



PTHA NEWS

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PA Horse Racing Commission Adopts RMTC Guidelines

The PA State Horse Racing Commission announced at their July 24 public meeting they have adopted the RMTC medication guidelines. The guidelines are an important step towards regional uniformity in 1) developing a list of therapeutic drugs and their allowable levels on race day, and 2) creation of a point system for those with medication positives.

Alan Foreman, Chairman and CEO of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which is comprised of horsemen's groups from the Mid Atlantic racing jurisdictions of NY, DE, PA, MD, VA, WVA, IL, and NJ, has been working for 15 years to create uniform drug rules for all of the Thoroughbred tracks in this area.

The PTHA, which five years ago led Pennsylvania to becoming the first state to ban the use of steroids in horses, rejoined the THA two years ago and has added a powerful voice within the industry in solidifying these regional medication rules, which will be enacted in January 2014.

Joining the THA, the RMTC (Racing Medication Testing Consortium) and the Jockey Club have created rules which allow for the controlled therapeutic use of 24 medications (complete list can be found in the April PTHA News) and prohibit the race-day administration of all drugs but lasix).

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Comcast SportsNet Team to Cover \$1,000,000 PA Derby

Comcast SportsNet, Parx Racing®, and the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association announced today that Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia will broadcast live coverage of Pennsylvania Derby Day on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The pinnacle of the Parx racing schedule, this Super Saturday of racing will feature the \$1 million Pennsylvania Derby (Grade 2) for three-year olds, the \$1 Million Cotillion Stakes (Grade 1) for three-year-old fillies, and the \$300,000 Gallant Bob Stakes (Grade 3) for three-year olds.

Live coverage from Parx Racing® will begin at 4:30 p.m. Underscoring the national importance of these races just six weeks before the Breeders Cup, the broadcast will be hosted by some of the sport's top horse racing announcers. Laffit Pincay III – a racing reporter for NBC Sports and one

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(From top left) Laffit Pincay III, Mike Battaglia, Sheena Parveen, Dick Jerardi and Maggie Wolfendale will host the September 21 PA Derby and Cotillion Stakes on Comcast SportsNet.



2013 Parx Hall of Fame Inductees Honored Derby Day

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Salvatore M. DeBunda

The Parx Hall of Fame induction presentations will take place on PA Derby Day, September 21, between races.

President's Message

Salvatore M. DeBunda, Esquire



Major accomplishments have been achieved in the short period of time since our last Newsletter was published and we have been working diligently to improve the industry for you, the horsemen. We were successful in having the 17% assessment against the Racehorse Development Fund sunset as of June 30, 2013, even though some assessments were still made.

Executive Director Michael Ballezzi and I have devoted a lot of time and energy towards making universal medication rules throughout the industry. In July of this year, some of the members of the PTHA Board traveled to Saratoga for a Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association meeting. Part of the focus of that meeting was on medication issues within our industry. Attendance at this conference is crucial in gaining cooperation from all racing jurisdictions for our cause, and we were glad to be a part of the meeting.

In addition, we are proud to announce that our very own Turning for Home is being used as a model for new racehorse retirement programs in New York and Maryland. To provide that kind of leadership for other racetracks in our region is very important.

Once again, Parx will host the Festival of Racing in September, which includes not only two \$1 million races—the G1 Cotillion and G2 Pennsylvania Derby on September 21, but also our Owners Appreciation Day on September 14. We also are happy to have our PA Derby Day featured on Comcast SportsNet this year, with some of the industry's top sports commentators on-site right here in Bensalem.

All horses that run on Owners Day will compete for a 100% increase in overnight purses, and all owners will receive complimentary gifts. We are excited to host this fantastic day of racing for the fifth consecutive year, and hope that you will join us for a buffet luncheon in the grandstand.



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The penalty system for trainers with medication violations is to be based on a point system with enhanced suspensions for those horsemen with multiple medication violations. The penalties for positives would be 1 to 6 points. For a complete list of threshold levels and withdrawal times of controlled therapeutic substances, consult www.arci.com.

Eight racing states, mostly on the Eastern seaboard, already have vowed to adopt the rules by the first of the year. Another four states, including Kentucky and Illinois, are in the process of securing an endorsement, leaving 17 states, including Florida and Texas, without a position on the uniform rules.



At a recent PTHA general membership meeting at Parx Racetrack, Executive Director Mike Ballezzi said the new penalties are similar to those issued in a traffic court system. "It will be an ongoing system where we can better track violations with a data base."

