

# TAKE THE LEAD Thoroughbred Retirement Program

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association has created "TAKE THE LEAD," a retirement program for Thoroughbreds stabled at New York Racing Association tracks, to facilitate the search for rehabilitation and retraining placements for retiring NYRA racehorses.

**THE RETIRING RACEHORSE MUST UNDERGO A VETERINARY EVALUATION AND BE APPROVED AS SUITABLE FOR A SECOND CAREER TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE TAKE THE LEAD PROGRAM.**

## The Owner/Trainer Donating the Horse will:

- Fill out and sign the TAKE THE LEAD Intake Form and provide relevant information about the horse
- Submit foal papers, a negative Coggins test, and pertinent X-rays and ultrasounds
- Be responsible for castration, when necessary
- Relinquish ownership to the aftercare program
- Provide for the care and upkeep of the horse until it leaves the NYRA grounds



## TAKE THE LEAD will:

- Collect and review the Intake Form
- Arrange for a comprehensive evaluation of the retiring racehorse by a licensed veterinarian, and provide a report of the evaluation
- IF APPROVED, Contact partner rehabilitation and retraining programs to find a placement, and serve as a liaison between the program and the horse's owner and/or trainer
- Provide one-time funding for the horse's aftercare when necessary, as negotiated with the partner program
- Arrange for transportation to the rehabilitation or retraining placement
- Maintain a website that offers information and news regarding TAKE THE LEAD, links to the partner programs, a photo gallery and slide show of horses up for adoption following rehabilitation and retraining, and a donation page
- Tour the partner programs on a regular basis to ensure that AAEP standards at the facility are maintained

## The Partner Rehabilitation or Retraining Program will:

- Enter into a signed agreement with the owner of the retiring horse to accept the horse as a donation
- Negotiate any monetary donations from the owner of the retiring horse
- Provide a placement for the horse that adheres to the AAEP Care Guidelines for Equine Rescue and Retirement Facilities
- Provide brief monthly progress reports on the horse to TAKE THE LEAD
- Provide photo(s) of the horse for inclusion on the TAKE THE LEAD website
- Provide contact information for the new home when the horse is adopted
- Provide links to the TAKE THE LEAD and NYTHA websites on their websites

In order to be eligible for TAKE THE LEAD, a horse must be registered with The Jockey Club and stabled at a NYRA track with a trainer who is based at a NYRA track for a minimum of six months annually. Intact males are not eligible, and must be gelded at the owner's expense. There is no charge to submit a horse to the program, but donations are encouraged.



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## HORSE INTAKE FORM

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Stabled at \_\_\_\_\_ Barn # \_\_\_\_\_ Stall # \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

Date, Track and Finish of Last Race \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the horse being retired? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is the horse on any medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications/Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

Injury Report (past and current) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief description of the horse's personality, manners and vices on the track and in the barn/stall:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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