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HOCHUL HOCHUL DINAPOLI.

>>> GOOD MORNING THANK YOU FOR
COMING TO TODAY'S RETIREMENT
MEETING.

MY NAME IS ROBERT WILLIAMS AND I
WORK WITH THE COMMISSION.

LAST YEAR WITH THE SIGNIFICANT
ASSISTANCE OF JOK KNOWLTON,
COMMISSION STAFF CONDUCTED ITS
FIRST RETIRED RACEHORSE SUMMIT.

THOSE OF YOU PRESENT LAST YEAR
KNOW THE STORY.

JACK CAME TO MY OFFICE IN
SCHENECTADY, AND THROUGH THE
REPORT FROM THE NEW YORK TASK
FORCE ON RETIRED HORSES, THREW
IT ON MY DESK.

KNOWLTON, WHO HAD SERVED ON THE
TASK FORCE, ASKED BUT A SINGLE
QUESTION.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE LATELY?

IT WAS A GOOD QUESTION, BECAUSE
THE ISSUE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY
OF HORSES WAS SO IMPORTANT TO

MEMBERS OF THE GAMING COMMISSION
THAT THEY INCLUDED THAT
SENTIMENT IN OUR MISSION
STATEMENT.

IN FACT, THE COMMISSION AND ITS
PREDECESSOR HAVE LONG PROFESSED
THAT RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF
THE HORSE INCLUDES FACTORING IN
THE ENTIRE LIFE CYCLE AND
ENSURING THAT THESE ATHLETES
HAVE VIABLE OPTIONS ONCE THEIR
RACING CAREERS ARE OVER.

TO THAT END WE'VE BROUGHT
ACTIONS AGAINST RACING LICENSES
OF OWNERS WHO HAVE NEGLECTED
THEIR HORSES OR OTHERWISE
MISTREATED THEIR CHARGES.

COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT IN
AFTERCARE IS A BIT OF A
CONUNDRUM, OUR JURISDICTION OVER
A RACEHORSE ENDS WHEN IT LEAVES
TRAINING AND IS RETIRED.

THE COMMISSION HAS LITTLE
ABILITY TO DRIVE REVENUE TO
RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, WE DO,

HOWEVER, HAVE AN ABILITY TO
RAISE PROFILE ON THIS IMPORTANT
SUBJECT.

I THINK WE WERE SOMEWHAT
SUCCESSFUL LAST YEAR BY HOSTING
THE FORUM WHICH SERVED TO
HIGHLIGHT ISSUES THAT SURROUND
RACEHORSE AFTERCARE, IDENTIFY
AND HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE
POSITIVE THINGS THAT OCCURRED IN
THE PAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS
SINCE THE TASK FORCE ISSUED ITS
REPORT AND TRIED TO IDENTIFY
SOME OF THE CHALLENGES AND
SOLUTIONS TO PROMOTING
RESPONSIBLE AFTERCARE.

SINCE LAST YEAR'S MEETING, JACK
LEE PARK AND I HAVE MET ON
NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS
THE STATUS OF RESEARCH WE
STARTED TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE
LOCATION OF NEW YORK-BRED HORSES
THAT HAVE LEFT THE RACETRACK AND
TO DISCUSS A PROJECT THAT WE
THINK WILL ALSO RAISE AWARENESS.

I WAS GOING TO START OFF WITH
THE SCREENING OF THIS BUT I WANT
TO MAKE A PARTICULAR DELEGATION
OF THE MICROPHONE TO SOMEONE
HERE BECAUSE HE'S GOT A LOT OF
DIFFERENT THING TOES TO DO.
WE'RE IN THE TAIL END OF THE
SARATOGA RACING SEASON BUT LAST
YEAR WE HAD THE DIRECTOR OF
RACING OPERATION FROM IRA MARTIN
PANSA AND HE MITTED NYRA \$5 PER
START TO THE THOROUGHBRED
AFTERCARE ALLIANCE SUBJECT TO
BOARD APPROVAL.
SINCE THEN THE BOARD APPROVED
THAT COMMITMENT AND COMMENCED
THAT PROCESS.
TODAY WE HAVE THE PRESIDENT AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION WHO
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A QUICK
COUPLE OF REMARKS RELATIVE TO
AFTERCARE.
MR. CHRIS KETT.
>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

VERY NICE TO GIVE ME APPLAUSE

BUT WHEN WE STARTED THIS

MEETING, ROB STARTED SPEAKING.

WE WANT TO EXPRESSION OUR JOB

FOR A JOB EXTREMELY WELL DONE

DAY IN AND DAY OUT BY ROB

WILLIAMS.

[APPLAUSE]

AND I DOUBT THAT MARTIN WOULD

THINK OF THIS AS AN UPGRADE.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO

SPEAK AND LET ME DO IT AT THIS

POINT IN TIME.

JOE LAMBERT GENERAL COUNSEL AND

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AS

WELL AS BILL McCARTHY, OUR

TOERPZ ARE HERE TODAY AND WILL

BE HERE FOR THE DURATION OF THIS

MEETING.

I WANT TO MENTION THREE NYRA

INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT RACE

AFTERCARE PROGRAMS.

AS ROB MENTIONED ON THE

SEPTEMBER 1st, 2015 NEW YORK
CITY GAMING COMMISSION SUMMIT,
ON RACEHORSE AFTERCARE NYRA
COMMITTED TO DONATE \$5 PER START
AT THREE TRACKS TO THE
THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE,
THE TAA.

NYRA IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH
THE TAA, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION TO CREATE
SUSTAINING FUNDED FOR ACCREDITED
AFTERCARE ORGANIZATIONS
INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THOSE IN
NEW YORK.

THE ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK
THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY THE TAA
ARE THE IKENDALE NOR ROW BRED,
EQUINE ADVOCATES, THOROUGHBRED
ADOPTION PROGRAM IN FARMINGTON,
THE RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE AND
CARE FOR EQUINES OR RACE FUND IN
GOSHEN, OLD FRIENDS IN
GREENFIELD CENTER AND RERUN HERE
IN THIS AREA.

THERE MAY BE TWO OTHERS UNDER

CONSIDERATION RIGHT NOW.

FUNDING OR LACK OF IT HAS BEEN A
CONSISTENT THEME OF RACEHORSE
AFTERCARE.

THERE'S BEEN UNIVERSAL PRAISE
FOR THE TAA'S GRANT-BASED MODEL
FOR ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS.

AS PART OF NYRA'S 2016 BUDGET
THE BOARD COMMITTED TO MATCHING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TAA IN
2016.

\$5 PER START.

AS OF THIS POINT IN TIME WE HAVE
PAID \$41,250 TO THE TAA WHEN WE
EXPECT TO PAY APPROXIMATELY
\$80,000 TO \$100,000 BY YEAR'S
END.

NYR'S COMMITMENT IS IN LINE WITH
THAT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

IN 2014 NYSA BEGAN \$5 PER STATE
AND 2015 KEENLAND AND CHURCHILL
DOWNS MARCHED THE KENTUCKY
HORSEMAN'S BENEVOLENT PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO FUNDING.

THAT IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT
INITIATIVES.

IN ADDITION TO FUNDING WE ALSO
TRY TO SHINE A BRIGHT LIGHT ON
AFTERCARE CHARITIES.

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOOTH,
WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE
JOCKEY SOAK ROOM AND ACROSS FROM
THE SARATOGA WALK OF FAME
PROVIDES ONE NOT-FOR-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION PER DAY WITH AN
EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO SBRER
ACTIVE THOUSANDS OF GUEST WHO
VISIT THE RACE COURSE, ABLE TO
SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR
WORK AND HOST FUND-RAISING
INITIATIVES THAT DAY AND EVERY
ORGANIZATION THAT HAS UTILIZED
THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN
EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE RULS.

IN 2015, FIVE THOROUGHBRED
AFTERCARE CHARITIES APPEARED AT
THE SARATOGA RACE COURSE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOOTH
INCLUDING THE AFTERCARE

CONTINUED THOROUGHBRED TRAINING
OR A.C.T. NATURALLY, HEADING FOR
HOME, OLD FRIENDS AT CABIN
CREEK, RERUN THOROUGHBRED
ADOPTION, AND THE THOROUGHBRED
RETIREMENT FOUNDATION.

THIS YEAR WE HOSTED THE
THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE,
AIKENDALE THOROUGHBRED RESCUE
AND THE THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT
FOUNDATION IN OUR COMMUNITY
OUTREACH BOOTH AND THEY WILL
HOST RERUB AUTHOR REBRED
ADOPTION AGAIN THIS YEAR ON
SEPTEMBER 2nd.

THE WAY WE TRY ASSIST THE CAUSE
IS PARTICIPATING IN THE HAMDEN
CLASSIC HORSE SHOW.

WE ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS YEAR
OUR INTENTION IS TO MATCH ALL
PRIZE MONDAY WON BY AMERICAN
THOROUGHBREDS ON OPENING DAY
INCLUDING ALL LOCAL HUNTER
DIVISION, THE \$10,000 MARTYRS
LOCAL HUNTER DERBY AND THE

\$30,000 SPEED CHALLENGE.

NOW HORSE IS CONSIDERED LOCAL IF
IT HAS BEEN STABLED ON LONG
ISLAND AT LEAST 75 DAYS SINCE
JANUARY 1st.

JOCKEY CLUB CERTIFICATE, LIP
TATTOO, LETTER OF IDENTIFICATION
OR TIP CARD IS ACCEPTED PROOF OF
BREED.

SO THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS
PARTNERSHIP IS TO PROMOTE THE
BREED AND INCENTIVIZE PEOPLE SO
THAT THOROUGHBREDS CAN HAVE A
SECOND CAREER AFTER THE
RACETRACK.

THOSE ARE THE THREE WAYS WE HAD
TRIED TO RESPOND TO THE
QUESTION, AND TO LAST YEAR'S
CONFERENCE.

FIRST, FUNDING.

ANYWHERE FROM \$80,000 TO
\$100,000 THIS YEAR AND PROMOTING
A SECOND CAREER FOR THESE
WONDERFUL EQUINE ATHLETES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND

FOR PERMITTING ME TO SPEAK AT
THIS TIME.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHRIS.

WE APPRECIATE NYRA'S ATTENTION
TO THIS ISSUE.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE RACE
TRACKS IN NEW YORK STATE TAKE
THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY HAVE
TO DO SOMETHING FOR AFTERCARE
AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE HORSES
ARE JUST NOT THERE FOR A LIMITED
AMOUNT OF TIME BUT NEED TO BE
TAKEN CARE OF AND ADREMSSED OVER
THE COURSE OF THEIR LIFETIME.

AGAIN I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING
TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE
ON THAT.

WHAT I PLAN ON DOING HERE IS
WITH LEE PARK'S ASSISTANCE WE'RE
GOING TO START WITH AN AWARENESS
ITEM WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, THEN
JACK IS GOING TO RUN THROUGH
WHAT HE'S LEARNED AND WHAT WE'VE
LEARNED AND HOW WE'VE ATTEMPTED

TO LOCATE THESE RETIRED NEW YORK
BREDS AND THEN MOST APPROPRIATE
TO DISCUSS IDEAS AND CONCEPTS
FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

AS I MENTIONED ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS, RETIRED RACEHORSES IS
NOT A GOVERNMENT SOLUTION.

WE CAN HELP RAISE AWARENESS AND
DO A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT THINGS
AND I'M LOOKING TO GET IDEAS
FROM THE INTERESTED PARTIES HERE
AS TO WHERE WE CAN HELP.

THAT WILL BE PARTIALLY MODERATED
BY PETER MARCHETTI, ONE OF OUR
GAMING COMMISSIONERS AND
SARATOGA SPRINGS.

LAST MONTH THE COMMISSION WILL
REQUIRE ALL APPLICANTS WITH OWN
ARE OR TRAINERS LICENSES OR
LICENSED RENEWALS VERIFY THEY
WATCHED A SHORT VIDEO ABOUT
AFTERCARE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT
WILL BE EMBEDDED IN THE
COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.

WF A CONCEPT THERE WILL BE

ULTIMATELY TWO VERSIONS, ONE SAY
LONG FORM VIDEO THAT WILL GO
INTO SOME DEPTH REGARDING
AFTERCARE AND THE CHALLENGES IT
FACES.

THE OTHER A SHORT TERM VIDEO
THAT LICENSES AND PROSPECTIVE
LICENSES HAVE TO WATCH IN ORDER
TO GET A RACING LICENSE OR
RENEWAL BEGINNING WITH CALENDAR
YEAR 2017.

IT'S NOT MUCH BUT IT'S A START
IN RAISING AND IN TURN WE HOPE
GETTING PEOPLE TO ACCEPT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ABMALS IN
THIS INDUSTRY THAT HAVE GIVEN US
SO MUCH ENJOYMENT.

SO I THINK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
DO TODAY IS SCREEN THE FIRST CUT
OF THE LONGER VIDEO.

I DO WANT TO MENTION THAT WE
HAVE STACY CLARK ROGERS ON THE
PHONE, SO IF YOU HEAR A
DISEMBODIED VOICE COMING FROM
THE LECTURN, THAT'S HER,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE.
SHE COULDN'T BE HERE IN PERSON
BUT WANTED TO PARTICIPATE AND WE
APPRECIATE THAT.

LEE?

>> NEW YORK STATE HORSE RACE
SOMETHING AMONG THE ABOUTEST IN
THE WORLD, THE BEST OWNER ANSWER
TRAIPEERS, THE BEST JOCKEYS AND
DRIVERS, THE BEST VENUES AND
FANS, AND OF COURSE, THE BEST
HORSES.

HI, I'M LARRY COLMUS FROM THE
NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION AND
I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU HOW WE TAKE
CARE OF THESE HORSES IN NEW
YORK.

HORSE RACING INDUSTRY IS LIKE NO
OTHER.

PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
STRIVE TO BE A PART OF THIS
STORIED TRADITION, AND ONCE THEY
EXPERIENCE IT, THEY'RE OFTEN
HOOKED.

>> I GOT INTO IT BECAUSE I
REALLY LIKED DRINKING AND
GAMBLING, AND THAT WAS THE
BEGINNING OF IT.

I THOUGHT IF I WENT TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT HORSES, I WOULD
BECOME A BETTER GAMBLER.

THAT WASN'T TRUE.

I APPRENTICED MYSELF OUT TO A
BOTTOM TRAINING AT SUFFOLK DOWNS
AND WORKED THERE FOR TWO YEARS
EVERY MORNING AND BEFORE I WENT
TO MY REGULAR JOB AS A WRITER
FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE I WOULD GO
TO BARN SEVEN AT SUFFOLK DOWNS
EVERY MORNING AT 7:00, GET THERE
BY 7:00 AND WORK UNTIL 8:30 AND
THEN GO TO "THE GLOBE."

IT WAS LIKE I HAD THIS SECRET
IDENTITY.

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, DIDN'T
IMPROVE MY HANDICAP BUT I
FOUNDED A LOVE POUR HORSES.

>> HE FOUNDED A RETIREMENT HOME
FOR THOROUGHBRED HORSES.

TODAY HIS FACILITIES IN KENTUCKY
AND SARATOGA SPRINGS ARE HOME TO
MORE THAN 160 HORSES WHOSE RACES
DAYS ARE BEHIND THEM.

>> THESE ARE GREAT ATHLETES AND
THEY DESERVE EVERYTHING WE
POSSIBLY CAN GIVE THEM WHEN
THEY'RE RACING AND RETIRED.

