla
Classic Action	Million Dollar	V-Key's Joshua
Contumelious	Maybe	Wanna Roll
Czech This Name	Moment Like This	Western Falcon
Eoos	OK Imagine	Windy City Toots
Fox Valley Luxor	Panastreos	Winning Ways



### A Day in History

This may become as famous a photo as the, "The Kiss" taken on August 14, 1945, one of the most reflective photos in history.

The Rockland County Mounted unit posted this on Face Book. The chatter on social media noted that this guy was 9-year-old Genius At Work, the first horse adopted by the New York City Mounted Police Department from SRF with Officer Jessica. This is such a chilling image of how the bustling streets of Manhattan were impacted by Covid19.

### It's Thirty-One Years!

Thirty-one years is a milestone for sure. SRF started in June of 1989 and may be the only organization of its kind to be able to blow out 31 candles with thousands of grateful horses snorting alongside. It is the kindness of people who care that has helped these trotters and pacers. We share this occasion with you.



## Changing with the Times

SRF's donors put grain and hay in front of each of these noble warriors; they bring the veterinarian to an injured and sick horse; rehabilitate them from injuries, illness, and cruelty; teach them new skills, such as how to carry a rider, train to serve as a therapy horse, or police mount; mend broken spirits and lost souls and totally transition their lives to a better one.

The newsletter is where recognition shouts "thank you" for all the kindness donors give to these horses. The times have changed from paper to computer screens and phones. We determined that by moving donor recognition to the website, six horses will benefit from a month of care. The 2019 recognition will be up soon at AdoptaHorse.org. We thank each and everyone for understanding how this change makes a difference.



*Saber is such a super guy! He swims with his adopter in a nearby lake, will conquer the diversity of any terrain, and does Civil War re-enactment. Here he is dressed in an original Calalary saddle and his military bridle. Such an awesome horse and he also racks beautifully.*

## What is Missing?

Racing needs to provide another means to prevent these magnificent animals from this unforgivable end to their lives. They give their all on the track; shape every life they touch; put food on the dinner table; pay the car payments, college tuition and mortgages only to be sent off to dealers where they either ship for slaughter or go on to a brutal life as work horses. Sadly, for most, when in these rural communities, care is lacking and the regard for an animal is mostly void. (These communities are also where the puppy mills operate. It is well known that wherever you buy a puppy, the chances are great that this is where the puppy was bred. Conditions are reported over and over again to be deplorable, and the lack of regard for an animal is the norm.)

The horses spared slaughter at the time of purchase off the tracks and training centers that do go on to work so hard, will more than likely still end their lives, after giving their all a second time, by being slaughtered. In their teens most are resold at a livestock auction, worn down, emaciated and crippled. The Department of Agriculture, both state and federal are not doing their jobs or these horses would not be able to sell at an auction or ship to slaughter in these conditions. Every effort SRF has made through government intervention has failed. Racing has to take this on, create a better alternative for these horses, restructure everything from breeding right down to their last day on the track. While finding homes helps, it is far from the solution for these horses.

## 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.

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## TREMENDOUS THANKS!

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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.

## 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*



## *A Picture Does Speak A Thousand Words*

This mare, Sarah Berrah, by KG's Joshua, was born in Lancaster, Pa. and was owned by a Lancaster, Pa resident. She raced until 2005 and then it's anyone's guess where she was all these years. Knowing the typical life of Standardbreds, when no longer raced, it is safe to say she escaped the earlier retched trip to Canada or Mexico and was working somewhere until she was found in Oklahoma nearing the end of her days at just 18 years old. Donations were sought and SRF was able to move this lovely mare to safety. She was shipped to a facility for quarantine and rehabilitative care. Once healthy again her adopter shipped her to their home in San Antonio, Texas.



Her adopter, also named Sarah, shared these photos of her young children who spend every day with this gentle mare. They paint pictures together, splash in the kiddie pool, mosey around on the 20 acres, and a few of the children are still in diapers. Sarah, the horse, takes part in most everything the kids do and waits with her nose on the back door for them every morning! Can it get any better for Sarah and the kids, how sweet to grow up this way.

