



“When The Exceller Fund was asked to help a geriatric Thoroughbred stallion who had been living in the confines of a barn and only moved from one stall to another for years, our first reaction was, ‘We’ve got to get him out of there,’” said Nicole Smith, volunteer executive director of the organization. While The Exceller Fund does care for several geriatric Thoroughbreds, this is not a typical project for the group which generally focuses on horses coming directly off of the track.

“We couldn’t just walk away from a horse in this situation,” Smith continued, “We were skeptical about the horse’s identity, but compelled to forge ahead to get him re-located regardless of who he was. As far as we were concerned, he was just an old Thoroughbred stallion in a very bad spot and he needed our assistance.”

His identity has now been confirmed. He was not a big earner at the track, he has sired only a few Thoroughbred foals, and his whereabouts prior to the past six years is uncertain. His name is Verifiable and he was foaled in Kentucky in 1985. He is believed to be one of the oldest living stallions by Secretariat.

Bringing this horse back home to Kentucky would not have been made possible without the help of Sallee Horse Vans, Inc. dispatching a single rig for Verifiable’s private transport with a staff member experienced in stallion handling, and KESMARC in Versailles, KY where he will be spending his first few weeks for further evaluation and initial rehab. Due to the intensive care he requires after being stalled and having received limited farrier care during the last six years, he will be seen by a variety of equine professionals during his stay. Horsemen and veterinarians recently involved with this project have not considered him a candidate for euthanasia, just in need of some special care.



Verifiable is embarking on this new journey at the age of 27. “We are prepared to provide Verifiable with the required care he needs to not only get him back to an appropriate body condition, but also to get him properly acclimated to being turned out,” Smith says. Following his initial rehab, this stallion will begin spending his remaining years enjoying sunshine and green grass in Paris, KY.

In Verifiable’s honor, The Exceller Fund has created the Golden Years Fund to help him and other geriatric Thoroughbreds receive the specialized care older horses need.

www.excellerfund.org/goldenyears.html

The Exceller Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 4237
Lexington, KY 40544

Photo taken at KESMARC while Verifiable investigated his new surroundings