Although a major step in "cleaning up the sport," also important to the success of the new program is the continued investment in testing and research for emerging substances which may be a threat to the integrity of our sport.

In Saratoga, Foreman noted that the MidAtlantic region, whose horsemen's groups make up the THA, has the largest concentration of racing in the country. "There are 18 racetracks, so many horsemen may be running their horses in more than one state. Uniformity in the medication rules is very important."

"The development of new medication rules and penalties came about largely because of our rejoining the THA," said PTHA President Salvatore DeBunda at the PTHA General Membership meeting in July.

"We thank Executive Director Michael Ballezzi for attending meetings in Delaware, Florida and New York in order to see this through. The new medication rules will put everyone on a true, level playing field. It is the most important decision, second only to slots, that we have ever made."

Trainer Glorioso Replaces Lehman on PTHA Board

Ron Glorioso has re-joined the PTHA Board for the second half of 2013, replacing fellow trainer Ed Lehman, who resigned earlier this month. Glorioso has been a fixture in Pennsylvania racing since the early 1970s, when he was stabled at Liberty Bell Park, and was the very first trainer on the grounds at Keystone, now Parx Racing. For ten days, he worked alongside former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Don Meredith to create television commercials promoting the new racetrack.

During his first term on the Board (2007-2010), Glorioso was especially important in pushing the pension fund to become retroactive, so that horsemen who have been in the industry for years would be covered fairly.

However, he does say that many of his colleagues don't ever plan on retiring. Glorioso notes, "What's interesting about this game is that it's always about finding a better horse. If you look at the racetrack as a whole, most people live to a ripe old age. That's because you are always looking ahead for that good horse, so your mind is always functional. You've always got something to look forward to."

Glorioso is thrilled to be back on the Board, and especially to be working with President Sal DeBunda and Owner/Director Mike Ballezzi. "They're in Harrisburg all the time fighting for the horsemen, and they do so much for us."



Trainer Ron Glorioso and My Sonata.

PTHA NOMINATING MEETING

PTHA members will have the opportunity to nominate one or more candidates for the offices of President and Board of Directors. In order to qualify for nomination, the nominee must be a member in good standing and receive two seconds.

**OCTOBER 15, 2013
11:00 A.M. in the PARX RACETRACK REC HALL**

Granny Fund Awards Record Four Scholarships for 2013

Already in 2013, the PTHA sponsored and supported Granny Fund, has provided college money for four students who will start their studies this month. The scholarship program, was established in March, 2000 as a memorial to Catherine "Granny" Youmans, the mother of PTHA Office Manager Connie Youmans. PTHA Executive Director Mike Ballezzi, Ms. Youmans, and Parx Racetrack Chaplain Rick Bunker oversee the program.

This year's recipients to date are Jack Abrams, Chaz Delp, Kaitlyn Dougherty and Jenna Carty. They each have a parent that works on the backstretch, and each are heading to their freshman year of college,

Abrams, the son of trainer Ron Abrams, is a music fanatic, according to his father. The 19-year-old plays guitar and drums, but although undecided about a major, he will attend Bucks County Community College.

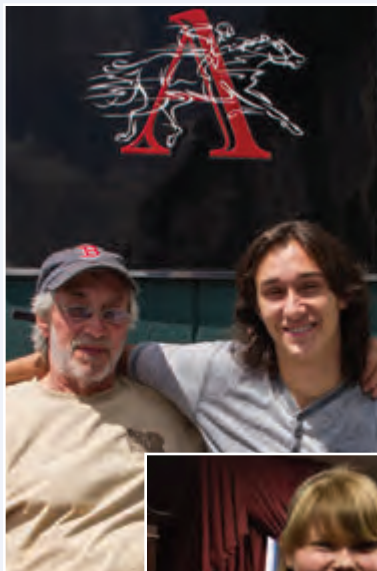
"I'll take general education courses at Bucks," he said. "But I hope to get into Penn State eventually. I have a good job at Friends Bar & Grill in Newtown right now, and will save money while living at home and getting a degree."

Chaz Delp, 18, whose father is assistant to trainer Tony Dutrow, is a graduate of Council Rock High School and is enrolled in the summer program at Bucks County. He plans to study mechanical engineering and enjoys tinkering around with his first car, a 2002 Mustang. He also aspires to attend Penn State and eventually build automotive engines.