>> ONE OF SEVERAL VIABLE PLACES
THE HORSES CAN GO ONCE THEIR
DAYS ARE OVER.

ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS NEW YORK
WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THEY
HAVE SECOND CAREERS, ADOPTION OR
RETIREMENT AT FACILITIES ALL
WITH THE GOAL OF PROMOTING
RESPONSIBLE RETIREMENT AND
AFTERCARE OF RACEHORSES.

PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE OWNER, TRAINER AND OTHER
CONNECTIONS IS TO UNDERSTAND THE
LIFE CYCLE OF THE HORSE.

RACEHORSES ARE FOALD, RAISED,
TRAINED AND BEGIN THEIR RACING
CAREERS BY THE AGE OF 2.

THEY HAVE AN AVERAGE LIFESPAN OF 30 YEARS, MOST OF WHICH OCCUR WELL AFTER THEIR RACING CAREERS END.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE RACEHORSE'S LIFE IS REFERRED TO AS THE FOAL OR WEANLING STAGE.

1 YEAR OF AGE THE YEARLING STAGE WHERE TRAINING BEGINS.

BY THE AGE OF 2 BOTH THOROUGHBREDS AND STANDARD BREDS ARE RACING.

THE THOROUGHBRED ON AVERAGE RACES UNTIL THE AGE OF 7.

THE STANDARD BRED USUALLY RACES UNTIL THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF 15.

15 TO 23 YEARS OF A RACEHORSE'S LIFE IS SPENT OFF THE TRACK, BUT DURING THE HORSE'S RACING CAREER, DIET, NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ARE CRUCIAL, AND CLOSELY MONITORED BY PROFESSIONALS.

HORSES ARE TYPICALLY GIVEN SMALL

MEALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO
REDUCE RISK OF COLIC AND ULCERS.

THE SKELETON OF THE HORSE IS
TRACKED REGULARLY BY USE OF
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING TO CATCH
EARLY INJURIES AND GROWTH
DEFECTS.

ATTENTION TO THE BONES, AND
JOINTS IS MONITORING EXTENSIVELY
DURING AND AFTER TRAINING TO
ENSURE THE HORSE'S SAFETY AND
HEALTH.

PART OF BEING A RESPONSIBLE
HORSE OWNER IS SIMPLY BE
INVOLVED.

>> LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF
THIS HORSE AND INCREASE YOUR
ENJOYMENT OF THE SPORT.

IF YOU'RE JUST GOING ON THE RACE
SATURDAY AND HOPE TO GET YOUR
PICTURE TAKEN IN A WINNER'S
CIRCLE.

IT'S HAPPENED TO ME A COUPLE OF
TIMES BUT EVEN MORE THAN THAT
IT'S FUN TO COME TO THE BARN IN

THE MORNING, SEE THE HORSE.

YOU MIGHT IRRITATE THE TRAINER A
LITTLE BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT,
HE'S YOUR HORSE, IRRITATE THE
TRAINER.

>> SPEAKING OF TRAINERS, NICK
ZITO IS A HALL OF FAME TRAINER
AND LIFELONG NEW YORKER WHO GOES
EXTRA LENGTHS TO ENSURE HORSES
UNDER HIS CARE END UP IN SAFE
PLACES AFTER THEY LEAVE THE
TRACK.

>> I THINK A RACEHORSE IS NOT
ONLY A PERSONAL INVESTMENT, A
FINANCIAL INVESTMENT, BUT IT'S
DEFINITELY A PERSONAL
INVESTMENT.

>> NICK'S STABLE EMPLOYS A
UNIQUE APPROACH.
HE PUTS STICKERS ON THE FOAL
PAPERS IDENTIFYING HIS STABLE SO
THAT FUTURE OWNERS HAVE
SOMEWHERE TO TURN TO TO MAKE
SURE THE HORSE ENDS UP IN A SAFE
HOME.

>> PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND
SOMETIMES, THEY THINK I BOUGHT
THE HORSE, I DIDN'T DO ANY GOOD,
I DIDN'T GET LUCKY LIKE THEY
SAY, IT'S A BAD INVESTMENT, SO
BE IT.

WELL THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

WHERE DO THOSE ANIMALS GO?

WHAT HAPPENS?

IT'S A BREATHING, LIVING THING.

IT'S NOT MACHINERY.

MOST PEOPLE TELL YOU WHEN YOU'RE
IN BUSINESS, YOU HAVE A PIECE OF
MACHINERY, IT DOESN'T WORK, I
GET RID OF IT.

WELL, YOU HAVE, AGAIN, I'LL SAY
IT A MILLION TIMES, A PERSONAL.

>> JACK KNOWLTON WHICH OWNS
KENTUCKY FUNNYCIDE WORKED ON A
STATE TASK FORCE TO STUDY WHERE
HORSES ENDED UP AFTER RACING.

>> THERE REALLY WAS NOT ANY
THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO WHAT
HAPPENED TO HORSES THAT DIDN'T
MAKE IT ON THE RACETRACK OR

DIDN'T CONTINUE THEIR RACING
CAREER.

STANDARD BRED CAN SEE RACE UNTIL
THEY'RE 14 YEARS OLD AND I HAVE
A LOT OF STANDARD BREDS THAT ARE
RACING UNTIL THEY'RE 9 OR 10 OR
OLDER.

WE HAD A SITUATION BACK WHEN I
WAS INVOLVED THAT THERE WERE AN
AWFUL LOT OF TIMES WHERE THE
HORSES WOULD JUST LEAVE, PEOPLE
WOULD PAY \$300, \$500 FOR THEM,
AND WE FORGOT ABOUT IT.

THINGS HAVE CHANGED A LOT NOW,
AND I THINK PARTICULARLY ON THE
THOROUGHBRED SIDE IT'S AN AWFUL
LOT OF INTEREST AND COMMITMENT
ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRY TO
MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO BAD
ENDINGS FOR THE THOROUGHBREDS.

>> AS MORE ATTENTION HAS BEEN
BROUGHT TO EQUINE AFTERCARE,
MORE RESOURCES HAVE COME WITH
IT.

FOR SMALLER AFTERCARE

OPERATIONS, HOWEVER, IT'S ALL
HANDS ON DECK TO TAKE CARE OF
THESE RETIRED ATHLETES.

KELTY HOLT FROM SUNSHINE HORSES
IN CENTRAL NEW YORK FULLY
UNDERSTANDS THIS.

>> TAKES A VILLAGE, A TOWN, AND
A CITY.

WE ARE 100% VOLUNTEER BASED.

WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 75
TO 100 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS, THEY
COME IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON
WHEN IT'S 100 OUT, 20 BELOW
ZERO, TO DO THE FEEDING AND TO
DO THE MUCKING OF THE STALLS.

OUR ACTUAL EMAIL VOLUNTEERS ARE
ABOUT 350.

>> FOR THESE FARMS TO SUCCEED
THEY NEED HELP FROM WITHIN AND
BEYOND THE INDUSTRY.

>> WE GET A LOT OF OUR MOSTLY
MONEY ON SPONSORSHIPS, AND WHEN
I SAY SPONSORSHIP, IT'S THAT
CERTAIN HORSES HAVE SPONSORS
THAT PAY \$75 TO \$200 FOR THE

CARE OF THAT ANIMAL, THAT'S
WHERE WE GET A MAJORITY OF IT.
AROUND KRIS TIME A LOT OF PEOPLE
GIVE IN-KIND GIFTS.

WE HAVE A FUND-RAISING, HUGE
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND WE GET A
LOT OF MONEY AND THE TRACKS
SUPPORT IT SOMEWHAT.

BUT EVERYTHING IS BASICALLY MOM
AND DAD WRITING CHECKS FOR
BIRTHDAY PARTIES THEY HAVE HERE
AND I WRITE CHECKS, I SPONSOR A
HORSE MONTHLY, WHERE WE GET A
LOT OF OUR MONEY.

NOTHING ELSE COMES BUT 100%
DONATIONS.

>> LISA MALLOY RUNS THOROUGHBRED
IN EAST GREENBUSH.

>> EVEN IF YOU SEND JUST \$200 OR
\$3 HUB IT'S BETTER THAN RUNNING
A HORSE INTO THE GROUND.

UNDER SUCH A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS
I THINK.

THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD DO IS
START A SOCIAL SECURITY OR

401(k) FOR YOUR HORSE.

WHEN THEY GO TO THE SALE AND THE
MONEY IS FLOWING NOW, THE HORSE
IS 2 YEARS OLD, DERBY PROSPECT,
THEY'RE PUTTING A LOT OF MONEY
ON THE WELL-BRED HORSES.

TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT AND
PUT IT AWAY.

>> ANDY RAN THE TAKE TWO SECOND
CAREER PROGRAMS AT THE NEW YORK
RACING ASSOCIATION TRACKS
INCLUDING BELMONT, AQUEDUCT AND
SARATOGA.

TO SUPPORT THEIRS AND OTHER
EFFORTS MANY SALES COMPANIES,
INDIVIDUAL TRACKS AND OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS THAT COLLECT FEES
FROM OWNERS AND TRAINERS IN TURN
CONTRIBUTE TO AFTERCARE
ORGANIZATIONS.

>> WHETHER THEY KNOW IT OR NOT,
EVERYBODY WHO IS INVOLVED IN
OWNING A THOROUGHBRED IS FEEDING
INTO THIS PENSION PLAN, AND THEY
CAN DO OVER AND ABOVE THAT, TOO,

FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, PLUS THEY CAN
ALSO MAKE, THEY'RE ALL 501-C3s.
NOTHING WRONG WITH WRITING A
CHECK AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND
YOU WANT TO MAKE A DONATION TO A
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND YOU
GET THE TAX DEDUCTION ALSO.

>> FOR THOROUGHBREDS ONE OF THE
MOST SIGNIFICANT RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS HAS BEEN THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE
OR TAA.

THIS NONPROFIT MAKES SURE
ORGANIZATIONS TAKING IN HORSES
ARE SAFE AND HAVE ADEQUATE
RESOURCES TO PROPERLY CARE FOR
THEM.

>> THEY ACCREDIT THE
ORGANIZATION, SO THAT YOU KNOW
THAT THE ORGANIZATION YOU'RE
WORKING WITH IS DOING EVERYTHING
RIGHT, FROM THEIR FINANCIALS TO
THE STATE OF THEIR FACILITY TO
HOW THEY CARE FOR THE HORSES,

EVERYTHING IS DONE TO THE BEST
THAT CAN BE DONE.

>> THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE

ALLIANCE RAISES AWARENESS,

RAISING MONEY, THEIR

ACCREDITATION PROCESS IS LIKE

GETTING AUDITED BY THE IRS.

IT'S A TOUGH PROCEDURE.

THEY HELPED RACING MORE IN THE

LAST COUPLE OF YEARS THAN ANY

OTHER ORGANIZATION INCLUDES

OURS.

>> THE TAA ALSO BRINGS MUCH

NEEDED COHESION TO THE ISSUE OF

AFTERCARE, AND FAIRLY

DISTRIBUTES DONATED FUNDS TO

ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS.

>> THE OTHER THING THE TAA'S

DONE THAT'S REALLY REMARKABLE IS

THEY'VE GOTTEN ALL THESE GROUPS

THAT WERE DISPARATE, ALL

FIGHTING FOR THE SAME MONEY AND

FUNDS AND TELLING THE SAME

STORIES, GOT US ALL TO WORK

TOGETHER AND THAT WAS A

TREMENDOUS FEAT.

>> SO BESIDES CONTRIBUTING MONEY
TO ACCREDITED ORGANIZATIONS,
WHAT MORE CAN WE AS AN INDUSTRY
DO TO TAKE CARE OF THESE
ANIMALS?

TURNS OUT, QUITE A LOT.

>> THE RESPONSIBLE THING IS TO
CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THE HORSE
COMES FIRST.

THEY DON'T OVERRACE IT, THEY TRY
NOT TO, AND WHEN THE HORSE DOES
HAVE A PROBLEM OR SAY IN THE
CLEANING RACEHORSES CAN'T ALL
RUN IN THE SUPERIOR HIGH CLASS
STAKE RACES THEY FOLLOW THEM.
THAT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT'S A PERSON RESPONSIBILITY.
THEY FOLLOW THEM.

>> WHEN IT COMES TIME FOR A
HORSE TO MOVE ON TO A NEW OWNER
OR AN AFTERCARE FACILITY, GOOD
VETERINARY RECORDS ARE
ESSENTIAL.
NOT ONLY TO PROTECT THE HORSE

BUT TO ALSO PREVENT UNNECESSARY
TREATMENTS OR TESTS.

>> TELL US EXACTLY WHAT YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE HORSE.

WE ONLY WORK IN WHAT WAS IN THE
BEST INTEREST OF THE HORSE TO
BEGIN WITH SO YOU BEING
COMPLETELY HONEST WITH ITS
INJURY WAS OR PROBLEMS WERE IS
ONLY GOING TO HELP US GET THAT
HORSE EITHER A SANCTUARY OR THE
RIGHT HOME.

>> OF COURSE, PART OF THE
RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL SHARE IS
TO KNOW ABOUT THE VARIOUS
PROGRAMS BOTH IN AND BEYOND NEW
YORK STATE, FROM PLACEMENT
PROGRAMS LIKE TAKE THE LEAD AND
TAKE TWO, TO TEMPORARY
RETRAINING AND REHOMING
FACILITIES LIKE NEW VOCATIONS
AND RERUN TO FULL RETIREMENT
FARMS AND SANCTUARIES LIKE OLD
FRIENDS AND EQUINE ADVOCATES TO
ADOPTION CENTERS SUCH AS THE

FINGERLAKES THOROUGHBRED
ADOPTION PROGRAM, AIKENDALE
THOROUGHBRED RESCUE AND THERE
ARE MANY GREAT ORGANIZATIONS AND
PEOPLE DEDICATED TO FINDING GOOD
HOMES FOR THE HORSES THAT DO SO
MUCH FOR ALL OF US.

THE NEW YORK THOROUGHBRED
HORSEMAN'S PLACEMENT PROGRAMS
TAKE THE LEAD AND TAKE TWO ARE
INTEGRAL TO THE STATE'S EFFORTS
TO FIND SECOND HOMES AND CAREERS
FOR FORMER RACEHORSES.

THEY WORK WITH KEY AA ACCREDITED
FACILITIES TO PLACE FUNDS.

>> OUR FACILITY DOES NOT REQUIRE
A TRAINER TO DONATE.

WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH
PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE.

FOR THE MOST PART THE OWNERS AND
TRAINERS ARE GENEROUS.

YOU COME TO US, ONE STOP
SHOPPING, WE'LL FIND A HORSE A
PLACEMENT AND IF YOU CAN DONATE
THAT'S FANTASTIC.

>> AIKENDALE THOROUGHBRED RESCUE

LOCATED ON 1,000 ACRES OF
PRISTINE LAND IN PAULING ON
THE'S SKATE OF LEGENDARY
HORSEMAN JOHN HETTINGER.

>> PEOPLE CAN COME AND VISIT AND
LEARN THE HISTORY OF AIKENDALE
AND SEE THE FACILITY AND HOW
WELL THE HORSES LOOK AND HOW
WELL THEY'RE TAKEN CARE OF.
YOU KNOW, MAYBE THEY'LL LOOK TO
ADOPT A HORSE.

>> UP THE ROAD IN EAST GREENBUSH
IS RERUN, A TRAINING AND
ADOPTION CENTER THAT ALONG WITH
NEW VOCATIONS WORKS CLOSELY WITH
NYPHA'S TAKE THE LEAD AND TAKE
TWO PROGRAMS.