## *Elitlopp Really Made a Difference*

SRF's annual raffle to win a trip to the Elitlopp, or the choice of Disney instead, was printed and ready to mail. SRF shared its concern in the mailing for the cancellation of its social fundraisers. These events every year are critical to affording the care of the horses. Understanding this grave concern, SRF's supporters were very generous, as was the winner.

In SRF's office we all recognized the name of the winner. He is a man we have never met, but every year he sends his support, and it is like we know him! When SRF called to tell him the news every detail was explained for the Elitlopp trip, then every detail if he was to chose the Disney trip option. It was a mouth drying explanation, there were so many details. The second a breath was had, Mr. Uhl responded with, "Can I donate it back?" "Can you donate it back, you have 2 years to use it," was the response. "I know, but I want to donate it to the horses," he said. "I love what you do for these animals, I love these horses, take care of them." Mr. Uhl is retired near Saratoga, NY and enjoys every day with a horse in his life!



Thank you so very much, Mr. Uhl, from all of the fuzzy noses!

We are very grateful for the generous support of this raffle. Our thank you letters were no doubt very tardy; we hope our supporters understand that during the Covid crisis the administrative end of SRF was broken into 4 locations, and 2 post offices.



## Where To Go From Here

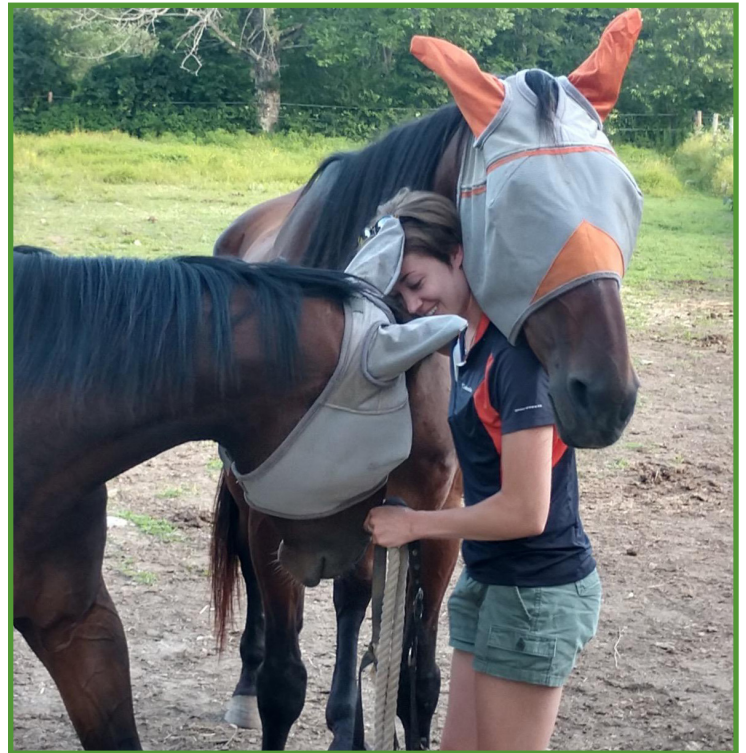
No one really knows the state of affairs for the world in the next few months and longer. SRF realizes this and is doing everything it can to be prepared for the worst, because the worst will have a dramatic affect on whether or not it can continue to care for the 343 horses. Social fundraisers are key to feeding the horses and providing for all their medical needs. Even if tomorrow has a cure or a vaccine, nothing will be the same. SRF anticipates that the struggle will continue to raise funds for hay and grain. We hope our supporters will stay by our side in the most generous way until we can navigate through this.

## Every Organization is Different

The idea that all organizations “do the same thing” is so far from the truth. We have never seen two alike. Some organizations require the adopter to name the horse in their will, and some actually title their contract as Adoption Agreement/Bill of Sale. Some organizations state in their adoption contract that if a horse they adopted to a home is being neglected or abused, they are NOT obligated to help. Just because a charity has a non-profit status, a 501(c)(3) from the government does not mean at all that its mission and beliefs are in sync with what an individual believes. What it means is that the IRS granted the status because “it furthers a social cause and provides a public benefit”.

