

# PTHA *POST*



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# AUGUST 2025

ENJOY THE SUMMER BREAK!



*Simovitch at Ears and Gears Stables  
(Turning for Home partner farm).*

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

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# PTHA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PTHA PRESIDENT  
Robert "Bob" Hutt



PARX is now on our annual summer break until we reopen on Monday, August 18th for Owners Appreciation Day with HUGE purses. It's our one day when we say thank you to all owners who support PARX all year round.

On Friday, August 1st a contingent of us will be heading up to Saratoga to see a wrong - finally righted as after twenty-one years, our legendary, Smarty Jones, in his first attempt on the ballot will be inducted into Racing's Hall Of Fame and deservedly so. Sixteen modern day horses/people were nominated for this year. None of them made it; whereas, it's only fitting that Smarty Jones was the **ONLY ONE** elected. I can't wait until our First Lady, Pat Chapman, gives her acceptance speech for this long overdue honor. I made a promise a year ago to Mrs. Chapman and her trainer, John Servis. I then assembled a team of unsung heroes that know who they are. Thank you all for making this day possible as Smarty Jones is one of the greatest horses to ever peer thru a bridle. You gave of your time for the city of Philadelphia, PARX, and racing fans all across America as we are forever in your debt! It's going to be a great Smarty party. Somewhere, I believe Chappy will be smiling down from his balcony seat in heaven.

On another note there will not be any turf racing at Parx this season. That's the bad news. The good news is we have assembled a team of professionals and are confident that come early next spring PARX will have one of the finest turf courses in the Northeast as we hope to open early. I'd like to commend PARX COO Joe Wilson who has worked hand and hand with your PTHA Board to get this done. Thank you Joe.

Next up, thanks to Board Member John Julia's business acumen, we were able to negotiate a great deal with Comcast who will be spending nearly a half million dollars to build much needed WiFi on the backstretch including for our barns, dormitories, and recreation hall. The work is starting now as we hope to have it completed before the end of the year. Another great big shout out to PARX COO Joe Wilson for his authorization.

If you haven't heard HISA has **UNACCREDITED** our Pennsylvania lab for drug testing for the next six months. HISA has instructed that all drug testing now be conducted in Colorado. The PTHA had been paying out of the Racehorse Development Trust Fund (RHDTF) \$3.5 million annually for drug testing as was legislated by our politicians in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania lab is no longer providing us any service. Your Board, as a first step, negotiated with the Pennsylvania Racing Commission who will reassign those funds to pay the Colorado lab so we will not be double dipped. Stay tuned as further negotiations are ongoing in which we will keep you apprised. We shouldn't be paying for services that we are no longer receiving. That money could be utilized for higher purses which will result in higher parimutuel revenues both for our horsemen and the casino as it will increase field size as well as the quality of horses racing.

In case you're worried about your purse earnings, I will mention again that you should come into the PTHA office to sign a **WAIVER** that you will return the money should your horse come up with a "very rare" positive. If you do, you can receive your purse earnings as early as the following Thursday of the next week before the drug testing results are known. This is just another example of my administration working hard for you our wonderful PTHA constituents. Before this **WAIVER** we were waiting three weeks or longer for our money. We know cash flow receivables in any business is always a problem. Your Board enacted this measure to help you meet your obligations!

Last but not least, I'm pleased to report that our Petition against the Board has been settled amicably. Your entire Board is now working together harmoniously for you. We look forward to a large turnout when racing resumes again on August 18th. Here's hoping we have a spectacular second half in 2025. My door is always open if you need to speak with me. Enjoy the summer break.



# HORSEMEN

Update from  
PTHA Executive Director

Horsemen:

We hope you and your families are making the most of our annual Parx Summer Break! As we gear up to return, excitement is building for what's ahead, starting with PTHA's Owners & Trainers Appreciation Day on Monday, August 18th.

With the arrival of August, we're entering a thrilling stretch for our dedicated horsemen and women. Appreciation Day will kick off our late summer and fall meet, followed closely by the always-anticipated Smarty Jones Day—featuring key local prep races for the **2025 Pennsylvania Derby Day**.

Your relentless dedication, hard work, and passion for this sport are what make moments like these possible. Let's stride into the next chapter with energy, pride, and purpose. The best is yet to come!

This August, we're gearing up for two incredible events that honor the very soul of Parx Racing – our dedicated horsemen and horsewomen!

## ***PTHA's Owners and Trainers Appreciation Day – Monday, August 18th***

This is our opportunity to say “Thank You” to the hardworking individuals who invest their time, money, and care into every horse that races at Parx Racing, year-round, 49 weeks a year. We hope you join us for our PTHA Luncheon and participate in the day's activities on track with enhanced purses.