>> WE AVERAGE AROUND 100 HORSES
A YEAR THAT WE TRY TO TAKE IN.
OUR MAIN INTAKE IS DIRECTLY FROM
THE TRACK, EITHER VIA THE NEW
YORK HORSE PROGRAM OR FROM
TRAINERS DIRECTLY.
OCCASIONALLY WE DO BUY HORSES

FROM AUCTIONS AND THROUGH BUYER
BROKER PROGRAMS AND IMPRESSIVELY
THE HORSES ARE UNDER THE AGE OF
12 AND HAVE TO HAVE SOME
PROSPECT OF BECOMING A SECOND
CAREER RIDING HORSE, WHETHER IT
BE TRAIL OR AS AN UPPER LEVEL
PROSPECT.

WE DO A LOT OF REHAB.

WE DO A LOT OF SURGICAL CASES
AND WE, 75 TO 100 HORSES A YEAR
WE PROBABLY PLACED IN EXCESS OF
65 IN HOMES.

AND WE ALSO MAINTAIN A PERMANENT
SANCTUARY HERE.

>> THE FINGER LAKES THOROUGHBRED
ADOPTION PROGRAM HAS A UNIQUE
OPERATION GIVEN ITS LOCATION.

FOUNDER WANDA PAULICINI
ESTABLISHED THE FACILITY OUT OF
A LONGSTANDING CONCERN FOR THE
CARE OF THE ANIMALS.

>> IT'S GREAT.

IT IS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE
YOUR HORSE FROM THE BACK SIDE

OVER HERE.

THAT'S ONE OF THE BEST THINGS
ABOUT OUR PROGRAM, AND WE ARE
STILL THE ONLY ONE THAT'S
LOCATED ON THE RACETRACK.

>> OLD FRIENDS IS A SHOWCASE FOR
RESPONSIBLE HORSE RETIREMENT.
THE RESIDENTS HERE MANY OF THEM
FAMOUS THOROUGHBREDS, ARE TRULY
RETIRED AND SPEND THEIR DAYS
ENJOYING THE PASTURE.

>> WE'VE HAD HORSES GO THROUGH
OUR HALL OF FAME HERE AT
SARATOGA, PRECISIONNESS, FOR
EXAMPLE, WE HAD HIM IN HIS FINAL
DAYS AND WERE REALLY PLEASED TO
HAVE HIM.

HE'S THE LAST HORSE TO WIN A
STAKES RACE AT SIX FURLONG,
SEVEN FURLONGS, A MILE, A MILE
AND A QUARTER.

BLACK TIE AFFAIR, WON THE PRIUS
CUP CLASSIC.

IT'S JUST AMAZING GROUP AND AS I
SAID I WASN'T STAR STRUCK AROUND

THE MOVIE PEOPLE BUT I'M

COMPLETELY STAR STRUCK AROUND

THE ANIMALS.

I LOVE THEM.

I JUST CAN'T HELP IT.

>> ON AVERAGE THERE ARE 27,000

THOROUGHBRED STARTERS IN NEW

YORK STATE, BUT MOST PEOPLE

PROBABLY DON'T REALIZE THERE ARE

THREE TIMES AS MANY STANDARD

BREDS IN THE STATE, HARNESS

HORSES THAT MAY NOT RECEIVE THE

FAME AND NOTORIETY OF THEIR

THOROUGHBRED CAN YOU SEEIN, ALSO

NEED CARE AFTER THEIR RACING

DAYS ARE OVER.

SUNSHINE HORSES IN CENTRAL NEW

YORK IS A PROGRAM SPECIALIZING

IN STANDARD BREDS.

THEIR MOTTO IS HELPING HORSES

HELPING PEOPLE.

THIS ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

NOT ONLY BENEFITS THE HORSES

THROUGH RETRAINING AND ADOPTION

IT BENEFITS THE PEOPLE WHO WORK

WITH THE ANIMALS.

>> WE FIND A NICHE, PEOPLE COME
HERE WITH NO EXPERIENCE WHATEVER
WITH HORSES AND THEY MAY JUST DO
WATER BUCKETS.

WE HAD A WOMAN WHO IS DEATHLY
AFRAID AND HER DOCTOR SAID GO TO
SUNSHINE AND DO IT.

NOW SHE'S ACTUALLY UP TO
GROOMING SO WE DO HAVE THAT
NICHE THAT WE DO HELP WITH
VETERANS AND YOUTH AND
EVERYTHING LIKE THAT.

THEY'RE GOOD THERAPY HORSES AS
WELL.

THEY WORK WITH KIDS.

THEY WORK WELL WITH KIDS.

YOU JUST HAVE TO GET TO KNOW THE
HORSE AND YOU CAN FIGURE OUT
WHAT THE BEST THING FOR THEM IS.

WHEN WE ADOPT A HORSE, A LOT OF
WHAT WE DO IS TALK TO THE PERSON
WHAT DO YOU WANT, WHAT IS YOUR
SKILL LEVEL, WE TRY TO MATCH
THEM UP.

FOR WHATEVER REASON IT DOESN'T
WORK THEY'LL COME BACK TO US AND
WE'LL FIND THE RIGHT PLACE FOR
THEM.

IT'S OUR GOAL TO FIND THE RIGHT
ADOPTER, WHATEVER THEY'RE
WORKING FOR, A STANDARD BRED CAN
DO IT, IT'S JUST WHICH STANDARD
BRED.

>> AFTERCARE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
SUNSHINE HELP THE COMMUNITY BY
PROVIDING IMPORTANT SOCIAL
ENGAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO NEED IT.

JOAN WILDING FROM HUTCHINGS
PSYCHIATRIC CENTER IMMEDIATELY
RECOGNIZED THE BENEFIT OF HAVING
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WORK
WITH THE HORSES AT SUNSHINE.

>> THEY COME FOR DIFFERENT
REASONS, MIGHT BE JUST
SOCIALIZATION, IT MIGHT BE WHERE
YOU SEE PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT
LIGHT, WHERE THEY HAVE, THEY
DON'T TALK VERY MUCH AT ALL,
THEY COME HERE AND THEY JUST

KIND OF CONNECT WITH THE
ANIMALS, AND YOU JUST FEED THEM,
AND THEY BLOSSOM.

IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL PROGRAM.

>> RACEHORSES HAVE SKILL SETS
THAT ARE TAILOR MADE FOR SECOND
CAREERS.

THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
OWNERS, TRAINERS AND ALL
CONNECTIONS WORK TOGETHER TO
MAKE SURE A HORSE IS HEALTHY AND
RESPONSIBLY RETIRED SO THAT IT
HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE IN
ANOTHER LINE OF WORK.

SECOND CAREERS CAN INCLUDE
SERIOUS WORK, SUCH AS WORKING AS
POLICE MOUNTS, PERFORMANCE, SUCH
AS SHOW AND JUMP COMPETITIONS,
OR RECREATION, SUCH AS TRAIL
RIDING.

>> THEY'RE HUNTERS, JUMPERS,
THEY'RE GREAT ON THE TRAIL.
SUCH GOOD GROUND MANNERS AND
THAT'S FROM THE TRACK MOSTLY.
THEY CAN DO ANYTHING THAT YOU

ASK THEM TO DO.

THEY'RE REARING ANIMALS.

YOU KNOW, THEY CAN DO ANYTHING.

>> IN THE END, ALL PARTICIPANTS

IN THE HORSE RACING INDUSTRY

HAVE A DUTY TO LOOK AFTER THESE

ANIMALS THAT PROVIDE US WITH SO

MUCH ENTERTAINMENT, AND TAKE

STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE A

SAFE AND COMFORTABLE LIFE BOTH

ON AND OFF THE TRACK.

>> IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO

SOMETHING TO A HORSE, MAKE SURE

IT'S IN THE HORSE'S BEST

INTERESTS AND IF YOU THINK WHAT

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS IN THE

HORSE'S BEST INTEREST, DO IT.

IF IT'S NOT, DON'T.

IT'S A VERY SIMPLE WAY TO DO IT,

BUT I THINK IT'S A GOOD RULE.

>> NEW YORK'S HORSE RACE

SOMETHING SECOND TO NONE BECAUSE

AS AN INDUSTRY, WE KNOW THESE

HORSES THAT GIVE THEIR VERY BEST

DESERVE OUR VERY BEST IN RETURN.

CONSIDER THE HORSE'S LIFESPAN,
AND TAKE STEPS TO LEARN ABOUT
THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE WHEN
GETTING INTO THE RACING GAME.
LET'S CONTINUE TO BE A MODEL FOR
THE REST OF THE WORLD AND WORK
TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THESE
ATHLETES ARE TREATED WITH THE
BEST CARE FOR THEIR ENTIRE
LIVES.

I'M LARRY COLEMAN.

THANKS FOR WATCHING.

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>> I WAS WONDERING, LEE, IF I
COULD PUT YOU ON THE SPOT A
LITTLE.

COULD YOU TELL US WHAT WENT INTO
MAKING THE VIDEO, WHAT YOU'RE
AIMING FOR ON THIS AND THE USE
OF THE LONG FORM WILL BE, AND
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO
TRY TO FOCUS AND HONE THAT DOWN
INTO SOMETHING THAT'S NOT
PUNITIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT

ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING TO CHECK
THAT BOX WHEN THEY APPLY FOR
THEIR LICENSE OR THEIR RENEWAL?

>> SURE.

SINCE WE ANNOUNCED THIS PROJECT
ABOUT A YEAR AGO, IT WAS SLOW
MOVING THROUGH THE WINNER
OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF FACILITIES
ARE, WERE UNAVAILABLE FOR ONE
REASON OR ANOTHER.

ONCE THE WEATHER BROKE WE HAD A
VERY TRUNCATED SCHEDULE WITH THE
OFFICE OF MEDIA SERVICES, WHICH
IS BASICALLY THE STATE
PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT ACTUALLY
ARE DOING THE WEBCASTING FOR US
HERE TODAY.

THIS IS ALL DONE IN-HOUSE BY NEW
YORK STATE GOVERNMENT.

SO WE, MYSELF, AND THE
PRODUCTION CREW, TOOK THREE
DAYS, LITERALLY TRAVELED TO
STATES FOR THE VARIOUS FARMS AND
FACILITIES YOU SEE ON THE
GROUNDS, IN THE VIDEO, WE

COULDN'T GET TO EVERY ONE.

THERE'S A NUMBER OF FACILITIES
IN NEW YORK STATE, TRF, EQUAN
EQUINE ADVOCATES WE DIDN'T HAVE
THE TIME AND AVAILABILITY TO GET
OUT AND GET TO ALL THE PLACES
BUT WE WANTED TO GET AS BROAD AS
WE COULD, INCLUDING STANDARD
BREDS, THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE
SUNSHINE HORSES PROMINENTLY
FEATURED AS WELL.

THAT WAS IN THE SPRING, AND THEN
IT WAS A MATTER OF GOING THROUGH
EDITING DOWN EVERYTHING AND
GETTING TO WHAT YOU HAVE HERE,
WHAT YOU SAW TODAY, WHICH IS A
ROUGH CUT.

IT DOES NEED TO BE SHORTENED A
LITTLE BIT, I THINK.

CERTAINLY IF PEOPLE HERE HAVE
FEEDBACK WHEN WE'RE TALKING
LATER, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR IT, AND
OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE, LIKE ROB
SAID, TWO VERSIONS, ONE THAT'S
FIVE, SIX MINUTES TOPS, THAT

WILL BE REQUIRED VIEWING FOR
ANYBODY WHO IS APPLYING FOR A
TRAINERS LICENSE OR RENEWING A
TRAINERS AND OWNER'S LICENSE AND
ASSISTANT TRAINERS LICENSE I
BELIEVE AND THE LONGER FORM
VIDEO, NOT QUITE AS LONG AS WHAT
YOU JUST SAW BUT YOU KNOW, KIND
OF ENCAPSULATES THE WHOLE ISSUE
OF AFTERCARE AND RESPONSIBLE
HORSE OWNERSHIP.

WE WANT TO MAKE THAT AVAILABLE
TO EVERYBODY.

IT WILL LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE, BE
ON YOUTUBE FOR ANYBODY TO USE,
WE'RE HOPING THAT THE TRACKS IN
NEW YORK STATE WILL SHOW IT IN
BETWEEN RACES ON THEIR IN-HOUSE
SIMULCAST FEEDS, CARRY IT ON
THEIR SIMULCAST FEEDS SO PEOPLE
ACROSS THE COUNTRY OR ACROSS THE
WORLD WHO ARE WATCHING THESE
RACES CAN SEE CLIPS OF THAT.

IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU
GUYS ALL TO DOWNLOAD TO SHARE

WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR NETWORKS, AND AGAIN, JUST KIND OF SERVES TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THAT EVERYBODY HERE DOES, AND TO HOPEFULLY DRIVE MORE RESOURCES AND MORE ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES OF AFTERCARE.

>> I APPRECIATE IT.

AS I MENTIONED, THE NEXT ITEM WE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS SOME OF THE RESEARCH THAT WE'VE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO UNDERTAKE, BUT, AND THAT WILL BE DONE OR PRESENTED BY MR. KNOWLTON, BUT BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO JACK I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T THANK TIPTON'S COMPANY FOR THE GENERAL ALLOWANCE IN AFFORDING US THE ABILITY TO USE THIS PAVILION FOR TODAY'S EVENT.

TIPTON HAS BEEN A LONG SUPPORTER OF THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE, PIONEERING A CHECK-OFF SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS THOSE USING THEIR

SERVICES TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT
AFTERCARE PROGRAMS AND WE'RE
HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE.

JACK KNOWLTON IS KNOWN TO MANY
PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HERE AS
THE PRESIDENT OF EMPIRE HEALTH
ADVISERS, WHICH IS A HEALTH CARE
CONSULTING FIRM LOCATED IN
SARATOGA SPRINGS BUT HE'S BETTER
KNOWN FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN
RACING.

HIS INVOLVEMENT IN RACING BEGAN
IN 198 WHEN HE BECAME A PARTNER
IN HIS FIRST STANDARD BRED.

BEST KNOWN AS A FOUNDING MEMBER
AND THE MANAGING PARTNER OF
SAKATOKA STABLE AND FUNNYCIDE,
THE NEW YORK BRED WHO WON THE
STAKES IN 2003.

MR. KNOWLTON?

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, ROB.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE FOR
THE SECOND YEAR, AND FIRST OF
ALL, I'D LIKE TO REALLY THANK

THE LEADERSHIP OF ROB WILLIAMS
AND THE WORK LEE PARK HAS DONE
TO FOLLOW UP LAST YEAR'S INITIAL
MEETING.

LOT OF TIMES THESE THINGS OCCUR
AND A LOT OF THINGS ARE SAID BUT
NOTHING HAPPENS.

AS YOU CAN SEE I THINK THE VIDEO
THAT LEE HAS WORKED ON IS A
TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND UNDER
ROB'S LEADERSHIP AND THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE GAMING
COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICULARLY
PETER MACHETTI TO PUT AFTERCARE
INTO A LIME LIGHT AND HOPEFULLY
IT WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE
FORWARD.

LAST YEAR I DID AN UPDATE WHAT
WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH AND
UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS,
WHAT ARE THE NEEDS AND I THINK
WE'RE FRUSTRATED WE HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO GET WHERE WE WOULD LIKE
TO GET AND ONE OF THE THINGS
THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE

AUDIENCE DURING THE FREESTANDING TIME THAT EVERYONE CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE FEEDBACK IS IDEAS ABOUT REALLY TRACKING AND MAYBE ON MORE OF A TIMELY BASIS, WHERE THOROUGHBREDS GO AFTER THEY LEAVE THE RACETRACK.

