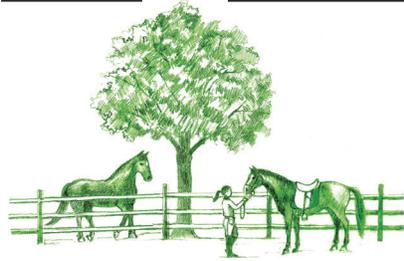


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SRF Updated its Logo !

Retiring horses is not SRF's goal, getting them into loving homes is, as well as keeping its youth programs active. Our new logo includes a horse retired in pasture, as SRF has 125 right now who were either adopted and returned and not re-adopted due to age, or did not rehabilitate well after racing and went out to pasture under SRF's expense. The young girl and a horse under saddle shows the breed's easy transition to ride even in the care of the youngsters in SRF's youth programs. It's sketch like logo is a pencil drawing by renowned artist Rebecca Pearl and appealed to us in it's natural medium, as it has an aged appearance. SRF is now 27 years old.

Casino Night Gearing Up

Join us along with the Harness Racing Museum for Casino Night at the New Meadowlands on Monday, August 1, 2016.

Last year had a fabulous crowd and made for great fun, so mark your calendar. Sponsorships are available at several levels, and the prizes are looking awesome.

Elitlopp Winner "Fantastic"

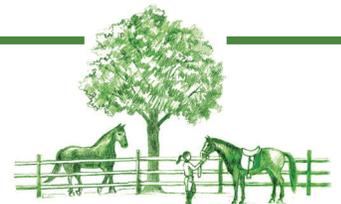
Joe Sbrocco has been involved in racing for nearly 30 years. His biggest claim to fame, and it is big is being the owner of Captaintrecherous. Now in his 70s the longtime owner still has a blast with racing and said he made great new friends on the trip and said he had a fantastic time!

The raffle of the Elitlopp, and Prix d'Amerique trips are very important fundraisers for SRF. Thank you to all who support them, and we wish we could give one away to each and every one because our winners rave about them!



My new pony! No, not really. It's mom's new SRF horse. Is this what love at first sight looks like? You bet ya ~

RECENT ADOPTIONS



Mr Big Shot	Racy Beach	Prince Juniper
Star Interest A	J P Jackpot	Albert Chief A
Mighty Art	Apache Fur	Olde Time Hockey
Tylers Bella	Cam's Accord	Baby Fresh
Colossus	Hurrikane Tyler	You'reapisawork
Rock N Ride	Czech This Name	Tracies No Lady
Kokorama	Thanks For Stoppin	Steady As She Goes
Big Gus	Relentless G	Psycho Chicken A
RockinRollin Now	Hurrikane Anthony	Bondlyns Dollipop
Touch of Class	Arctic Warrior	Highland Terrific
Dark Mystery	Striking Motown	Southern Spirit N
Lucky	Princess Beach	River City Sam

TREMENDOUS THANKS!



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 and support of getting it all to us when needed.



IT WORRIES US

With 208 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 208. 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.

Wish List

- Horse Sponsors
- Hay for NJ and KY
- Grant Writers
- Items for Auctions, Raffles
- Horse Guardians
- Foster Homes
- A Forever Home, so we never have to move again
- Training help for horses
- Another Location as an Adoption Center
- Support for an Endowment

**Please call (732) 446-4422
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 if you can help.**

Strong Name, Soft Soul

Car-Lin's Iron Man, a 19-year-old gelding was a puzzle. He was registered in Texas, had no racing history and was quietly standing at an auction seemingly oblivious and without a care. His lip hung as if he was relaxing. He seemed to have all the makings of a great beginner horse because he didn't bat an eye at anything, but he had too much age on him to realistically find a loving home. As far as he knew, once someone upped his groceries, life would be good.

SRF was asked to help alter his future from what would be the wretched trip to the end of the line. The supply of horses is always so rich that he didn't have a shot at being spared.

The plea for him was made along with the ask for a home. (With 208 horses SRF is not in the financial position to take on another who was likely in need of living out his life with us.)