This leads us to share that the ASPCA was formed because people who OWNED their horses were committing abuse and neglect. This need hasn't changed in 120 years later. Many people offer good homes beyond anyone's expectations, but there are others who fall way short of that. SRF does not relinquish ownership of its horses to adopters because if one is in trouble, SRF can step right in and show its ownership. It will never have to wait on law enforcement burdened by many restrictions to help an animal in need. With this extra protection for its adopted horses, it lifts the responsibility off agencies that would otherwise need to step in. It is puzzling why the ASPCA will not provide grants for adoption organizations that do not relinquish ownership of them. Why not have the extra protection? They also will not help organizations that care for sanctuary horses. SRF has many horses that will likely live out their lives under its care, as they are not all that attractive to adopters. A few have scars, limited vision in an eye, unsightly legs from years of racing and working in the rural communities, a dropped hip, pigeon toed, and the likes, yet each one of them is still friendly, happy, and grateful to be alive.

*The HSUS, ASPCA, and the Standardbred Transition Alliance, (STA) were all asked for help during the Covid19 crisis. The HSUS did not respond. The ASPCA freed up 10% of their \$52 million-dollar reserve, yet after waiting for an answer for 6 weeks they declined; the ASPCA will not help an organization whose mission includes helping horses tagged to ship for slaughter. The STA shares that same philosophy.*



SRF adopted horses are full of hugs, and someone is loving them all!

## Planned Giving Offers Many Benefits

Celebrate your lifelong love of the Standardbred horse with a gift to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, (SRF). There are also so many ways that it can benefit your financial situation as well. A few include Endowments, Retained Life Estate, Gift Annuity, IRA Rollover, Gifts of Real Estate, a Bequest, a Trust Fund, a Will or Trust, and others.



However you may wish to help these magnificent horses in need, SRF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations offer many benefits.

For more information please contact Judith Bokman at 609 738-3255, or [JudithBokman1@gmail.com](mailto:JudithBokman1@gmail.com).

## Kids Program Canceled

We are all disappointed in the cancellation of the kids' programs. They are so beneficial and truly a lot of fun for all. If all goes in the right direction perhaps next spring we will be back to all the benefits it offers. Until then we will have small groups engaged at the farm in the fall.

*Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or visit [www.AdoptaHorse.org](http://www.AdoptaHorse.org) to read and share online.*



## Lotsachrome - Lotsofluck



Lotsachrome earned nearly \$100,000 while racing, yet he was about to head off to that unthinkable place in Canada. SRF took him in with help from Ron Burke, where Chromy had spent a few of his racing

days. He arrived thin, a little detached from life, but wanting to have a chance. He had not given up yet.

After a few months with SRF he went to a wonderful foster home on Long Island, NY for the summer. He was fussed over, shined and polished. On hot days he had baths, on buggy days he had baths, on sunny days he had baths, and on a few days he didn't have any baths at all, but he had some other kind of fussing over!

Chromy's former groom heard that SRF had her boy and called. "I don't care if I can ride him or not I want him," she said. And so Chromy will be on his way from Center Moriches, NY to just near Pittsburgh, Pa to join yet another horse Robin had groomed that she pulled out of a kill pen a month earlier. Two lucky horses, one great gal!

## Kindness In These Times

*(Continued from cover)*

Foster home offers began to come in, and one was quite unique. As things just happen, one of SRF's sincerest friends accidentally crossed paths at a Walmart with the new owner of their farm they had recently sold. Chat, chat and twenty are now in foster with the lovely British couple in Kentucky until early November. In a conversation after they had arrived, she said that one was kicked in the neck and we will keep him, but he has his own clique with him so they can stay too. Her daughter went out to the fields pointing to some and said, "We need this one, this one, and this one!" Six of the 20 pasture potatoes now have a lifetime home!

The horses are mowing the fields and having a grand ole' time! We are very grateful for the donations to get them all shipped to Kentucky, and for the wonderful match gift one special man provided so they have a way to return in November. A shout out to Joe Morris Transportation for his generous gift to make this very affordable as he does every time we have horses traveling where his truck is headed!