>> TO THE RIGHT.

>> OKAY, LAST YEAR WE DID INITIATIVE SOME WORK WITH THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THEY PROVIDED DATA ON EVERY NEW YORK THOROUGHBRED THAT RACED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 2000 AND 2012 AND DID NOT RACE SINCE.

THAT ENDED UP BEING A TOTAL OF 3,894 THOROUGHBREDS.

ALSO TOLD US THE TRACK THAT THEY LAST RACED AND THE LAST TRAINER AND OWNER OF RECORD.

COMMISSION STAFF HAVE DONE FOLLOW-UP TO SOME DEGREE SUCCESSFUL, TO A LOT OF DEGREE NOT SUCCESSFUL AND WE'LL SHOW YOU THE DATA ON WHERE WE ARE AT

THIS POINT IN THE FOLLOW-UP.

WE DID WORK WITH A JOCKEY CLUB
TO FIND OUT IF WE COULD HOW MANY
OF THE HORSES HAD RETIRED OR
FINISHED RACES SERVED AS BOOT
MARES, THAT'S THE INFORMATION WE
HAVE THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST
TIME.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL REALLY IS TO
PROVIDE THE THOROUGHBRED
INDUSTRY OF INFORMATION ON WHERE
THE HORSES GO AFTER THEY LEAVE
THE TRACK, HOW MANY HAVE SECOND
CAREERS, HOW MANY ARE SHIPPED
OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HOW MANY
HAVE DIED, AND HOW MANY CANNOT
BE FOUND, AND AGAIN, WE'RE
HOPING THAT THIS IS GOING TO,
YOU KNOW, GIVE US SOME SENSE OF
THE NEED.

WE CONTINUE TO BE IN THE
SITUATION WHERE WE HEAR THAT
THERE ARE FUNDING NEEDS AND WE
KNOW THAT'S TRUE AND HOW MANY
HORSES ARE WE REALLY TALKING

ABOUT.

SO LOOKING AT THE SEX OF THE
RETIREES, 1,907 MARES, 1,634
GELDINGS AND 353 INTACT MALES
AND RIDGELINGS.

LOCATION OF THE LAST RACE, AND
THIS IS NOT SURPRISING WE SHARED
THIS WITH YOU LAST YEAR, BUT
FINGERLAKES ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT
A THIRD OF THE HORSES WHERE THEY
HAD THEIR LAST RACE, AND SOME OF
THOSE HORSES HAD CAREERS AT
FINGERLAKES, A LOT OF HORSES
STARTED RUNNING AT NYRA TRACKS
AND ENDED UP RUNNING AT
FINGERLAKES.

WE'VE HAD THE EXPERIENCE AND
PROBABLY MOST OWNERS HAVE, THAT
HORSES THAT YOU HOPE ARE GOING
TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND NYRA
CIRCUIT, NOT QUITE GOOD ENOUGH
YET THEY'RE SOUND AND LOVE TO
RACE AND THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO CONTINUE TO RACE AND THEY
WILL GO TO FINGER LAKES AND

THEY'LL RETIRE FROM THERE.

AQUEDUCT AND BELMONT ACCOUNT FOR 20%, SARATOGA ONLY ABOUT 3% AND AS YOU SEE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TRACKS THAT GO DOWN TO 1.5% BUT ABOUT 20% ARE IN OTHER RACE TRACKS.

WHEN WE GET INTO THE DATA THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES, WE HAVE BETTER LUCK KNOWING THE RACES IN NEW YORK ARE BUT WHEN YOU SPREAD OUT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND IN CANADA AS WELL MUCH MORE CHALLENGING.

SO THE STATE OF THE LAST RACE FOR THESE HORSES, 58% WAS IN NEW YORK, BUT ABOUT 42% WAS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK AND THAT OBVIOUSLY GIVES US A LOT OF CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF FINDING OUT WHERE THEY WENT.

SO STAT US OF 3,800 AND 94 NEW YORK THOROUGHBREDS, THE NON-STATUS AT THIS POINT WAS 1,082, WHICH IS ONLY 27.8%.

UNKNOWN 2,812, 72.2%.

SO ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN
SUCCESSFUL TO SOME EXTENT, WHAT
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE IS TO A
LARGE EXTENT THAT IS IDENTIFYING
THE BOOT MARES.

54% OF THOSE HORSES ARE BOOT
MARES AND 29% DECEASED, 8.9%
RETIRED, 5.9% ADOPTED.

NOW, WE KNOW THAT THE RETIRED
AND ADOPTED AND SECOND CAREERS,
THOSE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER,
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE
NUMBERS ARE, AND THAT'S GOING TO
BE REPRESENTING A CONTINUING
EFFORT ON THE PART OF COMMISSION
STAFF TO SEE IF IF WE CAN, YOU
KNOW, GET INCREASED
IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE HORSES
THAT HAVE RETIREMENT AND THEY
HAVE SECOND CAREERS, AND
HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO SHINE
EVEN MORE LIGHT ON WHERE THESE
HORSES HAVE BEEN.

LOCATION OF THE LAST RACE,

NUMBER OF HORSES WITH A KNOWN
STATUS OF FINGER LAKES.

WE KNOW WHERE 25.1% OF THOSE
HORSES ARE, AQUEDUCT, BELMONT
AND SARATOGA ARE CLOSE TO 50%,
43%, 43%, AND 47%, SO WE HAVE A
PRETTY GOOD HANDLE ON THAT.

I MEAN, CLEARLY NOT AS GOOD AS
WE'D LIKE, BUT MY SPECULATION
WOULD BE THAT A LOT OF THE
BROODMARES THAT HAVE BEEN
IDENTIFIED, THEY'RE COMING FROM
THE NYRA TRACKS BECAUSE THEY'RE
HIGHER QUALITY HORSES ANDER THIS
EIGHT ONES THAT ARE GOING TO BE
USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES.

JUST TO SHOW YOU THE CHALLENGE
THAT WE FACE, 2,812 OF THE STAT
USES UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT,
REPRESENTED BY 900 DIFFERENT
TRAINERS AND ANYWHERE FROM ONE
TRAINER AT FINGER LAKES AT 93
HORSES ON THE LIST THAT WE STILL
HAVE UNKNOWN.

SO I THINK THAT YOU KNOW, THAT

JUST GIVES YOU A FLAVOR OF THE
BREADTH OF WHERE THESE HORSES
ARE, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW
MANY DIFFERENT TRAINERS ARE
INVOLVED IN THESE HORSES AND
TRYING TO GET THE KIND OF
INFORMATION THAT WE WANT, AND
ALSO AT A POINT WHERE WE'RE
GETTING A LITTLE BIT DATED AS
WELL.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'D LIKE
TO, YOU KNOW, THROW OUT TO THE
AUDIENCE ONCE AGAIN IS, ANY
IDEAS YOU KNOW, ON A MORE
CURRENT BASIS AND ONGOING BASIS
FOR TRACKING HORSES AS THEY
LEAVE THE RACETRACK, AND TRYING
TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHERE
THEY'RE GOING AND WHAT THE
ADDITIONAL NEED IS BEYOND WHAT
WE KNOW TODAY.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO
FOLLOW UP AND PROVIDE FURTHER
INFORMATION GOING FORWARD, BUT

I'M JUST SO PLEASED THAT YOU
KNOW, THE VIDEO THAT ROB HAS
REALLY BEEN THE LEADING FORCE
BEHIND AND WHAT LEE HAS DONE
WITH THE STATE FOLKS IS
SOMETHING THAT I'M HOPEFUL IS
REALLY GOING TO MOVE US FORWARD,
AS WE TRY TO DO AS MUCH AS WE
CAN FOR BOTH THE THOROUGHBREDS
AND THE STANDARD BRED RETIREES.
THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU, JACK.

I THINK IT UNDERSCORES THE
PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE HAD IN
TRYING TO JUST IDENTIFY THE
SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM.

I MEAN EVERYONE HAS INFORMATION
ABOUT WHAT THE PROBLEM IS BUT
BEING ABLE TO GET HARD FIGURES
AND IDENTIFY WHERE THESE HORSES
ARE GOING IS JUST PROVEN TO BE A
LOT MORE DIFFICULT THAN WE
BELIEVED.

BEFORE WE OPEN UP THE MEETING TO

DISCUSSION, WHICH I THINK IS
PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT
ELEMENT OF WHAT WE'LL BE DOING
TODAY, LAST YEAR, WE ANNOUNCED
THAT THE COMMISSION WAS
DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO EDUCATE
TRAINERS ON THE USE OF RISK
FACTORS AND INTERVENTION
STRATEGIES IN AN EFFORT TO
REDUCE INJURIES, AND WE HAD
ANNOUNCED A FORTHCOMING
HOMEMAKING THAT WOULD REQUIRE
ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
TRAINERS THAT WOULD LIKELY
ENCOMPASS THESE MATERIALS, AND
INTRODUCE NEW RESEARCH REGARDING
INJURY REDUCTION.

I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE
RULE MAKING WILL BE PUBLISHED IN
THE STATE REGISTER WITHIN THE
NEXT WEEK OR TWO THUS ENABLING
BARRING SUBSTANTIVE AND CONTENT
ISSUES ADOPTION AT THE BEGINNING
OF NOVEMBER.

THIS WILL ALLOW THE STATE TO

BEGIN REQUIRING SOME CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR TRAINERS BEGINNING
WITH CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

SCOTT PALMER, THE STATE EQUINE
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN
WORKING THIS PAST YEAR WITH
ACADEMICS AND THE GRAYSON JOCKEY
CLUB RESEARCH FOUNDATION TO
DEVELOP MODULES TO EDUCATE
TRAINERS AND WE'RE ENTHUSED
THESE NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
WILL ASSIST TRAINERS IN BETTER
IDENTIFYING HEALTH CONCERNS AND
THUS REDUCING EQUINE INJURIES
WHICH WILL BENEFIT THEM AND THE
HORSES AS THEY ENTER INTO THEIR
SECOND CAREERS IF WE CAN GET
THEM OUT OF RACING AND WITH LESS
INJURIES.

AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO OPEN UP
THE MEETING TO DISCUSSION BY
ATTENDEES, AS I MENTIONED LAST
YEAR, THE ISSUE OF HORSE
AFTERCARE IS NOT ONE TO BE
RESOLVED THROUGH GOVERNMENT

IMPOSING MORAL REQUIREMENTS ON
THE INDUSTRY'S PARTICIPANTS.

THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT BEGS FOR
SELF-HELP AND FOR THE INDUSTRY
TO TAKE LEADERSHIP AND WE'VE
SEEN THROUGH NYFA FOR INSTANCE
AND TAKE LEADERSHIP AND SET AN
EXAMPLE.

AS I MENTIONED THE COMMISSION
HAS LITTLE ABILITY TO DRIVE
REVENUE TO RETIREMENT PROGRAMS
BUT WE DO HAVE AN ABILITY TO
RAISE THE PROFILE ON THIS
SUBJECT MATTER.

WE WANT TO HELP AND WOULD LIKE
TO HEAR ANY IDEAS FOR WHAT WE
CAN DO TO ASSIST YOUR
DEVELOPMENT OR ANYTHING THAT
YOU'RE DOING IN THE RETIREMENT
FORUM.

TO THAT END TODAY, AS I
MENTIONED BEFORE, COMMISSIONER
PETER MACHETTI WITH US AND
COMMISSIONER BARRY SAMPLE IS
WITH US.

MR. MACHETTI GRACIOUSLY AGREED
TO HELP MODERATE, AT LEAST KEEP
THE FLOW OF DISCUSSION GOING
RELATIVE TO THIS.

PETER?

>> LAST YEAR I WAS HERE WE HAD
THE FORUM AND I THOUGHT IT WAS
VERY WELL ATTENDED AND I REALLY
LIKED WHAT WAS SAID.

AND I SAID IT LAST YEAR, I'M A
HORSE PERSON, BUT I'M NOT A
PERSON WHO CAME FROM THE RACING
INDUSTRY.

I RIDE MY HORSES, I OWN THEM,
BUT I'M A FAN OF RACING.

I REALLY LIKE RACING.

BUT I DO THINK AND I WAS HEARING
LARRY SAY IN NEW YORK WE HAVE
THE BEST HORSES.

WE HAVE THE BEST TRACKS.

THE BEST RACING.

YOU WOULD THINK THEN THAT WE
SHOULD PROBABLY HAVE THE BEST
AFTERCARE, RIGHT, AND A PROGRAM
FORT BEST AFTERCARE BECAUSE IF

WE'RE THAT SUCCESSFUL IN THAT ASPECT OF IT, SURELY WE CAN PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN FUNDING AND MAKING SURE THAT AT THE END OF THEIR CAREERS, THE HORSES ARE TAKEN CARE OF.

I MEAN, WHEN WE FIRST STARTED, I ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH JACK AND LEE AND ROB, AND I WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC.

I'M SAYING LET'S GO.

LET'S GET SOME LEGISLATION PASSED, AND EVERYBODY'S GOING TO PAY.

THE BREEDER, THE TRAINER, THE JOCKEY, EVERYBODY'S GOT A PIECE, RIGHT, EVERYBODY GETS A PERCENTAGE.

WELL IF YOU GET A PERCENTAGE, YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME BENEFIT FROM THIS, YOU GOT TO PAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS ATHLETE THAT'S GIVEN YOU ALL THIS IS TAKEN CARE OF AFTERWARDS.

SO I'M THINKING THIS IS GOING TO
BE EASY, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, WE'LL
KNOW WHERE THE HORSES GO, AND
WHAT WE HAVE TO DO AND HOW MANY
AND THEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT ME
LIKE LOOK, YOU ARE A NOVICE
BECAUSE IT IS NOT THAT EASY AND
IT'S NOT.

IT'S ALMOST SO FRUSTRATING THAT
YOU WANT TO WALK AWAY BECAUSE
YOU KNOW, THE HORSE THAT'S BRED
IN NEW YORK, BUT THEN ENDS UP IN
KENTUCKY, WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR
THAT?

AND HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT
THAT HORSE GETS TAKEN CARE OF,
OR THE HORSE THAT'S BRED IN
KENTUCKY THAT ENDS UP IN NEW
YORK.

SEE, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT
THAT, SO WHEN YOU START THINKING
ABOUT ALL OF THAT STUFF, THIS IS
A BIT COMPLICATED.

I THINK IT'S DEFINITELY DOABLE,
AND I REALLY THINK PEOPLE NEED

TO STEP UP AND ROB'S RIGHT,
GOVERNMENT'S NOT GOING TO DO IT.
IF WE LOOK TO THE GOVERNMENT
WE'RE GOING TO BE SADLY
DISAPPOINTED.
IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
AND THE PUBLIC IS NOT GOING TO
WANT GOVERNMENT TO DO IT.
JUST GOING TO SAY LOOK THIS IS
HORSE RACING, MAJESTIC.
THERE'S ALL THIS MONEY.
WHY SHOULD THE PUBLIC PAY FOR
IT, WHEN THE PEOPLE IN THE
INDUSTRY ARE BENEFITING FROM IT?
SO I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE
ONLY WAY TO DO IT AND PROBABLY
HAS TO START WITH THE BREEDERS,
RIGHT, AND THE OWNERS AND THE
TRAINERS AND THE JOCKEYS.
EVERYBODY'S GETTING A PIECE SO
WE NEED TO DESIGN A SYSTEM, AND
IT'S A BUSINESS, YOU DON'T WANT
TO CRIPPLE THE BUSINESS BUT YOU
NEED TO DESIGN A SYSTEM TO GET
MONEY AND THEN YOU GOT TO FIGURE

OUT HOW TO PROPERLY DISTRIBUTE
IT AND WHO DOES THAT AND ALL
THAT GETS RATHER COMPLICATED.
BUT I THINK EVERYONE IS WORKING
PRETTY HARD TO DO THAT, AND I
THINK THAT EFFORT HAS REALLY
BEEN INCREASED DRAMATICALLY OVER
THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS, AND
IT WASN'T THAT WAY.