## ***Smarty Jones Day – Tuesday, August 19th***

On Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll turn our attention to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's newest inductee, Smarty Jones. Smarty's name is forever etched in the history of Pennsylvania racing and will forever be remembered amongst racing's greats. We're proud to honor his legacy with a special race day featuring exciting stakes action and programming that highlights the best of our sport. This is a day to celebrate our past, present, and future in Pennsylvania Racing. This day will feature the \$200K Smarty Jones Stakes and \$200K Catheryn Sophia Stakes.

As always, the PTHA remains committed to advocating for your interests and improving the experience for everyone on the backstretch and in the winner's circle. During our summer break, we are working on installing the infrastructure for WiFi throughout the backstretch. These Comcast services will be provided to our horsemen, in which they can sign-up for individual services for their barns, dorm rooms, etc. A pricing sheet will be provided shortly to our horsemen. Additionally, owners and trainers will be able to watch the draw via ZOOM for the following week's races. Your support and engagement are vital as we keep pushing for progress.

Enjoy your summer,

Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr.  
Executive Director



**PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Jeffrey A. Matty Jr.





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Trainers, if you're turning 65 in 2025 and are fully vested in our non-qualified pension plan, there's something important you should know: According to IRS rules, once you hit 65, your pension income is considered "constructively received." That means it's treated as taxable income—even if you don't take any money out of the plan.

You'll get a 1099 for the full balance at the end of the year. If you'd prefer to leave the money in the plan but want to withdraw enough to cover the taxes, we can help you.

Just reach out to the office and we'll walk you through the next steps.



## ATTENTION OWNERS AND TRAINERS

**REMEMBER: THIS IS A PTHA ELECTION  
YEAR SO PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS  
WITH THE PTHA OFFICE  
AND WITH THE  
PA RACING COMMISSION.**

**\*\*If you have questions about the PTHA  
elections please stop by our office.\*\***

PTHA PTHA  
**2025 OWNERS & TRAINERS  
APPRECIATION DAY**



**KONA ICE**

**MONDAY - AUGUST 18TH**

**10AM - 12PM**

**PTHA OFFICE PARKING LOT**



**FREE FOR ALL HORSEMEN**



# PTHA Press Release - 7/2/2025



## *Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Inc.*

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
July 2, 2025

On July 2, 2025, the Bucks County litigation among members of the Board of Directors of the PTHA was settled on terms that all parties believe to be in the best interest of the PTHA and its 2,500+ members. In connection with the settlement, the parties recognize that all Directors have acted in good faith and in the best interest of the Association at all times and that no party should be removed from the Board based on the conduct raised in the litigation. As a result of the settlement terms, the Board of Directors will seek to implement a plan of action that they collectively believe will benefit the PTHA and its members. Neither the parties nor their counsel shall have any other comment about the litigation or the settlement.

Robert Hutt, President

Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr., Executive Director





# PARX SUMMER *Break*

***LAST DAY OF LIVE RACING***  
**THURSDAY - JULY 24TH**

***RACING RETURNS***  
**MONDAY - AUGUST 18TH**  
**PTHA'S OWNERS APPRECIATION DAY**

**TRACK CLOSED FOR TRAINING**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 27TH to SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD**  
**TRACK REOPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH**



YOU'RE INVITED TO

PTHA's  
Owners and  
Trainers  
Appreciation Day

MONDAY  
AUGUST 18TH, 2025  
LUNCHEON AT PARX RACING  
GRANDSTAND - 3RD FLOOR -  
FROM 1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

**\*\*MUST PRESENT YOUR PARX TRAINER/OWNER'S LICENSE\*\***



FOR MORE INFO,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PTHA OFFICE  
215-638-2012