## An Act of Cruelty and Desperation



No, he is not the neediest of horses SRF has found tagged for slaughter, but he is the most shocking. This absolutely handsome horse had his tattoo either cut out or burned

off so no one would recognize him, and questioning why he was sold. He was pulled to safety by the efforts of SRF and SRF's volunteers from the Standardbred Retirement Foundation/SOSS Facebook page.

Jessica Hazelheart had adopted Nova SS, and Seawind Perry just a month before this Mystery Man showed up. She and her family opened their home to him as soon as she saw his post, as did others. Within 3 days they hitched the trailer to the truck and drove nearly 7 hours from NC to pick him up in Pa. Upon their return Jessica messaged that he was a big boy. She failed to mention that he is the size of a Trojan horse as he towered over her 5'8 physique. We asked to let us know what he has hidden inside him!

The photo below is upon arrival in NC, his new loving home. A DNA test will be done, and efforts will be made to locate the information as to the person who consigned him to the livestock sale. This may lead to the person who committed this atrocious act of cruelty. If it does, we will post it on Facebook, note it in the next Newsletter, and submit a press release. This is the 8th horse the SRF has found recently with an adulterated tattoo. Sadly, the move to microchipping is just as risky.





## *Super Cool Guy Says Thanks for Not Giving Up*



Seymour Sam came to SRF in December 2019 begging for a meal, oozing discharge from a large neglected wound on his hip. He was also dragging whatever was left of his spirit way behind him. We shared a little about him in the last newsletter. SRF can help a horse like this with such great needs when kind and generous people help SRF, and so we did. He had an infection in his hip that was so severe, so old that it had infected the bone, that is called a Sequestrum. This was going to be a tough one for Sam and SRF. It took two staff members to handle him, he was cranky and he was big.

At the end of every day the staff traveled from the main location to another farm where he was in quarantine. Sam's injury needed to be flushed out with a hose, he needed antibiotics, and then a dressing applied.

After a period of time when he was not improving, a standing debride of the wound was performed, but the results were similar, and then another was attempted. February was upon us and the conditions were tough for him, and the staff working without hot water and during 2 cold snaps, maybe the only cold snaps of the year. To add to the already tough situation, SRF was no longer receiving help to manage

his expenses. Staff time was nearly 10 hours a week for each of 2 staff members, the cost was becoming almost as painful as Sam's hip. Surgery under general anesthesia was then performed, this is what led to Sam's full recovery.

Nearly 4 months later, Sam is now at the main farm and follows the 2 young staff he had abhorred for so long when they tended to his needs. He has a lot to say about everything, and he loves life! He has filled out, shines like a new penny and has a real personality, a really cool personality, what a good feeling guy. He is under saddle, in spite of his racing scars on all four legs. Sam has weak suspensories, but he loves his new job and wants to please everyone. He won't be able to do much more than walking under saddle and a little trotting on special occasions, but he sure can fill someone's heart and day when he finds his loving home!



## *Two Docs Back Together Again, Thanks SRF/SOSS*

This is why SRF volunteers and staff don't walk away from the neediest. Doc's Watson was hungry for a meal, for many meals, and he was weighed and tagged for slaughter, his legs horrifying to look at, and he could barely walk.

Learning that Dr. Andy Roberts had bred the boy, he was contacted. Questioning the validity of the call, he contacted SRF's Director, and that was all it took for him to get the ball rolling to save this sorrowful animal.

Dr. Roberts took on all the coordinating and expense to get this horse back to him. He also contacted a veterinarian to examine him to be sure that he could withstand an eleven-hour ride from Peabody, Kansas to the Kentucky farm where he was born. Upon arrival to Ky. photos were texted to SRF's Director, Dr. Roberts shared, "Doc's Watson is home! I think his suspensory is an issue, but he has about 6-7 inches of toe, once he is trimmed it will help a little. It looks like he also has subluxated joint (a partial dislocation of a joint, often due to an acute injury or repetitive motions), and it appears that he has an old bowed tendon on that leg too. If they had called me when they sold him in Ohio, I would have picked him up then.