YOU REMEMBER WE HAD THAT SEMINAR
AND PEOPLE THAT CAME HERE FROM
PENN AND FROM SUFFOLK DOWNS AND
CALIFORNIA WERE SAYING NOBODY
CARED.

END OF THE SEASON, WHO CARES?
THIS HORSE HAS DONE WHATEVER'S
GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM HAPPENS
TO THEM AND THAT'S WHAT WE WERE
TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE ARE
THE MISSING 2,900.

AT ONE POINT THEY WERE MISSING
6,000, SO THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A
GOOD THING.

WE NARROWED IT DOWN AND PROBABLY
NARROWED DOWN MORE AND

FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THAT'S A
DIFFICULT PROCESS AND WHAT'S
SLOWING GETTING A RESOLUTION.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY WE NEED
TO RAISE MONEY, HOW MUCH MONEY
DO WE NEED TO RAISE?
WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY HORSES
WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF, RIGHT,
AND I KNOW THAT IT TAKES A LOT
OF MONEY.
MY HORSE IS MY RESPONSIBILITY.
I RETIRE MY HORSE AND HE'S
RETIRED NOW, STILL MY
RESPONSIBILITY AND STILL EATS
JUST AS MUCH AS HE DID FIVE
YEARS AGO AND ALWAYS SEEMS TO
COME BACK FROM THE Paddock SORE.
HOW DID THAT FINE?
YOU'RE A HORSE, OUT IN THE
FIELD, BEHAVE.
SO THAT BEING SAID WE'RE ALL
EARS, IF THERE ARE SUGGESTIONS
AND I GAVE THIS LONG SPEECH FOR
SOME I THINK WE THINK IT'S EASY
TO DO AND IT'S NOT.

RIGHT THING TO DO AND IT'S A
REQUIREMENT, OUR OBLIGATION, WE
JUST GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO
IT AND SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
IF ANYBODY HAS ANY QUESTIONS OR
SUGGESTIONS, OR EVEN CRITICISMS,
WE'RE ALL EARS.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S
IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE'RE
WEBCASTING THIS IS WE NEED YOU
TO TALK INTO THE MICROPHONE,
THAT WAY PEOPLE AT HOME WILL BE
ABLE TO HEAR WHAT YOU'RE DOING
OR ASKING.

>> MY NAME IS MALLORY MUCK I'M
WITH ACT NATURALLY.

I RODE EXERCISE HORSES FOR 28
YEARS ON THE TRACK AT THE
HIGHEST LEVEL, AND I'VE BEEN
TAKING A HORSE HERE OR THERE OFF
THE TRACK SINCE I STARTED IN
1983.

I BECAME MORE AWARE OF THE NEED
FOR AFTERCARE WHEN I BECAME
FRIENDS WITH DIANA SIKULSKY WITH

THE RETIREMENT FOUNDATION.

THE JOCKEY CLUB IS SO DILIGENT ABOUT GETTING THE PAPERS AND THE BREEDING AND EVERYTHING RIGHT ON THESE HORSES WHEN THEY'RE BORN, LIVE COVERAGE, ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.

WHY CAN'T THEY BE AS DILIGENT ON THE OTHER END?

I THINK IT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

IF YOU GO TO THE JOCKEY CLUB, THEY'RE REGISTERING ALL THESE HORSES THAT ARE COMING IN, BUT THEN THEY'RE LIKE BIRDS, THEY FLY AWAY AND DON'T CARE WHERE THEY GO AND I THINK THAT MICROCHIPPING IS COMING INTO PLAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

DOES ANYBODY KNOW ABOUT MICROCHIPPING?

>> WE TALKED ABOUT THAT.

>> BEING IMPLEMENTED, I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE THESE HORSES ARE SIGNED OFF OF THE

RACETRACK, YOU HAVE THEM
MICROCHIPPED YOU SCAN THEM AND
YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN ADDRESS
WHERE THE HORSE IS GOING TO.
IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE TO
FIGURE OUT WHERE THE HORSES ARE
GOING.

I MEAN --

>> THEY'RE BIG ANIMALS, YOU
CAN'T HIDE THEM.

>> NO.

>> NOT LIKE A CAT OR A DOG, YES.

>> MICROCHIPPING THESE HORSES
AND FINDING OUT WHERE THEY'RE
GOING AND I THINK IT WILL BE AN
EASIER WAY TO FIND THEM WHEN
THEY HIT THE AUCTION KILL PENS
BECAUSE A LOT OF TIMES YOU CAN'T
GET TO A HORSE AND READ A TATTOO
IF THEY'VE BEEN ABUSED AND
NEGLECTED AND CAN'T GET UP NEAR
THEIR FACE, THESE THINGS HAPPEN.

I THINK ULTIMATELY IT'S THE
JOCKEY CLUB'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
BE, NOWHERE THE HORSES ARE

GOING.

IF THEY REGISTER THEM AND BE SO
CONCERNED ABOUT WHEN THEY GO
INTO THE Paddock THEY HAVE TO
READ THEIR TATTOO TO MAKE SURE
IT'S THE RIGHT HORSE THAT'S
RUNNING IN THE RACE BECAUSE
MONEY'S BEHIND IT, WELL THERE'S
A WAY ON THE OTHER END OF THAT
MONEY AND THEY SHOULD BE JUST AS
DILIGENT ON THEM GOING OUT AS
COMING IN.

GOING INTO THE JOCKEY CLUB WITH
THIS IS PART OF THE ISSUE OF
FIGURING OUT WHERE THE HORSES
ARE GOING WHEN THEY'RE DONE
RACING.

JUST MY OPINION.

>> YES.

THE OTHER THING I WAS THINKING
OF, SO THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT
WHAT'S THE LAST PLACE THE HORSE
RACED.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THAT POINT?

BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

IS THAT THE HORSE GOES BACK TO
THE BARN, THE STABLES AND THEN
SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN WITH
THAT HORSE, RIGHT?

SO AT THAT POINT, THE HORSE HAS
AN OWNER, THE HORSE HAS A
TRAINER, SO THE RESPONSIBILITY
YOU WOULD THINK SHOULD FALL AT
THAT POINT ON THEM TO AT LEAST
NOTIFY SOMEONE WE HAVE TO PUT A
SYSTEM IN PLACE, ALL RIGHT, THIS
IS A RETIRED HORSE.

WHERE IS THE HORSE GOING?
AND YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE WE DOING
ABOUT THE HORSE INSTEAD OF, YOU
KNOW, QUIETLY THE HORSE IS GONE
ONE DAY, AND WE DON'T KNOW.

THAT'S THE DIFFICULTY WE HAVE
TRACKING.

SO I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE TOO
BURDENSOME, DO YOU, THAT THE
PERSON THAT HAS THE HORSE -- AND
AT LEAST LETS US KNOW, WE'VE
DECIDED TO RETIRE THE HORSE SO
WE PUT A REQUIREMENT IN, AND

THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE A DATA BANK
WHERE IT GOES TO, SO WE KNOW
THIS HORSE OWNED BY THIS
INDIVIDUAL, TRAINED BY THIS
INDIVIDUAL, WAS RETIRED ON THIS
DAY.

OKAY.

SO THEN A LITTLE BIT OF A BLANK
SPACE THERE, WHERE'D THE HORSE
GO?

THAT CERTAINLY WOULD MAKE IT
EASIER TO GET A HANDLE ON.

SOMEONE ELSE HAD A QUESTION?

>> THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS KATHY CHIMINO,
PUBLISHER OF "EQUINE INKNOW
EXCHANGE" OUR INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTORY AND WE HAVE THE
LARGEST LIST OF REHOMING
DIRECTORIES IN THE WORLD.
THE EQUINE INDUSTRY IS VERY
UNDERUTILIZED TECHNOLOGY.
WHAT I'D LIKE TO OFFER FOR THE
UNFOUND HORSES, I CAN OFFER THE
SERVICES OF OUR WEBSITE TO HELP

FIND AND IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE
MISSING HORSES, AND I'M HAPPY TO
DO THAT.

I'LL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO
YOU AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY THAT
I CAN BETTER SERVE THE EQUINE
INDUSTRY, THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

I WAS A RACEHORSE OWNER MYSELF,
AND I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
AFTERCARE, AND ALL THE
ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN
YOUR VIDEO ARE ON MY WEBSITE.

>> WE ARE NOT AVERSE TO HELP,
BELIEVE ME.

YES?

>> HI, I REPRESENT THE STANDARD
BREDS I GUESS IN THIS ROOM.
AND I COMMEND YOU ALL ON THE
AMAZING WORK YOU'VE DONE WITH
THOROUGHBREDS, AND IF YOU COULD
GIVE ME ONE OR TWO STEPS AS TO
HOW I CAN START THIS PROCESS
WITH STANDARD BREDS, BECAUSE WE
ARE SO FAR, FAR BEYOND, BEHIND
YOU.

WE HAVE MOST OF OUR STANDARD
BREDS DISAPPEAR, AND THEY
MOSTLY -- WE DON'T KNOW WHERE
THEY GO.

THEY CERTAINLY DON'T GO TO HORSE
SHOWS OR PLACES THAT THEY CAN BE
SEEN AND WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN
SEE WHAT WONDERFUL HORSES THEY
ARE.

THEY DO GO TO THE AMISH, QUITE A
FEW OF THEM, AND WHEN WE GET
THEM FROM THE AMISH, THEY'RE
PRETTY USED UP.

I MEAN, THESE ARE CHAMPION
HORSES THAT HAVE HAD TENDON
INJURIES OR CHIPS IN THEIR KNEES
AND THEY'RE NOT RACING ANYMORE.
THEY HURT.

AND THEN THEY'RE SOLD, AND
THEY'RE SOLD FOR QUITE A BIT OF
MONEY, AND TO GET A TRAINER TO
ACTUALLY SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE
THAT HE HAS SOLD HIS YOU KNOW,
30 CLAIMER FOR \$3,000 AT THE END
OF HIS CAREER, I DON'T THINK

HE'S GOING TO DO THAT.

BUT THEY DO GET GOOD MONEY FOR
THEM, AND THE BUSINESS IS TOUGH,
PROBABLY TOUGHER IN THE STANDARD
BREDS THAN THE OTHER.

I'D LOVE TO HAVE AN
ACCOUNTABILITY OF HOW MANY
HORSES GO TO THE AMISH.

I'D LOVE AN ACCOUNTABILITY OF
HOW WELL THE AMISH TAKE CARE OF
THE HORSES.

THEY ARE NOT AN ISOLATED
COMMUNITY IF THEY DON'T GET
REGULATED AS FAR AS HOW THEY
TAKE CARE OF HORSES, AND THEY
END UP IN THE KILL PEN AND WE
HAVE TAKEN OUT SEVEN THIS YEAR
JUST FROM THE KILL PEN.

SO IF YOU COULD DIRECT ME TO THE
FIRST BABY STEPS THAT YOU TOOK
TO START ALL THE TREMENDOUS
ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU HAVE
GOING IN THE THOROUGHBRED
INDUSTRY TO HELP THE STANDARD
BREDS, I AND THE STANDARD BREDS

WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATIVE.

>> HI, RICK FROM THE HORSEMAN
ASSOCIATION.

JUST A COUPLE OF POINTS.

VALERIE, ON THE MICROCHIP IDEA,
IT IS A GREAT IDEA.

WE'VE BEEN PUSHING THE JOCKEY
CLUB FOR IF IT'S NOT FIVE YEARS,
IT'S THREE YEARS.

THEY'RE WARMING UP TO IT.

SALES COMPANIES WOULD LIKE IT.

THERE ARE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES TO
THE MICROCHIP.

I DON'T KNOW HOW CLOSE THEY ARE.

THEY'RE CLOSER THAN THEY WERE
LAST YEAR, I DON'T KNOW.

OKAY, NOW I'M GETTING -- IT'S
MANDATORY NEXT YEAR.

CHIPPING THE FOALS, SO THAT'S A
HUGE STEP FORWARD.

AS FAR AS LAST PLACE IN

RETIREMENT JUST A LITTLE BIT OF
EXPLANATION, WHEN THE HORSE RUNS
ITS LAST RACE, FINGER LAKES OR
NEW YORK, WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW

THEY RETIRED THAT DAY, WHEN YOU
SEND THEM HOME, YOU SEND THEM TO
A FARM AND THEY DON'T MAKE IT
BACK, AND IT MIGHT CHANGE
CUSTODY, YOU SAW THEM AS A BROOD
MARE OR WHATEVER.

IT'S VERY COMPLICATED.

THE MICROCHIP WILL HELP THAT
IMMENSELY.

IF THEY GET BRED THEY HAVE A
MICROCHIP IDENTIFYING THE MARE
AND ALL THAT.

IT ALSO UNDERLINES THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE GROUP LIKE THE
TAA, WHO ACCREDITS ALL THE
ORGANIZATIONS THEY GIVE GRABTS
TO.

I THINK THEY GAVE \$3 MILLION
THIS YEAR BUT THEY DO CONTINUOUS
INVENTORY.

EVERY YEAR ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS
THEY'RE GIVING MONEY TO, WHERE
EXACTLY WHERE ALL THOSE HORSES
ARE QUARTERLY, I DON'T THINK
IT'S AS SOON AS MONTHLY, BUT

THEY HAVE AN IDEA, SO THOSE
HORSES DON'T GET, THEY DON'T
DISAPPEAR.

WE NEED TO EXPAND PROGRAMS LIKE
THAT.

THE OTHER -- AND I'LL BE HONEST,
WE ARE GETTING MIXED SIGNALS ON
WE'VE REALLY APPRECIATED THE
GAMING COMMISSION IN JUMPING
INTO THIS, HAVING THIS FORUM AND
BE SUPPORTIVE, BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, GAMING COMMISSION IS
LOOKING TO TAKE AWAY RESOURCES
FROM US IN ALBANY TO FUND EQUINE
RESEARCH AND TESTING THAT WILL
DIRECTLY LIMIT WHAT WE COULD
GIVE TO AFTERCARE.

IT DOESN'T -- THE END DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE.

IF YOU GET A QUARTER OF OUR
RESOURCES OF OUR BUDGET, WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO REDUCE A NUMBER
OF PROGRAMS, NOT JUST THE EYE
GLASSES AND THE BACK STRETCH
SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE, HEALTH

CARE, AND DENTAL WORK, YOU KNOW,
AND WE PROVIDE MOSTLY FOR WHO
CAN LEAST AFFORD TO LOSE
SERVICES LIKE THAT, BUT WE'RE
LOOKING TO EXPAND THE AFTERCARE
STUFF THAT WE'RE DOING AND IF WE
LOSE MONEY FROM OUR BUDGET, IT
HAS TO COST WHETHER IT'S THE
DENTAL WORK OR THE AFTERCARE.
I'M ASKING YOU TO TAKE YOUR FOOT
OFF OUR THROATS, LEAVE OUR
BUDGET ALONE AND WE CAN GET
TOGETHER AS AN INDUSTRY WITH THE
STANDARD BREDS, WITH THE
RACETRACK, TO FIND MORE FUNDING
THAT ISN'T GOING TO CRIPPLE
GREAT INITIATIVES LIKE THE
AFTERCARE.

