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## **The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Grants The Exceller Fund \$1500 for Geriatric Horse Care**

Lexington, KY – The Exceller Fund (TEF) recently announced that the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) has awarded a grant of \$1500 for the care of two geriatric equines in the care of the organization.

“When TEF takes a horse into our program, it is a lifetime commitment,” said Volunteer Executive Director, Nicole Smith. “We are thrilled to have the support of the Brennan Equine Welfare Fund.”



**The Exceller Fund's 25 year old Stone Master at Circle E Ranch in Oklahoma. A 2013 Brennan Equine Welfare grant recipient.**

TEF focuses on Racing Warriors, horses that have spent years on the track (and have at least 50 starts). They are often much older when they retire from racing than most. These horses are also often less appealing to potential adopters due to “wear and tear” from long racing careers. In addition, TEF adopts horses under a lifetime contract which means horses can come back to the organization at any time for any reason.

“Horses come back from adoption from time to time, plain and simple,” Smith commented, “We do our best to place horses in forever homes, but circumstances change. TEF offers every horse a lifetime safety net when it comes into our program and we intend to uphold our promise to protect them. However, they are usually significantly older and harder to place when they come back.”

There is no doubt geriatric horses require additional care and in 2012 the Golden Years Fund was created in honor of Verifiable, a son of Secretariat, a rescue taken in by TEF at the age of 27 to assist with this. Approximately twenty percent of TEF's herd is 20 years old and over.

<http://www.excellerfund.org/goldenyears.html>