We are waiting for some after photos, those that show what a few meals can do along with some rest, good grassy pasture, hoof and dental care, worming, and a lot of TLC. Dr. Roberts is a veterinarian in Ky who specializes in racehorse lameness. If anyone can get him comfortable, he is the man to do it!



## *This Sweetheart is a Lifesaver*

Hello Everyone,

This is Kali (aka Satin Sweetheart). I adopted her almost 2 years ago. She came at a time in my life when I was suffering from depression and anxiety; she saved me from myself. We have a relationship like no other. At first her feisty attitude and mareish ways scared people, but not me. She has gotten over all of that, but she only trusts me and a handful of people. She loves nicker makers, food, her blankets and her stall! She is one in a million horses and definitely is never going anywhere, she is my forever girl. She enjoys her life as a big pet and I am okay with that; she's never leaving my care and I think she's okay with that! ❤️



## *~ Please Be a Friend ~*

With nearly 350 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 medical care. Some will find homes, but well over 200 will likely remain with SRF for life, as they are unattractive to adopters due to age or injury. Please sponsor one who needs a friend. In 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, AdoptaHorse.org. Thank you so very much, our sponsors change the lives of these horses and are so very special. Here are a few in need:

Name - Age	Name - Age	Name - Age	Name - Age
African Doctor 19	Double HH Caroline 26	Jedrik Hanover 15	Spinthrift Hanover 25
Alpine Thunder 15	Electric Smile 23	Jeremiah 31	Steve's Got Plenty 35
Ava 23	EP Great Drive 15	Kiss'M Goodby Sam 24	Stirling Bravado 10
Beat My Drums 19	Excuse Me Pleez 21	MCKY D 19	T-N-T Dozer 22
Big Sky Devil 18	Falkland Fighter 19	Moonstruck's Friend 15	Tag O30 25
Brooklyn Character 19	Fine Feathers 20	Noble Buster 24	That'll Be Hot 18
Bulletproof Billy 30	First Season 15	Old Bob 25	Too Bad Ellie 22
Careless Sam 19	Fourowonfreddy 16	Power Eagle 16	Too Boisterous 19
Caviar on the Menu 17	Futureflyer 13	Rob's Thunder 21	Towne Hoss 27
Cheryl's Dream 8	Golden Falcon N 21	Shark Tank 17	Tractor Charlie 17
Confluence Park 25	Gottcha Back 14	ShouldITellYa 14	Traindenfer Semalu 27
Cresus Popette 21	Hurry Up Jeannie 18	Sid's Mystery 32	Tyler's Legend 26
Derby's Goal 25	Island Flower 28	SlapYoMomma 10	Tylers Bella 23
Divine Setup 18	Japa's Grand Gal 21	So Shanelle 7	Yankee Slugger 18

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## ***The Auction***



In conjunction with SRF's annual golf outing, the items donated for the event every year are also listed on an online auction to bid on. With golf cancelled, SRF reached out to some of its past golf sponsors and asked to sponsor the auction instead. Ron Burke Stable, Millstone Equine Veterinarians, Paul Emposimato, P. Miele, Dr. Mazzarissi and Bluegrass Staking Services gave the

generous thumbs up! We are so very grateful to our sponsors, donors, and bidders. The feedback was that it was fun! For SRF it was absolutely insane trying to manage it from several homes of the staff and volunteers; coordinating the location of items that were in the office, in storage trailers, at the home of a few staff, receiving items from donors; and shipping them to winners, and trying to do it while in quarantine. Patience was the word of the month, and our winners rock with patience! Thank you to everyone who made it successful, it bought a lot of grain! The auction runs annually and we hope you will think of the horses by donating items at any time of the year.



## ***SRF Store is Always Opened!***

It is lightly stocked now but it will be overflowing with new items come September through the holiday season. There will be beautiful wraps; jewelry, and some pieces will be exclusive to SRF; holiday horse pins, sweatshirts, comfy fleeces and sherpa zips, throws and blankets and much more. Please shop with us and support the horses we all love!

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