>> I DON'T KNOW WHOSE FOOT IS ON
WHOSE THROAT, TO BE HONEST WITH
YOU, BUT I DO KNOW THAT I THINK
THE OBLIGATION NEEDS TO BE
SPREAD OUT, THE OBLIGATION TO
TAKE THE HORSE, AND IT STARTS
WITH THE BREEDER, AND AN OWNER,

RIGHT, AND THE TRAINER AND THE
JOCKEY, AND THE RACE COURSES,
AND IT SHOULD BE A GROUP EFFORT.
AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S A
BUSINESS.

AS I SAID, I'M A FAN OF ITS THE
BUSINESS, I'M A RACING FAN BUT
THE OBLIGATION IS STILL THERE.

I DON'T THINK WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HORSE AT THE
END I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD FALL
COMPLETELY ON THE PERSON THAT
ENDS UP WITH THE HORSE IN A
CLAIMING RACE THAT THE ENTIRE
BURDEN FALLS ON THEM.

I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE SPREAD
OUT ACROSS THE SPECTRUM BECAUSE
EVERYONE HAS BENEFITED.

>> NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

I'M A CHAIN OF CUSTODY GUY SO
WHEN SOMEONE SAYS WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HORSE
BECAUSE THEY'RE OUT IN THE FIELD
AND OUT TO PASTURE, THAT SEEMS
INCONSISTENT WITH ME BECAUSE I

THINK THERE'S A SYSTEM WHERE
EVEN IF AFTER RUNS AT THE FINGER
LAKES AND YOU WANT TO PUT OUT TO
PASTURE SEE HOW SHE OR HE DOES
AND THEY DON'T RECOVER, WHAT DO
YOU GO, AS A BROODMARE OR
SOMEONE'S GOING TO PICK HIM UP
OR BE A PONY, BUT IF WE HAVE A
SYSTEM WHERE YOU HAVE TO TELL US
WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND IT'S
MANDATORY THAT'S PROBABLY
HELPFUL TO ALL OF US.

>> WE DON'T DISAGREE.

IT'S JUST NOT AUTOMATIC.

IT'S COMPLICATED.

AND IF WE HAD A SYSTEM IN
PLACEMENT AGAIN THE MICROCHIP
WOULD I THINK SIGNIFICANTLY AID
THAT.

AND THERE'S NO QUESTION AND I
APPRECIATE THE FRANKNESS FROM
THE STANDARD BRED INDUSTRY.

WE ARE LIGHT YEARS FROM WHERE WE
WERE FIVE YEARS AGO.

IT HAS TO GET, KEEP IMPROVING.

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING DON'T TAKE
ANY MONEY AWAY SO WE CAN EXPAND
OUR PROGRAM.

[APPLAUSE]

>> THANK YOU.

MY NAME IS SUSAN WAGNER,
PRESIDENT OF EQUAN ADVOCATES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HOLDING
THIS MEETING AGAIN AND THANK
YOU, JACK, FOR PRESENTING THIS
MEETING AND LAST YEAR'S AS WELL
AND THE STATE RACING COMMISSION
AS WELL.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING
QUICKLY ABOUT THE STANDARD
BREDS.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS IS MULTIBREED.
WE HAVE MORROW BREDS, STANDARD
BREDS AND OTHER BREEDS AND WE
RECENTLY TOOK IN A STANDARD BRED
WHO WAS AT A TRAINING CENTER IN
SARATOGA, 11 YEARS OLD, AND BEEN
A CHAMPION, AND I WAS TOLD THAT
THE AMISH ARE ALL OVER THAT
PLACE, THEY TAKE ALMOST EVERY

HORSE, AND IT'S A TERRIBLE FATE
FOR THE STANDARD BRED AND I HOPE
THAT MORE ATTENTION CAN BE
PLACED ON PLACING THOSE HORSES
BECAUSE IT'S A TRAGEDY.

WE HAVE A 30-YEAR-OLD STANDARD
BRED MARE WHO HAD RACED, AND
THEN BECAME AN AMISH BUGGY
HORSE.

I BOUGHT HER PRIVATELY FROM THE
AMISH TO PREVENT HER FROM ENDING
UP IN THE AUCTION, WHICH IS
WHERE MOST OF THEM GO.

LOT OF THE AMISH THEY DRIVE IN
WITH ONE AND DRIVE OUT WITH
ANOTHER.

AND IT'S A REAL PROBLEM.

SO I HOPE A LOT MORE ATTENTION
IS GIVEN TO THE STANDARD BREDS.
BUT WITH THAT SAID, I ACTUALLY
HAD WRITTEN A STATEMENT BECAUSE
LEE PARK HAS ASKED FOUR
QUESTIONS THAT WE ANSWER AND I'M
NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE
THING BUT THERE WERE A COUPLE OF

THINGS I WANTED TO BRING UP.

WITH RESPECT TO NEW

DEVELOPMENTS, QUESTION THREE, I

SEE A MUCH MORE SOPHISTICATED

PUBLIC WHO HAVE QUESTIONS THAT

THEY WANT ANSWERED CONCERNING

EQUINE PROTECTION ISSUES.

IN THIS AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, AND

PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS, I SEE

THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS IMPORTANT

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW THE PUBLIC

WHAT RACING AND THE HORSE

INDUSTRY IN GENERAL IS DOING TO

END THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES AND

ENSURE A HUMANE FATE FOR EVERY

HORSE BORN AS A RESULT OF THE

INDUSTRY.

I WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S TRULY

INSPIRING TO SEE THE WONDERFUL

WAYS AFTERCARE PROGRAMS HAVE

EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS, BUT AS

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WE CAN

ONLY DO SO MUCH.

I FEEL THERE ARE AREAS WHERE THE

INDUSTRY COULD DO MORE TO HELP

AND I HAVE A FEW RECOMMENDATIONS
THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT AND
RESPECTFULLY ASK BE CONSIDERED.

I THINK WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE TO
RENTALSTER THE MANY UNREGISTERED
THOROUGHBREDS WHO HAVE BEEN AND
NEED TO BE RESCUED.

AT THIS TIME THE THOROUGHBRED
AFTERCARE ALLIANCE AND SOME OF
THE OTHER BREED-SPECIFIC
FOUNDATIONS, FUNDS REGISTERED
THOROUGHBREDS ONLY.

WE HAVE TWO UNREGISTERED
THOROUGHBREDS AT THE SANCTUARY,
AND AS OF NOW, THEY ARE NOT
ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

IT WOULD BE A HUGE HELP IF THEY
AND OTHERS SAVED BY
ORGANIZATIONS COULD BECOME
ELIGIBLE.

I ALSO THINK THE FACT THAT NEW
YORK RACING HAS A NO SLAUGHTER
POLICY IS A GREAT STEP, BUT I
ALSO BELIEVE IT CAN BE

EASILYSIRK COUPLE VENTED.

FOR THAT REASON, I BELIEVE THAT
ALL NEW YORK BREDS AND
THOROUGHBREDS AND STANDARD BREDS
THAT RACED AT NEW YORK STATE
RACE TRACKS SHOULD BE ACCOUNTED
FOR TO PREVENT THEM FROM ENDING
UP AT SLAUGHTER.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE AND I KNOW
THIS WOULD TAKE A LAW, I BELIEVE
IT WAS JEFF GARRELL LAST YEAR
WHO BROUGHT THIS UP THAT
ADDITIONAL WAYS TO FUND
RACEHORSE RETIREMENT COULD COME
FROM A PERCENTAGE OF THE GROSS
INCOME FROM WAGES AND OTHER
FORMS OF GAMBLING.

IMPROVING AND ENHANCING THE
EXISTING IDENTIFICATION
PROCEDURES FOR HORSES EXITING
THE RACE TRACKS, WHICH I FEEL IS
ESSENTIAL.

WAVE GOOD-BYE BY THE TRAILER
DRIVER TO THE SECURITY GUARD IS
NOT SUFFICIENT.

WHEN A HORSE LEAVES, THERE SHOULD BE DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE NAME OF THE HORSE, THE LOCATION WHERE THAT ANIMAL IS GOING, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY OF THAT HORSE AND AS JACK ALREADY MENTIONED, THERE ARE MOVES BEING MADE TO TRY TO TRACK ALL THE NEW YORK BREDS.

I THINK THAT'S GREAT.

AND FINALLY I WOULD PROPOSE THAT NEW YORK RACING ESTABLISH AN AGENCY SAY FOR EXAMPLE THE OFFICE OF HUMANE EQUINE AFFAIRS, FUNDED BY A PERCENTAGE OF THE MONEY WAGERED IN ALL FORMS OF GAMBLING THAT PROVIDE PROFITS TO THE RACING INDUSTRY.

THIS AGENCY WOULD BE RUN BY CARING INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SURRENDERED HORSES WHO COULD NO LONGER RACE, AND BE KEPT IN A BARN OF SAFE STALLS.

THESE HORSES WOULD BE EVALUATED
BY AN OUTSIDE TEAM OF
VETERINARIANS WHO COULD
RECOMMEND RETRAINING FOR SPORT
OR PLEASURE RIDING, ET CETERA, A
RETIREMENT AS A COMPANION ANIMAL
OR IN A SANCTUARY, ET CETERA, OR
HUMANE EUTHANASIA, AND THEN THE
RESPECTIVE RESCUE GROUPS COULD
BECOME INVOLVED IN THE TYPES OF
AFTERCARE PROGRAMS THEY OFFER.
WE ALL KNOW THAT SOME HORSES
REQUIRE EXTENDED TURN-OUT
PERIODS BEFORE BEING RETRAINED
AND RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR
INJURIES THAT ARE FIXABLE BEFORE
THE RETRAINING PROCESS BEGINS.
NOW, THERE'S NOT A LOT OF TIME
TO GO INTO DEPTH ON THIS, BUT I
WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME OF THEM
CONSIDERED AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO
BECOME INVOLVED.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> SUSAN, IF YOU WOULD BE SO

KIND TO PROVIDE ME A COPY OF
YOUR STATEMENT I'LL MAKE SURE
IT'S IN THE RECORD.

THANKS.

>> HI.

RICH WITH NYFA AND WITH TAKE THE
LEAD.

TO ANSWER A COUPLE QUESTIONS
ALREADY, WITH REGARDS TO WHEN A
HORSE GOES BACK TO THE BARN,
DIDN'T RUN WELL OR MAYBE HAS AN
INJURY, SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
LIKE RICK SAID SOMETIMES THEY GO
TO THE FARM TO TRY AND HEAL UP,
AND SOMETIMES THEY DON'T, YOU
KNOW, MAKE IT BACK TO THE RACES,
WE GET PLENTY OF CALLS FROM SOME
OF THE FARMS THAT ARE HANDLING
HORSES LIKE THAT, THROUGH THEIR
OWNERS AND THROUGH THEIR
TRAINERS, I THINK OVER THE LAST
THREE YEARS, OUR EXPOSURE HAS
GOTTEN GREATLY INCREASED ON THE
BACK STRETCH, SO WHEN SOMEBODY
AT LEAST AT THE NYRA TRACKS OR

EVEN AT FINGER LAKES THEY HAVE A
HORSE THAT IS RUN AT THE NYRA
TRACKS THEY KNOW WHO TO CALL.
I GET PLENTY OF EMAILS AND TEXTS
AND PHONE CALLS AND SO CAN YOU
SEE DOES ANDY AND RICK ABOUT
HORSES IN NEED OF AFTERCARE AND
I THINK THE PROGRAM IS EXEMPLARY
AND I THINK IT'S REALLY GROWING
AND I LIKE TO THANK RICK FOR
THAT.
HE PUT THE WHOLE THING TOGETHER
BUT KIND OF PUT ANDY AND I IN
THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND SAID YOU
GUYS RUN WITH IT.
BUT IT IS A SITUATION WHERE
SOMEONE THAT HAS A HORSE IN NEED
CAN COME AND CALL US OR TEXT US
OR EMAIL US AND WE'RE THERE, YOU
KNOW, SOMETIMES WITHIN MINUTES,
SOMETIMES WITHIN HOURS, OR IF
IT'S A DAY OR TWO, AND WE CAN
HAVE THE HORSES EVALUATE A
BUYER, LIKE SUSAN SUGGESTED, A
TEAM OF EXPERTS, A TEAM OF

VETERINARIANS EITHER ON SITE OR
WITH REGARDS TO X-RAYS,
ULTRASOUNDS, I SENT X-RAYS TO
POTTY HOGAN TODAY WITH
EVALUATION WITH REGARDS TO
AFTERCARE AND WE DEAL WITH, YOU
KNOW, OBVIOUSLY THE ACCREDITED
FACILITIES IN THE AREA, AND OUT
OF THE AREA IN NEW LOCATIONS IN
KENTUCKY, QUITE A FEW OF OUR
HORSES GO THERE.
THERE'S A LOT MORE TO BE DONE.
I THINK A LOT HAS BEEN DONE, AND
I THINK THE SUGGESTIONS HERE
WITH THE GROUP ARE WELL MEANT
AND WELL TAKEN IN AND I JUST
WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE
ARE WORKING HARD AND WE NEED THE
MONEY TO KEEP UP OUR AFTERCARE
PROGRAM AND RICK HAS DISCUSSED
THAT, AND THE TAA HAS REALLY,
REALLY, REALLY BEEN THE DRIVING
FORCE AND IT'S ONE OF THE ONLY,
IF NOT THE ONLY, WELL, ONE OF
THE ONLY NATIONWIDE HORSE RACING

ACTS THAT ACTUALLY WORKS REALLY
WELL.

ANYWAY, THANKS.

>> JUST A COUPLE OF POINTS.

ACTUALLY, HORSES TRAVEL WITH
HEALTH CERTIFICATES, AND ON THE
HEALTH CERTIFICATE WHEN THEY
LEAVE THE RACETRACK, YOU HAVE TO
STATE EXACTLY WHERE THE HORSE IS
GOING, NOT JUST KENTUCKY, NOT
JUST ALABAMA.

YOU HAVE TO STATE THE BARN WHERE
THE HORSE IS TRAVELING TO, SO
THERE IS SOME KIND OF PAPER
TRAIL THAT EXISTS AND MAYBE WE
CAN EXPAND ON THAT.

BUT IT'S STATE LAW.

THEY CAN'T -- THEY HAVE A TEST
AND VETERINARIAN SIGN THE HEALTH
CERTIFICATE.

THAT'S HERE, THAT'S FINGER
LAKES, AQUEDUCT, AND I'M PRETTY
SURE IT'S AT ALL THE STANDARD
BRED RACE TRACKS AS WELL SO
THERE IS A STARTING POINT FOR

TRACKING THE HORSES AND RICH
TOUCHED ON IT.
WHAT YOU SUGGESTED BASICLY RICK
AND ANDY ARE ALREADY DOING, THE
VETERINARIANS ON THE BACK SIDE
AT THEIR OWN COST EXTRA AND
X-RAY THE HORSES WHEN THEY'RE
RETIRED, MAKE A DETERMINATION IF
THEY NEED SURGERY, YOU MENTIONED
PATTY HOGAN, THIS YEAR DID ABOUT
\$80,000 WORTH OF FREE SURGERY ON
RETIRED HORSES SO THEY COULD
HAVE A MORE COMFORTABLE LIFE AND
ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY OR SOME TIME
OFF THEY HAD SECOND CAREERS.
>> JUST A THOUGHT, RICK, MAYBE
ON A CERTIFICATE SOMEWHERE, BUT
I KNOW A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO
TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE THESE
HORSES ARE, AND THERE'S STILL A
LOT OF MISSING ONES SO CLEARLY
WHATEVER SYSTEM IS IN PLACE IS
NOT WORKING THE WAY WE NEED IT
TO WORK.
I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A WAY AND

HOPEFULLY THERE'S A BETTER WAY
AND EASIER WAY AND MORE ACCURATE
WAY BECAUSE WE GOT BIG HOLES AS
TO WHERE THE HORSES HAVE GONE.