Kaitlyn Dougherty, 18, is the daughter of racing writer Linda Dougherty and her husband Dennis, who works at Parx. Although Kaitlyn is a familiar figure on the backstretch with her younger sister and her father, she is ready for her first semester at La Salle University. Accepted into their advanced MBA program in accounting, she'll receive a Bachelor's degree and her Masters in four years.

"I do love the horses," Ms. Dougherty said. "But I am the more logical person who loves math and working with numbers."

Jenna Carty has always enjoyed observing people. She hopes to study psychology at Albright College in Reading, PA. Chaz Carty, her father, gallops horses and found out about the scholarship program, which Jenna said will go towards reducing her student loans.



From left: Ron Abrams, Parx trainer and son Jack; Chaz Delp and father Gerald, assistant trainer to Anthony Dutrow; Kaitlyn Dougherty; Michelle, Jenna and Parx exercise rider Chaz Carty.



Full time backstretch employees or their dependents may apply for scholarships in adult or continuing education, as well as college or trade school.

Granny, as everyone at the track called her, was adamant about people improving their lives through education. Throughout her life, she talked to people about getting, continuing, and using their education. Through the Granny Youman's Scholarship Fund, our Parx family can improve their skills, gain a degree, or just work toward making their lives better.

For more information, or an application for a scholarship, check out the PTHA website www.patha.org, or see Connie Youmans in the PTHA office, or Chaplain Rick Bunker in the rec hall. Applications are accepted all year long, and students can re-apply every year.

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September 14, 2013

Feature: \$250,000 PTHA President's Cup

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of the lead hosts for the Triple Crown broadcast, will serve as the lead announcer for the broadcast. Pincay is also the son of Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. Joining him will be Mike Battaglia, a veteran of the NBC broadcast team who has covered numerous Triple Crown and Breeders Cup events as an analyst and reporter. Maggie Wolfendale, a member of the New York Racing Association Inc. broadcast team will join Battaglia in providing live coverage from the paddock and Winner's Circle.

Eclipse Award winning writer Dick Jerardi of the Philadelphia Daily News will join Pincay in the broadcast booth as the color analyst. Rounding out the broadcast team is NBC10 meteorologist Sheena Parveen, who will serve as a feature reporter for the Derby. The broadcast will re-air on The Comcast Network at 10 p.m. Saturday evening.

"Last year's races produced an electrifying stretch duel between the top two fillies in the country in the Cotillion, a rematch of the Travers dead-heat winners in the PA Derby, and eventual Breeders Cup Sprint winner and Eclipse Award Sprint Champion, Trinniberg, competing in the Gallant Bob," said Sal Sinatra, Director of Racing at Parx. "We're thrilled to see what excitement happens this year at Parx Racing."

"The Cotillion and Pennsylvania Derby are two of the premiere events in Pennsylvania horse racing," said Sal DeBunda, President of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horseman's Association, which represents owners and trainers who race at the track. "Marquee events like this enable us to showcase some of the nation's top talent in horseracing while building a stronger base of fans locally. This is a great day for Pennsylvania racing."



It is also a fun day for families. The traditional PA Derby/Cotillion baseball cap will be given away and the picnic area will be open with games, pony rides, face painting and horseshoe decorating, the latter with proceeds supporting Turning For Home, the PTHA's retirement program for racehorses..

Back in the winner's circle area between races, the third annual Parx Hall of Fame inductees will be presented with plaques. Past inductees are honored in the Hall of Fame room on the third floor grandstand. Many of the top horses which have raced at Keystone and Philadelphia Park can be seen in their winner's circle photos, while famous owners' colorful silks are displayed prominently. An entire wall is devoted to caricatures drawn by the reknowned racetrack artist, Peb.

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Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Rick Bunker

On that day HOLY TO THE LORD will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, and the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the sacred bowls in front of the altar.
- Zechariah 14:20 (NIV)

I cannot remember the last morning that a horse hasn't gotten loose for at least a few seconds. There are plenty of two year olds at the track right now. I am sure they represent more than their share of the loose horses. My emotions never fail to be inflicted with a fearful rush of a host of thoughts and feelings when I see a horse running with a saddle and no rider.

Memories through the years from childhood, concerns of what could happen, questions of why it happened this time, all at the same time, I am sure swim through all of our minds. In an idyllic pastoral setting, when a horse is unsaddled, to see a horse running swiftly and freely is a thing of inspiring beauty. Anywhere else, certainly where there is pavement, buildings, people, cars and the rail we shudder to think what the next moment holds. Even when a horse is not running way too fast, when all it is doing is slowly trotting and trying to find its way back to its barn, this can be dangerous for all and impossible for the horse to do without help. Who knows what the next moment holds? Will the horse suddenly charge or suddenly panic?