Many horses in the "kill pen" have been neglected; abused; have weight issues; acute injuries; chronic injuries; some are aged; many or most are worn out from years of working in fields, or pounding the asphalt bearing heavy road shoes. Nearly all have broken spirits. This aged gelding had all those except he seemed sound upon arrival at SRF. What he did have was facial nerve paralysis on the right side.

There was hope for this gentlemanly gelding; a family in Kentucky stepped up on Facebook and offered him a home. After his diagnosis and quarantine time with SRF, he stepped onto the trailer with his head high, a drooling lip, and a crooked ear, but very ready for his second chance. After a quick layover in central Kentucky with a great friend of SRF's who gave a retirement home to Sid's Mystery, and adopted three other geldings, the Embry's traveled 4 hours to pick up the lucky guy and bring him to his new home.

The most common cause of facial nerve paralysis is rough handling; halter injuries; or skull fracture, often due to a kick in the facial area. It is possible that Iron Man was injured while traveling to the auction. As with this gelding, horses usually drool and have a dull facial expression and a collapsed nostril. For this guy it also affected his ear. There is no specific therapy for this injury except electro-acupuncture, massage, and heat applied to the affected muscles, and the nerve can actually regenerate over time.

As long as he can chew his food and drink his water, and is comfortable he should be very content with the Embry family. One Facebook message said, "He may look like a train wreck but I'll bet he has a very kind heart, and for that reason I'm sending my donation to get him out of there and on to a new chapter in his life." Done, and thank you!

Why a soft soul? Kristen Embry warmed our hearts a little more when she sent this message, "He makes everyone comfortable around him even if they are normally afraid of horses. He acts like he understands what you're saying, and he interacts with people in interesting ways. He talks and he leans, he's very affectionate, and he walks away by himself when you say something like "Well, I guess I'd better get going." I can't really describe it, but he is unique."



Iron Man may look a little disheveled, but he's actually happy and carefree after being crammed up in a trailer on a long trip from Texas, then crammed again into a pen for a week. A back rubbing roll in his paddock was just what he needed.



GOOD STUFF . . .

A Son of Cam Fella, Adopted in 2008.

“I just wanted to write to tell you what an amazing horse Canvas Back Fella was, we called him Bucca. As you know he passed away last Sunday at the age of 30. He colicked and although the vet did everything she could, he could not be saved.

He was more than a horse; he was our very best friend. He was so happy and so full of love for everyone. He called to people who walked by, as he knew they would bring him carrots or peppermints. He was quite a celebrity here.

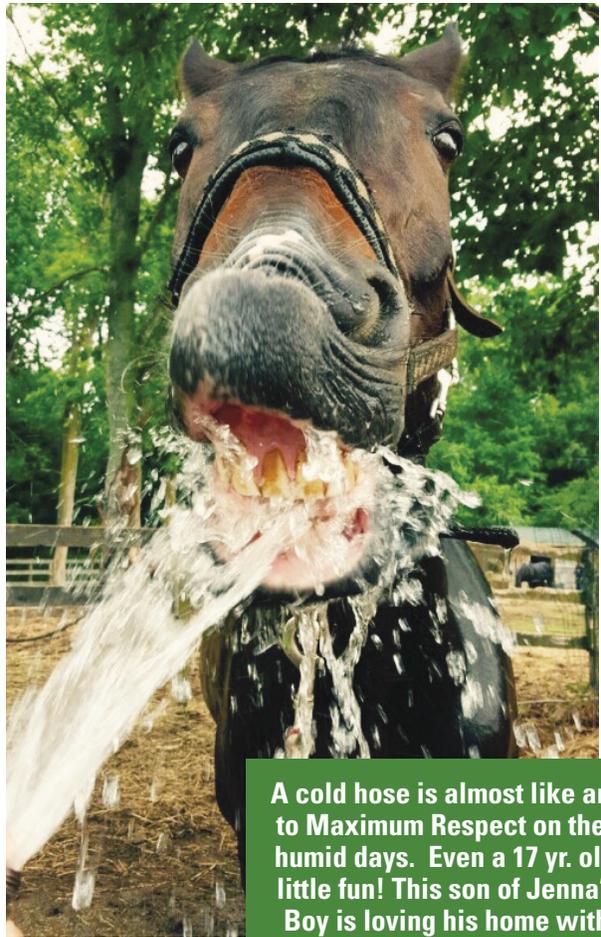
I can't imagine life without him now and the tears still wont stop flowing. I want to thank you for what you do for these horses and thank you for the time we had with him.