>> I THINK WE'RE PLAYING CATCHUP
FROM THE HORSES IN 2012.

ONCE THEY LEAVE THE RACETRACK
AND THEY GO TO THAT FARM, THEY
DON'T STAY AT THAT FARM
NECESSARILY.

WHEN THEY TRANSFER THERE'S NO
REQUIREMENT, THERE'S NOBODY
THAT'S TAKING CARE OF OR TAKING
THAT INFORMATION AND THAT'S BEEN
A REAL PROBLEM IN TRYING TO
LOCATE WHERE THESE HORSES ARE.

BUT FROM A FOREGOING STANDPOINT
THAT'S A POINT OF INFORMATION,
IF WE START COLLECTING THE
INFORMATION AT AN EARLIER TIME
PERIOD.

[INAUDIBLE COMMENT].

>> THANK YOU, I'M MAYOR JOE AND
YETSON THE MAYOR AT SARATOGA
SPRINGS AND WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE

TO HAVE A RACING CITY AND WE
TAKE THAT VERY SERIOUSLY.
OBVIOUSLY WE CARE DEEPLY ABOUT
OUR ECONOMY, AND ALL THE RACING
THAT GOES INTO OUR SUCCESS BUT
WE ALSO CARE DEEPLY AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS ISSUE.
I WANT TO SORT OF ECHO WHAT ROB
SAID, IT'S THE ROLE OF
GOVERNMENT MAY NOT BE CLEAR YET,
BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY AS THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY, I AM EAGER TO
PARTNER, I AM VERY EAGER TO DO
WHAT ROB SAID AND THAT'S RAISE
THE PROFILE OF THIS ISSUE.
I THINK WE CAN BE A MODEL CITY
FOR MANY OTHER CITIES AROUND THE
COUNTRY, AND I WANT TO THANK THE
GAMING COMMISSION AND NEW YORK
STATE FOR TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY
AS WELL AND I WANT TO BE SURE
THAT NYFA AND THE BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION AND ALL THE
NONPROFITS HERE, JACK, NICK,
REALLY GET THE ATTENTION THEY

DESERVE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S
DOING SUCH GREAT WORK, AND ALL
WORKING TOGETHER, AND PARTNERING
IS CRITICAL.

SO THANKS FOR THE VIDEO.

I WAS THINKING ALL SORTS OF WAYS
WE MIGHT USE THAT RIGHT HERE IN
THE CITY, AND WE WANT TO PROMOTE
THIS AFTERCARE ISSUE, IN FACT
WE'VE ALREADY DONE THAT THIS
MORNING WITH THE PRESS
CONFERENCE AND WITH NYRA HELP
GOT THE WORD OUT AS WELL LAST
YEAR AND WE HAVE STARTED A LOCAL
COALITION OF A LOT OF THE FARMS
AND THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE
FEATURED IN THE FILM BECAUSE WE
FEEL AGAIN, AS YOU DO, I THINK,
BY HOLDING THIS SUMMIT TWO YEARS
IN A ROW THAT TOGETHER WE CAN BE
STRONGER AND DO A LOT MORE AND
MAKE A LOT OF GOOD, BETTER
IMPACT IN OUR REGION, RIGHT
HERE.

SO WHATEVER WE CAN DO FROM CITY

HALL, WHATEVER WE CAN DO FROM SARATOGA SPRINGS, WE WANT TO DO IT, AND WE WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS, WAYS THAT WE CAN INCREASE OUR VISIBILITY WITH THE COALITION AND MANY OF THE MEMBERS ARE HERE TODAY AND THEY WILL SPEAK TO YOU DIRECTLY I'M SURE.

SO THANK YOU.

>> HI, MY NAME IS TOM GALLOW, NEW YORK BREEDERS AND MANAGING PARTNER OF PARTING LAST RACING. NOW THE CHIP TECHNOLOGY IS HERE AND IT'S PRETTY INNOCUOUS, IT'S VERY SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE, MY SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER RATHER THAN WAIT FOR THE FOAL CROP COULD BE 2 AND 3 YEARS OLD, HAVE TO TRACE THEM, THE GAMING COMMISSION COULD TAKE THE STATE VETS AND IMPLANT A CHIP IN EVERY HORSE ON THE BACK STRETCH, PROBABLY WITHIN TWO DAYS.

IT TAKES ABOUT FIVE MINUTES PER
HORSE.

THE VETS ALREADY HAVE THE
SCANNING TECHNOLOGY.

IT'S HERE, SO WHY NOT USE IT?

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO EXISTING
HORSES THAT ARE RACING NOW,
EVERY HORSE THAT GETS TATTOOED,
A NEW HORSE THAT HASN'T STARTED,
A REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO START
WOULD BE ALONG WITH THE TATTOO
PUT A CHIP IN.

TAKES ABOUT THREE OR FOUR
MINUTES.

IF THE STATE, YOU HAVE STATE
VETS THERE, THE GAMING
COMMISSION COULD, YOU KNOW, FUND
THIS PROCESS, IT'S VERY
INEXPENSIVE.

YOU'RE ONLY ON ONE END OF IT,
YOU'RE INSERTING THE CHIP AND
THE CHIPS ARE INEXPENSIVE, VERY
SMALL.

THE VETS WOULD HAVE THE
SCANNERS, AND THEN YOU CAN

IDENTIFY HORSES AND YOU CAN GIVE
THESE SCANNERS TO THE BORDER, TO
BORDER AGENTS, BORDER PATROL AND
HAVE THEM THROUGHOUT THE STATE
SO AT LEAST YOU COULD, YOU KNOW,
MONITOR HORSE'S MOVEMENTS WITHIN
THE STATE AND ONCE THEY LEAVE
THE STATE, I THINK NEW YORK AS A
PIONEER AND AS PROBABLY THE BEST
AND MOST IMPORTANT RACING IN THE
COUNTRY WOULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR
THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, AND IF
NEW YORK STARTS IT, THEN OF
COURSE A LOT OF OTHER
JURISDICTIONS WOULD CERTAINLY
TAKE NOTICE, AND START THAT
ALSO.

NUMBER TWO, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT
YOU ON THE FACT THAT YOU'VE MADE
THIS VIDEO, IT'S A FABULOUS
VIDEO.

I ALSO LIKE THE IDEA OF SHOWING
IT TO TRAINERS, BUT ONE STEP
FURTHER IS I WOULD SHOW IT TO
OWNERS.

I WOULD MAKE IT REQUIRED FOR ANY
MANAGING MEMBER OF A RACING
SYNDICATE TO SEE IT, AND TO MAKE
SURE THAT ALL HIS FACTIONAL
OWNERS SEE IT.

THE REASON I SAY THIS IS BECAUSE
YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN A MODERN ERA
AND WITH THIS MODERN ERA OF
TECHNOLOGY WE ALSO HAVE A MEDIA
GRATIFICATION.

LOT OF THE OWNERS THEY GET IN
THESE DAYS AREN'T IN IT BECAUSE
OF THE LOVE OF THE HORSE.

IN THE OLD DAYS THIS WAS A
SPORTING COMMUNITY.

PEOPLE RACED HORSES BECAUSE THEY
LOVED THEM, THEY BRED THEM, THEY
RACED THEM, THEY HAD THEIR
PRIVATE TRAINERS, AND THEY RACED
THEM, AND THEN THEY TOOK CARE OF
THEM.

BECAUSE THEY HAD THE
WHEREWITHALL TO DO IT.

THIS DAY PEOPLE WANT IMMEDIATE
GRATIFICATION.

PERSON CALLS ME HOW DO I GET
INTO YOUR RACING PARTNERSHIPS?
I SPEND FIVE MINUTES TELLING
THEM THE BASICS, AND THE
QUESTION THAT I DON'T WANT TO
HEAR IS, WELL HOW DO I GET OUT?
MY ANSWER TO THEM IS, DON'T GET
IN.

ONCE YOU GET IN, AND THE HORSE
IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, IN MY
RACING PARTNERSHIP, I ALLOW
EVERYBODY TO KNOW YOU DON'T OWN
THE HORSE UNTIL ITS LAST RACE.
YOU OWN THE HORSE UNTIL IT'S
PROPERLY PLACED IN AN ACCREDITED
RETIREMENT ORGANIZATION.

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
EDUCATE NEW OWNERS AND MAKE THEM
WATCH THE VIDEO.

THE END OF THE LINE IS NOT THE
LAST RACE.

THE END OF THE LINE IS WHEN THAT
HORSE IS PROPERLY PLACED.

I COMMEND YOU ON THE VIDEO BUT I
THINK WE SHOULD EXPAND

VIEWERSHIPS TO KNOW OWNERS

GETTING IN AND THINK THAT'S

ABOUT IT.

>> I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A

LITTLE INARTICULATE BUT THE

INTENTION OF THE VIDEO IS FOR

OWNERS AND OWNER ARE HE NEWALS

SO IT WILL BE FOR TRAINERS,

TRAINER RENEWALS, NEW OWNERS AND

OWNER RENEWALS.

WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT'S THE

APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PUSHING

THAT BEYOND THAT BUT WE WANT TO

HAVE THE RIGHT PERSON BEING

REQUIRED TO WATCH IT.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR OTHER

SUGGESTION WE APPRECIATE THE

SUGGESTION, THAT'S THE PURPOSE

OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO HEAR

FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

THOUGHTS AND CONCEPTS AND WE'RE

HAPPY TO EXPLORE WHAT WE CAN DO

RELATIVE TO CHIPPING TECH

NOTHING AND WHAT CAN BE USED TO

TRACK HORSES.

>> DIANA, ONE SECOND, A

FOLLOW-UP TO TOM.

SORRY.

SORRY.

THIS IS JUSTIN FROM NEW YORK

BREEDERS.

I WANTED TO ADD IN SOME MORE

DETAILS ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF

WHAT WAS ALREADY MENTIONED.

THE JOCKEY CLUB OFFERED NEW

FOALS OF THIS YEAR 2016 THE

ABILITY TO BE MICROCHIPPED.

NEXT YEAR IN 2017, IT'S

MANDATORY.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE, IT'S NOT AN

OPT-OUT PROGRAM.

IT'S MANDATORY, EVERY HORSE FROM

HERE ON FORWARD WILL BE

MICROCHIPPED, WHICH WILL RESOLVE

ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE

TALKING ABOUT FROM A TRACKING

STANDPOINT.

>> IF I CAN INTERRUPT, EVERY

THOROUGHBRED.

THERE'S A LARGE PROBLEM AND

CONCERN RELATIVE TO THE OTHER

HALF OF THE INDUSTRY.

>> VERY TRUE SO WE'RE TALKING

ABOUT THOROUGHBREDS, I AM,

ANYWAYS, THAT'S A MAJOR PART OF

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

ANOTHER THING THAT'S INVOLVED

TOM WAS ALLUDING TO, TOO, THE

EQUINE PASSPORT, RELEVANT TO THE

HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AG AND MARKETS

HERE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

REQUIRES ALL OTHER LIVESTOCK AND

DIFFERENT TYPES OF ANIMALS TAKE

PART IN THIS EQUINE PASSPORT

PROGRAM WHICH IS BASICALLY

SIMILAR TO A HUMAN'S PASSPORT

BUT FOR ANIMALS.

HORSES CAN BE A COMPONENT OF

THAT AS WELL AND THAT'S ATTACHED

TO THE MICROCHIP, SO THERE'S A

LOT OF DIFFERENT TRACKING

MECHANISMS THAT FINALLY OUR

INDUSTRY WILL BE A PART OF GOING

FORWARD, IT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO

RESOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY.

IT'S A MEASURE OF HOW WE STEP

BACKWARDS, LIKE TOM WAS TALKING

ABOUT, THE HORSES THAT ARE

OBVIOUSLY ALREADY BORN.

>> THANK YOU.

I'M DIANA WITH THE THOROUGHBRED

RETIREMENT FOUNDATION AND WE

CARE FOR 840 HORSES EVERY DAY,

AND MOST OF THEM ARE NOT SOUND

ENOUGH TO GO INTO SECOND

CAREERS, EXCEPT CAREERS IN YOU

KNOW, THERAPY OR OUR BIGGEST

PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE SECOND

CHANCES PROGRAM, AT THE PRISONS.

WE DO FIND THOUGH THAT SOMETIMES

AFTER FIVE YEARS OR SEVEN YEARS

THAT SOME OF OUR HORSES DO

BECOME SOUND, SO WE'RE

CONTINUOUSLY CHECKING THEM AND

WE'VE HAD PROBABLY FIVE HORSES

IN THE PAST YEAR GO TO POLICE

WORK, WHICH IS NOT SOMETHING

THAT IS SO HARD ON THEM AS A

SHOW CAREER OR SOMETHING BUT IS
A SECOND CAREER AND THEN THEY'RE
BEING CARED FOR BY SOMEBODY
ELSE.

SO I THINK THAT'S A GOOD
EXAMPLE, AS WELL AS THE FACT
THAT A LOT OF THE HORSES WE'RE
CARING FOR, FOR THEIR WHOLE
LIVES, COME FROM YOU KNOW, THE
GENTLEMAN HERE AS WELL, AND IT'S
A GREAT MARKETING OPPORTUNITY
THAT RACING SHOULD NOT FORGET
ABOUT, THAT SOME OF THE HORSES
THAT ARE RETIRED THAT THEY'RE
LEADING A GOOD LIFE.

THAT WAY, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
THERE AT THE RACETRACK OR THE
HORSE FANS AREN'T THINKING TO
THEMSELVES, WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL
THE ONES THAT AREN'T SOUND
ENOUGH TO GO ON TO SOMETHING
ELSE?

WELL, THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING
REALLY GOOD.

AND THAT ALSO NEEDS TO BE PUT

INTO THE FUNDING MECHANISM.

LOT OF THE FUNDING MECHANISMS
NOW GIVE A ONE LUMP SUM, WHEN
YOU TAKE A HORSE.

WELL THAT, AFTER A FAIRLY SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME, IS USED UP, AS
YOU GUYS KNOW.

SO I FEEL LIKE THE FUNDING NO
MATTER WHERE IT'S COMING FROM,
A, NEEDS TO BE TIED TO THE
HORSE, SO THAT DIFFERENT HORSES
REQUIRE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF
FUNDING, BUT EVERY HORSE IS AS
DESERVING AS EVERY OTHER HORSE
OF LOVING AND IT'S IMPORTANT
THAT EVERYBODY WHO WAS INVOLVED
IN TRYING TO FIND THE FUNDS AND
THE NEW FUNDS AND DEVELOP THE
NEW FUNDING SYSTEMS IS COGNIZANT
OF THE FACT THAT WE NEED NEW
MONEY.

YOU KNOW, NYRA IS TAKING MONEY
OUT AND PUTTING IN MECHANISMS
BUT THAT'S LESS MONEY THAN NYRA
USED TO GIVE AWAY TO AFTERCARE.