There are certainly plenty around who want to help these horses. Anyone around here would love to be the hero or heroine for a moment and return the horse and the bystanders to our previous positions of relative safety. It isn't easy, or safe, as we all know, to get the horse to see things that way. My admiration is full for the outriders and other 'cowboys' who help recover these horses day after day.

Sometimes I see a person and think that they are in as great of danger as one of our loose horses and putting others in danger as well. There are many around who want to help and are willing to help, it is not easy to get the loose person to receive the help. Sometimes animals exhibit better sense than humans. Jesus one day rode a colt that had never been ridden into a crowd that was celebrating loudly without the colt ever rearing up or reacting. Balaam's donkey saw danger

on the road ahead and refused to proceed though Balaam was nothing but infuriated with the donkey.

Late one night Jesus and His disciples were landing on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and one whom we know as the Gerasene Demoniac came running and screaming at them. To say this was a most frightening scene is to make a profound understatement. I will not describe the feats of strength and madness that this man was known for. The disciples were gladly relieved to have Jesus lead the way onto the shore. Jesus spoke to the man and healed him. People who saw the man speaking with Jesus shortly afterward could hardly believe that it was the same person. I say, could hardly believe, but they did recognize that he was the same man!

The differences, before and after, in this man were more stark than the differences in a horse with a master rider and the same horse in a frightful setting without a rider. The personality of the horse is the same, but there is a predication of quality that is evident to the most casual of observers. This is also the case when we let God take the reins of our life and guide us through dangers, disappointments, depressions and even derelictions.

I am running out of page so I will look to this song to speak volumes in the short space left. "**Jesus Take The Wheel**" may be considered a girl's song as it is about a lady and popularized by Carrie Underwood's singing but the message is sound advice for anyone. Here are some of the lyrics: *Jesus take the wheel / Take it from my hands / Cause I can't do this on my own / I'm letting go / So give me one more chance / Save me from this road I'm on / Jesus take the wheel / And for the first time in a long time / She bowed her head to pray / She said I'm sorry for the way / I've been living my life / I know I've got to change / So from now on tonight / Jesus take the wheel.*

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

9 Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. - Psalm 32:8-9



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RACEHORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Summer Fun at the PTHA's Independence Day Picnic

Each summer, the PTHA organizes three picnics for its backstretch workers and employees of Parx and their families. We welcome summer with the Memorial Day picnic, celebrate the Fourth of July with more food, fun and music, and a mechanical bull, and end the season with our Pig Roast. Every picnic includes games for the children, a DJ and dancing.

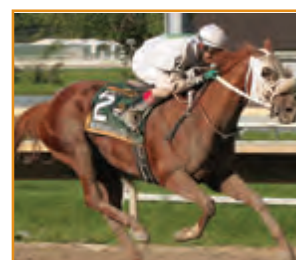
Ron's Backstretch Cafe supplies all the food, which includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, ice cream, watermelon, and of course, the Labor Day traditional roasted pig!



Crowds of over 300 trainers, barn workers, office employees and their families attend each gathering, with Chaplain Rick Bunker helping end the summer with a raffle to benefit the Chaplaincy.



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Backstretch Views



Congratulations

Susan and Sean Crowell are the proud parents of baseball "superstars" Evan and Ryan. Both boys helped their individual teams win championships earlier this summer, most recently 13-year-old Ryan, as pitcher in the tournament at Sports at the Beach in Rehoboth, DE.

The two day tourney started with 11 teams, Ryan also contributing a home run as his Valley AA team scored 16-3 over the Bel Air Braves in the finals.

Nine-year-old Evan helped his team to win a state championship earlier this season. Both boys attend St. Bede Catholic School in Holland, PA.

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Whitney Reid Fink, daughter of PTHA Board member Butch Reid and his wife and assistant trainer, Ginny, was married in Saratoga at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavillion on August 3rd. Whitney, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Wellesley last year, was accepted to medical school at Drexel earlier this summer, and will defer her admission until Fall, 2014. She and her husband, Kyle, will live in Bradford, PA after she finishes up her studies at Boston University's Medical Center. Her husband is an engineer who is currently working on the fracking project in PA for Slumberge, a French energy corporation.