I would like to do something in his memory and wondered what I could do? I am blessed for the many years that I had with him.”

Patricia Turner

LIEUT MONTEREY, a 1985 model with \$90,114 in the pocket from his days behind the starting gate, came to SRF in 1993. He was in his first home for 8 years and his second home for 7. He was then turned out in a field for a while SRF searched for a 3rd home at which time Robert Ham took the big boy home. What a lovely and touching life he has in Winchester Ky.

“For two old “war horses” like “the Lt” & me, there’s a special bond of camaraderie based on mutual care & support. He’s becoming more comfortable and confident in a leisurely retirement, secure in the knowledge he’ll never again have to jostle for food as part of a large foster herd, and mine, secure in the knowledge that I’m far too old and fat to ever ride again so I can enjoy the simpler pleasures of just grooming him and listening to the soft knickers in the stable when it’s sweet feed time. I quite imagine there could also be some gentle word play reflecting on the bonds between a former cal trooper, a retired mount, & the synergies this can yield in a combat veteran’s lifelong journey towards PTSD de-escalation & societal re-adjustment. We’re so proud of him and we are so very thankful that SRF could bring us together.” — shared by Robert



A cold hose is almost like an ice pop to Maximum Respect on the hot and humid days. Even a 17 yr. old likes a little fun! This son of Jenna’s Beach Boy is loving his home with Alison Corapi since 2012.

Please

Leave very specific instructions in your will for your horses and make sure you designate the financial means for them. SRF receives numerous calls from families who have lost loved ones whose horses were near and dear to them. Some even kept them alive as they had a reason to push themselves to care for them every day. While families realize their horses were special, none have been willing to support the continued care of them. Leave the law of your wishes.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Standardbred Retirement Foundation is a 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



31 year old Lieut Monterey is looking buff!



Golf Wa

**Chris Ryder
analyzing the angle.**



**Ross Croghan has the swing
and the shoes!**



The 24th annual SRF charity golf outing was on
Racing Trust who gave us all a wonderful dinner

With 118 golfers registered, the banquet hall was
prize, sponsored by Mario Mazza was won by Joe
it back. Ironically it was auctioned right there a

Heather Vitale joined us and was the perky au
them the comforts and necessities in their lives
asked, "Where would we be without them?" A
bike; a behind the scene tour of NBC with aw
from Dr. Hogan, and much more. *Photos by Diana*



The Burke Masters



**Al Eggert, the
Pennsbury man!**

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is Great!

once again a wonderful event. Thanks to Muscara for sponsorship to kick off a great night.

was full, and made for great fun. The 65" TV, a door prize, and a door prize named Hanney aka "Irish Joe" who generously donated and bought by Mario Mazza.

actioneer reminding guests that the horses give and now was the time to give a little back. She donated a few great items including a Pennsbury award-winning commentator, Bruce Beck, surgery by Dr. Lang, and SRF staff.

Charlie Lohmeyer and Ben Hogan, family fun!



Nancy and Dave End - Horse lovers loving golf!



The Cigar Aficionados, like father like son, Dr. Malcolm Mitchell and Dr. James Mitchell.



The handsome FinnTack men on the corners with lovely Cozette McAvoy & Robert Moran.



Stacy Chiodo and Heather Vitale, "Keep it coming, this is a blast."

Thank you for supporting the Standardbred Retirement Foundation with your wonderful gifts and donations.

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Losing Your Way

The pet industry in the U.S and elsewhere is booming. Why? The bottom line: people increasingly view their pets as part of the family and are willing to spend even during difficult economic times. Pets today are in 71.4 million homes.

