



TAA Announces Accreditation of 40 Organizations

November 5, 2019: (Lexington, KY): The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance announced today that 40 Thoroughbred aftercare organizations have been awarded accreditation effective immediately.

The list of 40 organizations includes 32 that were reaccredited and eight that received accreditation for the first time. The TAA, the only accrediting body in Thoroughbred aftercare, now has a network of 74 organization with approximately 160 facilities in North America.

“Congratulations to the aftercare organizations that earned TAA accreditation this year,” TAA President Mike Meuser said. “The process isn’t easy, and every accredited organization should be proud to reach these high standards of operation.”

The 40 organizations that received accreditation this year are: ACTT Naturally, After the Homestretch, After the Track, Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue, Beyond the Roses, Blue Bloods Thoroughbred Adoption and Placement, Brook Hill Retirement Center for Horses, CANTER California, Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Equine Encore Foundation, Equine Rescue of Aiken, Florida TRAC, Hope After Racing Thoroughbreds, Horse and Hound Rescue Foundation, Kentucky Equine Adoption Center, Life Horse Inc. at Breezy Hill, LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society, LOPE Texas, Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, Maker’s Mark Secretariat Center, New Beginnings Thoroughbreds, New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society, New Vocations, Old Friends, Peaceful Ridge Rescue for Horses, Racing for Home, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, ReRun, Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue, Second Wind Thoroughbred Project, South Florida SPCA, The Exceller Fund, Thoroughbred Placement Resources, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, United Pegasus Foundation, and Win Place Home.

TAA-accredited organizations undergo a thorough application and inspection process prior to accreditation being awarded to ensure they meet the TAA’s Code of Standards, which covers five key areas: operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. Facility inspections are conducted at all facilities housing Thoroughbreds for each organization. Ongoing updates and re-inspections are required of all organizations as a condition of TAA accreditation.

Initially organizations will be re-accredited every other year, with intervening random inspections to ensure that the TAA’s Code of Standards is consistently upheld.

All organizations that hold TAA accreditation are eligible to receive financial grants to support the care of their Thoroughbreds. Grant applications are currently being reviewed and the total grant amount awarded by the TAA will be announced this month. To date, the TAA has awarded almost \$14 million to accredited organizations.

The full list of 74 organizations, information about the accreditation process, and TAA's Code of Standards can be found on ThoroughbredAftercare.org.

About the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance

Based in Lexington, Ky., the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that accredits, inspects, and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations to retrain, rehome, and retire Thoroughbreds using industry-wide funding. Along with continued funding from its original partners Breeders' Cup, The Jockey Club, and Keeneland Association, the TAA is supported by owners, trainers, breeders, racetracks, aftercare professionals, and other industry members. Since inception in 2012, the TAA has granted more than \$13.8 million to accredited aftercare organizations. Currently 74 aftercare organizations supporting approximately 160 facilities across North America have been granted accreditation. To learn more about the TAA, visit ThoroughbredAftercare.org.

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