Evan and Ryan Crowell (left) and team picture of Valley AA Baseball Team after winning the championship.



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of 24-year-old **Michelle Stemme**, who suddenly passed on August 7 following a tragic accident. She studied Criminal Justice at Kaplan University, and enjoyed her uncle's beach house, fishing and horses, and had recently been working for Lou Linder, Jr., where her father, Ed Stemme is assistant foreman.

Michelle leaves behind the love of her life, her two-year-old son, Hayden Miguel Baez. In addition to her father, she is survived by her mother, Colleen Stemme; and brother, Michael Stemme.

Mr. Stemme would like to thank the many friends among the backstretch workers who have shown their love for his daughter, especially Lou Linder, Peter Sheehan, the PTHA office, Luke Oberholtzer, and her many Facebook friends.

A trust fund has been set up for Hayden, with donations sent to the Michelle Stemme Benefit Memorial Fund for Hayden Baez, c/o Colleen Stemme, 230 Centre St., Apt. C1, Pennndel, PA 19047.

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On another sad note, Frank Turchi, Jr., longtime Parx trainer and former outrider at Keystone, lost his son, John, suddenly last month. John, who had been living with his father in Philadelphia, had been working as a welder, and leaves behind a five-year-old son.

Parx trainer John Scanlon, who is Frank's step-brother and grew up with the family, knew John very well. "He was a great kid and a good father," he said. "It is very sad, as the young man had a bright future."

More notes...

Our condolences to **Dr. Patricia Hogan** on the loss of her father, John Joseph Hogan, on August 8. Mr. Hogan, formerly of Edison, NJ, shared his love of golf by often accompanying his sons and daughter to the various equine charity golf tournaments. He was a regular visitor at Dr. Hogan's Equine Clinic at Fair Winds in Cream Ridge, NJ.

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Trainer **John Rodriguez** experienced a scare in mid-July when chest pains and indigestion turned out to be a heart attack. After a brief hospital stay and insertion of a stint, Rodriguez took just two weeks off and is back to work in Barn 5. He credits the PTHA's medical plan for its trainers for relieving him of the additional stress of paying for the expensive medication he must stay on for a full year. "Because of the PTHA and Mike Ballezzi, Blue Cross picked up all but \$50 of my meds, and Aetna paid the rest," he said. "I feel good, and it is great to be back in my stalls with my horses. The benefits plan here at Parx for its horsemen is the best in the country."

How Can Adopters Judge an OTTB to be the Best Horse for the Job?

Q & A with Dr. Yanik Gasiorowski

Mid Atlantic Equine Hospital, Ringoes, NJ



Dr. Gasiorowski graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 2007. Following graduation he completed an internship at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, followed by a 3 year surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. Dr. Gasiorowski's clinical interests include lameness diagnosis, nuclear scintigraphy, orthopedic and upper respiratory surgery. More recently, he has been focusing on the development of surgical techniques in the standing (not anesthetized) horse.

On a more personal note, he has a growing interest in the transitioning of Thoroughbred racehorses to second careers. He recently helped Rockisland Express, a TFFH retiree, overcome a serious bone infection which could have cost the gelding his life.

He, Dr. Pete Bousum, and the Mid A staff are a major part of the success stories of Turning For Home. Program Administrator Barbara Luna recently corralled the ultra-busy Dr. G. to talk about Off-Track-Thoroughbreds.

How did you become interested in the transitioning of OTTBs to new careers?

The Thoroughbred itself! The breed is versatile and supremely athletic. The horses' inherently competitive nature lends itself perfectly to performance arenas of all kinds. If, instead of seeing the product of a failed racing career, people could see the huge potential of these athletes in other lines of work, it would directly benefit these horses. They can run, they can jump, they can perform, and to throw some subjectivity in there, they look damn good doing it!

What is the biggest misconception that people have about former racehorses?



I hear it said that the breed is misunderstood, and it may be, but I think the biggest misconception is about the racing industry. Most adopters are non-racetrackers and form their opinions of the industry from fodder provided by the media, which is usually blown way out of proportion.

A Thoroughbred in race training can be an intimidating sight. They are extremely fit creatures with boundless energy and a defined purpose: they want to run. A patient adopter can harness this force and direct it quite effectively toward a new goal.

Thoroughbreds are extremely adaptable. With time, care, consistency and a new environment, they change. If you'll permit an analogy: a Division 1 college athlete does not mellow into the maturity and dependability of "real life" on the day of graduation.