SO IT'S THE SAME MONEY THAT'S
BEING, YOU KNOW, REARRANGED BUT
IT'S NOT MORE MONEY.
THERE ARE MORE HORSES THAT NEED
TO BE CARED FOR.
EVERY DAY THERE'S MORE HORSES
THAT NEED TO BE CARED FOR.
IF YOU GUYS ACTUALLY FIND THE
MISSING HORSES, THAT'S GOING TO
BE MORE HORSES THAT NEED TO BE
CARED FOR.
SO THE FUNDING MECHANISM SHOULD
REALLY BE BASED ON THE HORSE,
YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT'S WHEN A
HORSE IS REGISTERED THAT THERE'S
MONEY PUT ASIDE, AND THAT HORSE,
THAT MONEY IS THEN USED WHEN
THAT HORSE IS RETIRED, OR MAYBE
YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT SAYS IF
AN OWNER FINDS A GOOD HOME FOR A
HORSE, THE OWNER GETS THAT MONEY
BACK THEMSELVES, AS AN INCENTIVE
FOR THEM TO DO THAT.
BUT I JUST THINK IT NEEDS TO
BE -- YOU KNOW, THE GAMING

COMMISSION, HORSE RACING IS
HIGHLY REGULATED, BUT THE VERY
CREATURES THAT ARE THE ESSENCE
OF THE GAME THEY'RE NOT REALLY
REGULATED WHEN THEY'RE NOT
RACING ANYMORE AND IT'S JUST NOT
FAIR.

IT NEEDS TO BE -- EVERYBODY
NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED, INCLUDING
YOU GUYS, IN HOW THIS IS GOING
TO WORK.

IT'S BECAUSE IT'S BECOMING SO
IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL.
IF YOU WANT THE PUBLIC, IF YOU
WANT ALL THE YOUNG GIRLS WHO
LOVE HORSES TO GO TO THE
RACETRACK, THEY HAVE TO FEEL
GOOD ABOUT IT, AND THAT'S, YOU
KNOW, THAT REALLY NEEDS TO, WE
NEED TO BE DOING THE GOOD WORK,
DOING MORE OF THE GOOD WORK, AND
THEN REALLY MARKETING AND
SHOWING PEOPLE ALL THE GOOD
THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING.
AND MY LAST COMMENT IS JUST ON

THE MICROCHIPS, I'M UNCLEAR AS
TO HOW THOSE ARE, LIKE I DON'T
THINK THEY'RE MICROCHIPPING AT
THE BORDER, AND I DON'T THINK
THEY'RE MICROCHIPPING AT THE
SLAUGHTERHOUSES, SO I'M JUST NOT
SURE HOW THAT IS GOING TO YOU
KNOW, WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW
WE'RE GOING TO USE THAT
MICROCHIP, THAT IDENTIFICATION
PIECE, TO ACTUALLY HELP THE
HORSES WHO ARE BEING LED BY
DISHONEST PEOPLE.

>> I THINK PART OF IT IS, WE'RE
TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON IT AND
IT RELATES TO WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT, COST, HOW MANY
HORSES ARE OUT THERE, AND THEN
WHAT DEGREE OF MONEY IS
REQUIRED, FUNDING, TO CARE FOR
THEM, AND IT'S VERY COMPLICATED
AS YOU KNOW.

YOU CAN HAVE HORSE AS Q AGS WHO
HAS FEW VET BILLS MOST OF HIS
LIFE AND HORSE "B" WHO IT SEEMS

LIKE THE VET IS OUT THERE EVERY
FOUR WEEKS.

AND YOU'RE RIGHT IDEALLY AN
ANNUITY SYSTEM WHERE EACH HORSE
HAD ITS OWN ANNUITY.

WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM THAT, BUT
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING.

LUMP SUM, PEOPLE DON'T FULLY
APPRECIATE HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO
TAKE CARE OF HORSES.

IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE.

AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE HORSES, WE
ALWAYS SAY THIS, A LOT OF THEM,
MOST OF THE REGULAR FOLKS THE
HORSES EAT BEFORE THEY DO.

AND THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS SO
COSTLY.

BUT I MEAN WITH THE CHIP, WE
DEFINITELY -- KNOWLEDGE IS
POWER.

IT REALLY IS.

SO WE GOT TO GET A BETTER HANDLE
ON THAT AND QUESTION HOPEFULLY
UTILIZE THE CHIP IN WAYS THAT

ARE BENEFICIAL TO EVERYONE.

THE HORSE, THE RACING INDUSTRY
AND THAT THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL
WILL APPRECIATE, BECAUSE THERE'S
ALWAYS A PERCEPTION ISSUE,
RIGHT, WITH RACEHORING.

[INAUDIBLE COMMENT]

>> HI, I'M JEFF CARL, FORMER
JOCKEY TRAINER AND ACTUALLY ONE
OF THE ORIGINAL INSPECTOR
PHOSPHOR THE THOROUGHBRED
AFTERCAROLINE.

ONE THING THAT I'VE SEEN OUT IN
THE FIELD AS AN INSPECTOR FOR
THE TAA, NOT ONLY HEARTWARMING
THINGS, SUSAN, DIANA, JOANN, NOT
ONLY THEY NEED FUNDING ONE MUCH
THE BIGGEST ISSUES THEY HAVE
LIMITED SPACE, THEY CAN ONLY
TAKE TO SO MANY HORSES.

I DON'T KNOW WHO SHOULD TAKE THE
HELM ON THIS OR A COOPERATIVE
THING, SOMEHOW WE NEED TO RAISE
AWARENESS OF FUNDS THAT COULD BE
SATELLITE FUNDS.

THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO
APPLY IN THE FULL-FLEDGED
501-C3s.

LOT DON'T WANT TO.

LOT OF PEOPLE TAKE REHABS AND
LAY-UPS.

THEY MIGHT HAVE A PORTION OF
THEIR FARM THEY COULD OA LOCATE
TO BE IN SATELLITE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO SHOULD TAKE THE
HELM ON THIS, A COOPERATE OF IT
THING, MAYBE WE COULD PUT THAT,
EQUINE PUBLICATIONS, AND GET IT
OUT THERE.

THERE'S CASUAL FARMERS THAT
WOULD LOVE TO HAVE, YOU KNOW,
RETIRED RACEHORSES AND GET SOME
COMPENSATION FOR IT.

I THINK SOME WAY WE NEED TO DO A
BETTER JOB OF GETTING AWARES
OUT, BECAUSE AS MUCH FUNDING AS
WE CAN GIVE TO THESE PEOPLE WE
STILL NEED MORE SPACE TO PUT
MORE HORSES IN.

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>> AB IN A OF NEW VOCATIONS.

JUST ABOUT NEW VOCATIONS, OUR MISSION IS FOCUSED ON REHABBING, RETRAINING AND REHOMING BOTH STANDARD SERVICE AND WE DO IT PRETTY MUCH FROM THE MIDWEST ALL THE WAY UP TO NEW YORK AND GULF STREAM RACETRACK AS WELL.

I WANTED TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF PERSPECTIVE FROM OUR SEAT HERE, BECAUSE WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION THAT'S KIND OF UNIQUE, WHERE WE TAKE BOTH ARE THIS ROW BREDS AND STANDARD BREDS SINCE 1992, SO WE'RE ONE OF THE OLDEST ONES OUT THERE BESIDES THE TRF AND WORKING WITH ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT STATES, AND WE WORK WITH NEW YORK A LOT, WE'RE ABLE TO TAKE IN OVER 450 HORSES A YEAR, WHICH IS A LOT AND A LOT MORE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP BUT IT'S A DROP IN THE BUCKET. HOWEVER, WITH THAT NUMBER, I HAVE TO SAY AND WITH US WORKING

WITH ALL THESE DIFFERENT RACE
TRACKS, NEW YORK IS ALREADY
LEADING THE SHIP I FEEL IN
AFTERCARE IN HOW THEY'RE DEALING
WITH THINGS SO I WANT TO JUST
BRING SOME POSITIVE LIGHT TO
THIS DISCUSSION AND SAY I THINK
THAT THESE TYPE OF BRINGING THE
RIGHT PEOPLE TO THE TABLE IS
REALLY, REALLY GOOD TO MAKE SURE
THAT WE'RE NOT REINVENTING THE
WHEEL IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND
WE'RE UTILIZING THE RESOURCES
AND UTILIZING THE SYSTEMS THAT
ARE ALREADY IN PLACE JUST TO
GIVE YOU A LITTLE EXAMPLE, WHEN
WE STARTED WORKING WITH TAKE THE
LEAD, WITH NYFA'S TAKE THE LEAD
PROGRAM FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO
WE WERE ONLY TAKING IN ABOUT 40
HORSES FROM THE NEW YORK
RACETRACK PER YEAR.
NOW LAST YEAR IN 2015 WE TOOK IN
OVER 120 HORSES.
THE ONLY WAY WE WERE ABLE TO

TRIPLE THAT NUMBER WAS THROUGH
THEIR FUNDING ALONE.

THAT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL AND
US BEING ABLE TO DO MORE FOR THE
NEW YORK HORSES AND THE RACE
TRACKS, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE
NYRA HORSES THROUGH THAT TAKE
THE LEAD PROGRAM.

NOT ONLY IS IT FUNDING THAT
THEY'RE PROVIDING, BUT THEY'RE
ALSO PROVIDING BOOTS ON THE
GROUND.

>> -- ASK YOUR OPERATOR FOR
ASSISTANCE.

>> I'M NOT GOING TO TOUCH IT.

>> NOT ONLY THE FUNDING BUT
THEY'RE PROVIDING BOOTS ON THE
GROUND.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S SO
FRUSTRATING AS AN AFTERCARE
ORGANIZATION IT WAS MENTIONED IN
YOUR VIDEO, AIKENDALE, WE'RE
TOLD ONE THING ABOUT A HORSE AND
SHOWS UP AND IT'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT.

OH IT SOUNDS BLAH, BLAH, BLAH,
AND WE COME IT SOUNDED ONE WAY.
IT'S HELPFUL TO HAVE THAT
INFORMATION BEFORE WE GET THE
HORSE.

WITH TAKE THE LEAD THEY HAVE
THAT HERE AT EACH RACETRACK THEY
LOOK AT THE HORSES, WE GET
ULTRASOUNDS, X-RAYS, WE GET A
VET REPORT ON EVERY SINGLE HORSE
WHICH IS HUGE, HUGE, AND I
BELIEVE THEY'RE ALL IN GOOD TIME
WHICH IS GREAT.

WHEN WE GET HORSES FROM NYFA'S
PROGRAM WE HAVE A PRETTY GOOD
PICTURE OF WHAT WE'RE GETTING,
KNOW IF IT'S A REHAB FOR EIGHT
MONTHS OR IF IT NEEDS TO HAVE
SURGERY, AND THEY HELP US WITH
THAT.

WE KNOW IF IT CAN GO RIGHT INTO
OUR TRACKING PROGRAM.

THEY HELP ORGANIZE THE
TRANSPORTATION TO OUR FACILITIES
WHICH IS HUGE AND SO THEY

PROVIDE EVEN MORE THAN JUST THE
FUNDING, SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE
SURE THAT WE DON'T OVERLOOK SOME
OF THESE SYSTEMS THAT ARE
ALREADY IN PLACE WHICH SEEM TO
BE WORKING REALLY, REALLY WELL.
DO THEY NEED TO BE IMPROVED ON?
ABSOLUTELY.

THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE
PLACES THAT WE CAN IMPROVE ON,
BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
TO NYFA ENEVERYTHING THEY'VE
DONE FOR THE AFTERCARE AND A LOT
OF THE AFTERCARE PROGRAMS
REPRESENTED HERE I THINK WOULD
SAY THE SAME.

[APPLAUSE]

>> GO AHEAD.

WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE I
GUESS I'M TOLD.

>> I'LL BE REALLY QUICK I
PROMISE.

DR. KIRBY WEIKOPF HERE,
RESEARCHER FROM WORCESTER STATE
UNIVERSITY IN CENTRAL

MASSACHUSETTS, ALSO A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN WHO DOES A LOT OF THE EQUINE ASSISTED RESEARCH ON HUMAN INTERACTIONS AND I HAVE AN ACTIVE RAISING STABLE, WE RAN ABOUT 20 HORSES.

IT'S A UNIQUE POSITION TO HAVE ONE FOOT IN BOTH DOORS.

I THINK WHAT STRIKES ME MOST ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION IS THAT I WAS HERE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER WHEN TIPTON WAS HAVING THE NEW YORK FOOT SALE AND THE PREMIUM SALE AND THIS WAS A FULL HOUSE, AND IF YOU LOOK AROUND, THERE ARE A LOT OF EMPTY SEATS.

I THINK THIS IS PART OF OUR PROBLEM, WHY IS IT THAT ALL OF US CAME HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, BUT WE NEED TO BRING MORE PEOPLE TO THE TABLE.

I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SYSTEMS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN PLACE THAT WORK REALLY WELL BUT

UNTIL WE GET A BETTER HANDLE ON
HOW THE SYSTEMS CAN COMMUNICATE
WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND HOW WE CAN
UNDERSTAND THIS NEED AND
SYSTEMATICALLY RESPOND TO IT,
WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEE
EMPTY SEATS, AND I THINK THAT'S
PART OF WHERE OUR FOCUS NEEDS TO
BE ATTENDING TO.

YEP.

>> ALL RIGHT.

I THINK THAT'S PERFECT TO FOLLOW
UP ON.

ONE THING I WAS THINKING OF IS,
I'M REALLY PREACHING TO THE
CHOIR HERE, IF YOU'RE HERE IT'S
BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN INTEREST.

AND YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING.

I THINK THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE IS
TO GET BACK INTO YOUR RESPECTIVE
COMMUNITIES AND KEEP THAT
CONVERSATION GOING AND TALKING
TO INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY NOT BE
AS KNOWLEDGEABLE OR AS
INTERESTED AS YOU ARE, BUT I

THINK THE MAIN ELEMENT AGAIN IS

KEEP THAT CONVERSATION GOING.

WE MET LAST SEPTEMBER, WE'RE

MEETING TODAY.

I THINK WE'LL WAIT ANOTHER YEAR,

THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK ON

THIS CONCERN THAT THE COMMISSION

CAN ASSIST WITH, AND I'M REALLY

LOOKING AGAIN FOR YOU GUYS TO

COME UP WITH IDEAS.

WE HEARD SOME GOOD IDEAS TODAY

THAT WE WILL CONSIDER AND WE'LL

SEE HOW WE CAN WORK THAT INTO

OUR REGULATORY SCHEME, OR

OTHERWISE, WHAT ELSE WE MIGHT BE

ABLE TO DO.

BUT AS YOU COME UP WITH THESE

IDEAS OR THOUGHTS, EVEN IF YOU

THINK WELL, WHO KNOWS.

SPIT THEM OUT TO US.

WE'RE EASILY REACHABLE.

LEE AND I ARE BOTH VERY

REACHABLE WITHIN OUR RESPECTIVE

OFFICES.

OUR EMAILS ARE OUT THERE AND

WE'LL CERTAINLY CIRCULATE THEM,
ET CETERA, BUT LET'S NOT WAIT
FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO SEE WHAT
ELSE WE CAN DO.

VIDEO IS A GOOD START.

THE RESEARCH IS A GOOD START,
BUT WE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO
GO.

AGAIN, I KNOW I'M PREACHING TO
THE CHOIR ON THIS.

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
ATTENTIONS TODAY AND LOOK
FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU GUYS
IN THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]