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NYS Gaming Commission to host Retired Racehorse Meeting on August 29 to discuss research & developments in responsible aftercare

The New York State Gaming Commission will host a meeting focused on the issue of retired racehorses on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at Empire State College (111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY). The public meeting, a follow up to the previous two years' successful events, will continue the Commission's efforts to drive attention and resources to racehorse retirement.

The event will feature a discussion of the Commission's ongoing study to locate New York-bred Thoroughbreds that have not raced since 2012. It will also include updates and recent developments from industry leaders, including the [Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance](#) (TAA) and several TAA-accredited organizations working in the state.

Last year, [the Commission debuted a film highlighting the importance of responsible aftercare in New York State](#). The film is now required-viewing for any owner, trainer or assistant trainer seeking licensure or renewal in New York State.

[Old Friends at Cabin Creek](#), a TAA-accredited organization, recently honored the Commission for its "commitment to our horses through support of Aftercare" at its annual "After the Race" dinner on August 6 in Saratoga Springs.

"We are honored to be recognized by Old Friends for our efforts, which would not be possible without the great work of their organization and many others across New York State," said Commission Acting Executive Director Ronald Ochrym. "Our meeting on August 29 underscores New York State's ongoing commitment to responsible aftercare. We hope to provide a platform for these organizations to discuss improvements and challenges in aftercare, in the hopes of driving more attention and resources to the important work they do. We are committed to ensuring safe homes for the race horses – both Thoroughbred and Standardbred - that do so much for all of us."

The event is free and open to the public.

WHO: The New York State Gaming Commission & Horse Racing Aftercare Industry Leaders

WHAT: Meeting to discuss racehorse retirement and aftercare

WHEN: Tuesday, August 29, 2017, 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Empire State College
111 West Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY

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