An overall change in attitudes and sentiment toward animals, as the majority of the population now considers their pet to be a member of the family, is the reason for the growth. Pet owners purchase holiday presents, designer outfits, and specialty shampoos. In a recent survey, 68% of respondents said they treat their pets as well as they treat their children!

How does that relate to harness racing? Racing is seeing a decline, and pet loving a drastic increase.

SRF helps about 300 trotters and pacers each year whether directly or indirectly, so we hear a lot. Who do we share this information with? Is anyone interested in knowing how people feel? What we hear:

- can't a pension be started from the time they are born...
- they shouldn't be allowed to throw away these horses...
- how can legs like that get past the veterinarian and judges...
- claiming races are hurting these horses, they race them into the ground and they get patched up and past around. Europe and other countries have no claimers or maybe one a month...
- I love that the older horses are still in the game...

- I liked it better when people raced for a cigar...
- why don't owners keep them when they can't race...
- there should be legislated money from racing to take care of these horses...
- people just think of today and suck the money out of the horses and the business...
- that's great that his owner is taking him back and retiring him...
- they race, they work for the Amish, and then they dump them...
- two year olds aren't even two and they are racing already; why can't they make it more attractive to start at 3; New Zealand starts them when they are 3 or 4...
- I can't watch them whip them...
- I love this breed...

Try a pair of sox to help keep the flies away! It won't solve the problem but it may help deter a few of the pesky little guys.



Western Smoocher, the \$500,000.00 winner, perking his ears when the truck & trailer came to take him home to the life he deserves. Thank you to all who helped this very noble man. Facebook has a page S.O.S. Save Our Standardbreds where volunteers and advocates for these horses post those in "kill pens" and seek out help for them. This is not an SRF page, but SRF often assists, and when funds and space permit, takes the horses in.

Facebook Rules

It is expected that nearly 100,000 people will have been reached on Facebook by the time Western Smoocher, the \$500,000.00 winner, who was standing in the kill pen, as well as H H Tracy, the aged mare whose desperate grey face tugged at heartstrings, fizzles down. Sixty thousand people have been reached to date and people were disturbed, there were even comments by harness racing enthusiast who also stepped up to help.

There are several dozen Facebook pages specific to the disheartening issue of the sale of racehorses for slaughter. It isn't just Standardbreds, it's Thoroughbreds too.

The two special horses were both rescued and are safe and happy. Kim Rinker, a well-known name in racing, and Alan Leavitt and Meg Jewett of Walnut Hall came to their plea for help.

Harness racing has a lot of issues, and the failure to create a palatable means of dealing with its horses when no longer competitive is one very big one. What's most interesting is when SRF asks for help from organizations in racing, some don't see the need. Open your eyes, if you can't see the forest through the trees then get on Facebook, it's pretty darn clear.





Our Volunteers are Awesome

Whether in the office or at the farm, SRF's volunteers are tremendous, and when you speak to them their passion resonates. Some of their comments are "Sam's in the water trough again, I'll go refill it." "This is a very smart horse. She should be SRF's ambassador!" "Gramps has his head buried up to his eyes in his bran mash again! I'll hose him off!"

Volunteering is filled with fun, but there are the occasional moments when letting a horse go over the rainbow bridge takes everyone's smile away. In the past month SRF had to say goodbye to two, Eternal Power (a youngster at just age 4 who suffered with chronic XYZ and was in great pain), Ernie's Legacy (winner of \$300,000 owned by 26 different people and retired under SRF's expense for nearly two decades) who struggled with an eye issue and developed a tumor behind it.

But the wonderful compassion of our volunteers, and help from our supporters gave them a great life with SRF.



Wishing luck to the Pittsburgh Pirates whose front office has a dress down day for the SRF horses!

Life is good when a horse touches it. SRF will make another 125 smiles this year with your help.