How can an adopter begin to evaluate a horse's racetrack injuries for his new career in another discipline?

This is tough ground to cover in generalizations. The same issue that would be a non-issue for an event horse may be damning for a dressage prospect. It's not just the level in which they are to perform, it is how they use their bodies. This is a hugely important topic, so here are some insights:

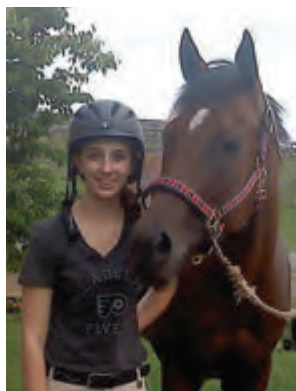
- Any metal that appears on a radiograph tends to freak adopters out, when in fact, most of it should not. (photo at right shows 2 screws to repair a condylar fracture)
- Small issues with high motion joints (like knees) seem like small problems, but are not.
- Massive issues with low motion joints look awful, but in fact good solutions exist.
- Upper airways can end a racing career but either become non-issues or can be satisfactorily treated for a non-racing athlete. Consult a surgeon before passing the horse up.
- Tendon and ligament injuries must be assessed on a case by case basis.
- There are few things that enough time cannot heal.



What can we do to better educate potential adopters about Thoroughbred aftercare? One idea we had was to bring small groups of potential adopters to the track during morning hours to see what the horses do on a daily basis. What do you think?

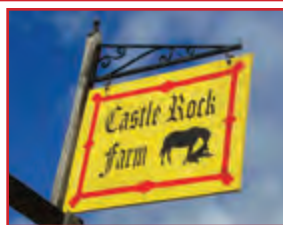
If it flies with the trainers, I'd love to be involved!

Turning For HomePage



The Latest on Some TFH Graduates

Top left: TFH gave **Michaela's Candi** 6 months off for a knee injury before she was retrained and adopted through Castle Rock Farm; **Run For Fun** gets wolf teeth removed by equine dentist Katelyn Duncan at After the Races; **Taylor Island** found that special home through Ivy Hill Farm. Bottom left: **Howmuchthebestishe** was castrated and had a condylar fracture repaired by Dr. Jen Smith at NJ Equine Clinic and was given even more time off for a bowed tendon. Lisa Molloy currently is reschooling him in VA; **Isn't She Sweet** looks like a natural on the cross country course with her adopter Julie Walden Howard.



The Castle Rock Farm & Turning For Home Team is Going Strong!

Peter Giangulio and farm manager June Hillman and her crew at Castle Rock Farm jumped on board with Turning For Home nearly seven months ago, and the results are amazing. At right is the first mare they ever adopted for us--Forest Machi, aka Cricket. She's looking good in her new life with her adopter, Jess Lokken!

Thanks, June, for all you do. We are so happy for that "chance" meeting with Peter. It must have been fate!



When the PTHA's Turning For Home opened its doors for the Parx retirees in May 2008, we not only promised the horsemen that we'd help their horses into new careers, but that we'd work as hard as we could to prevent any of them from ever ending up at slaughter, whether it was a week after they left Parx, or years after they'd retired.

Aside from keeping complete records, including photos and veterinary evaluations of all 950 horses, we also keep copies of the foal papers which note every white marking and cowlick as well as the prominent tattoos on the inside of a horse's upper lip. Recently, **Genie's Speed**, a 3-year-old filly who had been in training but was retired unraced, was found to be untattooed.

With very few white markings on her bay coat, she would have been impossible to identify if she inadvertently ended up at auction or neglected. Parx Horse Identifier Tommy Weinhardt stepped up to the plate!



Tom Weinhardt first compares the description of **Genie's Speed** on her foal papers to the filly herself, making sure he will be tattooing the correct horse. Using a twitch-like restraint, he flips the filly's lip, drying it in preparation for the tattoo ink. Each letter or number has its own tool with a pattern of needles, and when dipped in black ink, pressed into the skin, and wiped clean, **Genie** can now be identified by the letter N (for 2010, her year of birth), followed by five numbers. Her registration # is 1021075.

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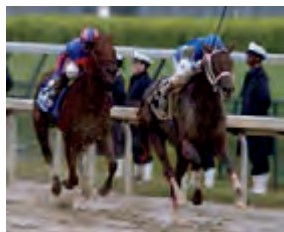
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