This is Touching

Being a groom for his entire life, James retired to the Florida shoreline but never stopped thinking about the horses that filled his life. Every month he sent SRF \$10. When he passed, his sister told us that he lived on meager means and that \$10.00 a month was a stretch for him. James lived in a tiny trailer and spent his days fishing off his very small old skiff. When he passed it was his will to sell his boat and feed his friends, SRF's horses, and so we did. When you interact with these beautiful animals everyday they touch your heart; James touched them back. Rest in peace our special friend; we are taking care of your friends for you.

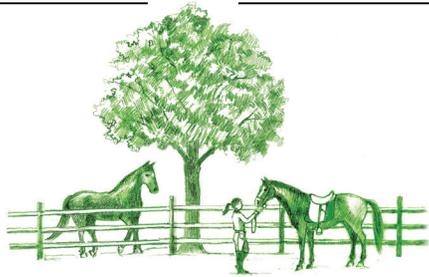
Horses Needing Your Friendship

They all have a story, being left stranded, tied to a pole; loved for 27 years until the owner passed; locked in a stall, left behind after a race meet; and other sad situations. SRF is feeding; boarding; providing hoof, veterinary and dental care; and worming 208 trotters and pacers, some ready to be adopted, already trained to the saddle; others hoping for a home but will most likely just live out their remaining years under SRF's expense and care.

Please help by being a sponsor and friend to one . . .

Name	Age	Sire	Name	Age	Sire	Name	Age	Sire
Allison's Melody	31	B.G.'s Bunny	Dr Jo Plumsted	23	Direct Scooter	Lake Club	21	Artsplace
Black Tie	15	Muscles Yankee	Dynamic Dude N	15	High Ideal	LE-A	7	Lis Mara
Bright Hope	15	Mr. Vic	Feel So Bad	25	Jate Lobell	Rader Detector	10	McArdle
Brooklyn Character	15	Shady Character	Fivedollarsforsox	13	SJ's Caviar	Rathers Storm	22	Storm Damage
Cambeaster	15	Cambest	Flashin Neon	14	Dragon Again	Rob's Thunder	17	Laag
Converse Hanover	16	Rustler Hanover	Fred Astaire	24	Abercrombie	Rubbernecker	32	Happy Motoring
Corkys Starlight	32	The Fooler CR	Gladhand	12	Yankee Glide	SJ's Future	11	SJ'S PHOTO
Beach Cruiser	18	Jenna's Beach Boy	Gliding In	24	Landslide	Son N Heir	11	PRESIDENTIAL BALL
Dacota Davi	24	Beach Towel	Gordy's Earth Angel	8	Rocknroll Hanover	Southwind Condor	24	In The Pocket
Deliveredwithakick	11	Sealed N Delivered	Hareshopen	21	Precious Bunny	Spokesman	13	Camluck
Desist Hanover	14	No Nukes	Island Flower	24	Nevele Pride	Vacation hall	20	Cambest
Divine Setup	14	Jeremys Gambit	Jealous Nellie	6	Lis Mara	Watchtower	31	BIG TOWNER
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So Nice to See

While visiting a presentation by an elite group of students from The Peddie School, in Hightstown, NJ something caught the eye of one of SRF's employees.

The presentations were of the research the students were chosen to work on at colleges across the country during the summer such as, Stanford University, MIT, Columbia and other top schools. Their research included recognizing Autism early on through brain imaging; another on a new Alzheimer's treatment; another on earlier detection of Dyslexia in pre-school age children; and among others there was one on equine nutrition at Rutgers University. The study includes SRF's horses who get to do what they love, eat lots and lots of hay!

What's Coming Your Way **Meet & Greet**

After two cancellations of SRF's Meet and Greet, we are hoping Saturday, July 9th will spare us some weather. Scheduled from 6-9pm, more than 60 adoptable horses will be on hand, several under saddle, along with a tack sale which is open to all to set up and sell without any charge. For more information contact Tammy 732 446-4422, Admin@srfmail.com.

SRF's fall Meet & Greet will include a wine tasting and will be posted on the website, and on Facebook. Join us one and all!

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Another busy volunteer day at the farm!