Parx Racing			
EIGHTY-SECOND DAY -- Monday, August 18, 2025 (Entries Close on Tuesday, August 12, 2025)			
1	<b>FIRST RACE</b> Purse \$60,000. For Maidens, Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000, For Each \$5,000 To \$20,000</b>	<b>MAIDEN CLAIMING</b>	
2	<b>SECOND RACE</b> Purse \$60,000. For Maidens, Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000, For Each \$5,000 To \$20,000</b>	<b>MAIDEN CLAIMING</b>	
3	<b>THIRD RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Fillies Three Years Old or Fillies and Mares Four Years Old and Upward Which Have Never Won Two Races. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race Since July 18.....3 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
4	<b>FOURTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Three Year Olds or Four Year Olds and Upward Which Have Never Won Two Races. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race Since July 18.....3 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
5	<b>FIFTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Fillies Three Years Old or Fillies and Mares Four Years Old and Upward Which Have Never Won Three Races. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race Since July 18.....3 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$20,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
6	<b>SIXTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Three Year Olds or Four Year Olds and Upward Which Have Never Won Three Races. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race Since July 18.....3 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$20,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
7	<b>SEVENTH RACE</b> Purse \$55,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
8	<b>EIGHTH RACE</b> Purse \$55,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
9	<b>NINTH RACE</b> Purse \$100,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward Which Have Never Won A Race Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Starter, Or State Bred or Which Have Never Won Two Races or Claiming Price \$15,000. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race At One Mile Or Over Since July 18.....3 lbs. (Claiming Races Not Considered In Allowances)	<b>ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING</b>	
10	<b>TENTH RACE</b> Purse \$100,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward Which Have Never Won A Race Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Starter, Or State Bred or Which Have Never Won Two Races or Claiming Price \$15,000. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. Non-winners: Of A Race At One Mile Or Over Since July 18.....3 lbs. (Claiming Races Not Considered In Allowances)	<b>ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING</b>	

Parx Racing			
EIGHTY-SECOND DAY -- Monday, August 18, 2025 (Entries Close on Tuesday, August 12, 2025)			
11	<b>ELEVENTH RACE</b> PTHA President's Sprint \$75,000 Guaranteed	<b>STAKES</b>	
FOR THREE YEARS OLD. By subscription of \$50 each which should accompany the nomination. A supplemental nomination fee of \$250 may be made up to the time of entry. \$100 to pass the entry box, \$100 additional to start, with \$75,000 guaranteed to be divided: 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, and 4% to fifth. *All starters, excluding starters finishing first through fifth, shall be paid \$1,500 each and the remaining purse monies will then be divided as described above. Weight: 124 lbs. Winners of a sweepstakes in 2024-2025 to carry an additional 2 lbs. Non-winners of \$45,000 in 2025 allowed 3 lbs. (Maiden, Claiming and Starter races not considered). Maidens allowed 6 lbs. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. A field of 14 horses will be drawn with the preference given as follows: Graded/Group stakes winners in order (I-II-III), stakes winners, Graded/Group stakes placed horses in order (I-II-III), stakes placed horses in order (2nd place, 3rd place), winners, then highest career earnings. The first three finishers in this race will receive free nomination, entry and starting fees to the 2025 Gallant Bob Stakes Grade II. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Nominations Close Tuesday, August 5, 2025			
12	<b>TWELFTH RACE</b> Purse \$65,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000, if for \$25,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
13	<b>THIRTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$65,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$30,000, if for \$25,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
14	<b>FOURTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$55,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
15	<b>FIFTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$55,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$15,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$10,000</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
16	<b>SIXTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$7,500, if for \$5,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
17	<b>SEVENTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$7,500, if for \$5,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
18	<b>EIGHTEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$7,500, if for \$5,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	
19	<b>NINETEENTH RACE</b> Purse \$50,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three Year Olds.....120 lbs. Older.....125 lbs. <b>CLAIMING PRICE \$7,500, if for \$5,000, allowed</b>	<b>CLAIMING</b>	





# PARX RACING SPECIAL DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR



**Aug  
18**



The PTHA will be thanking all owners and trainers at our Annual Owner's Appreciation Day.

**Aug  
19**



Smarty Jones stakes at Parx!

**Sep  
1**



Turning For Home Day on Labor Day, to celebrate and thank our partner farms and all who support our program!

**Sep  
19**



The best of Pennsylvania:  
PA Day at the Races

**Sep  
20**



2025 Pennsylvania Derby and Cotillion:  
The most exciting day in PA

**Oct  
21**



A day to honor and celebrate the 2025 Parx Hall of Fame inductees

**Nov  
1**



Enjoy the action of the Breeders' Cup races during this special Saturday at Parx Racing

**Nov  
28**



After a day of shopping, come to Parx to relax and have a good time enjoying live racing.



# Horsemen Achievements



Congratulations to Jockey  
*Jorge A. Vargas, Jr.,*  
who earned his 1,000th career win  
aboard Gran Yaco on July 4th  
at Monmouth Park.

## PTHA's Garden contest: "Diamond in the rough"

The PTHA is sponsoring a garden contest!

Turn the diamond in between barns into a little bit of tranquility and bring a little beauty to our backstretch.

Use your creativity to plant flowers, use flower pots, add garden statues, etc. The only rule is that the barn must register by August 18th, 2025, with Jackie in the PTHA office.

Judging will be held on *September 15th, 2025*, with the winners announced via text and Facebook.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 gardens:

*First place \$250.00*

*Second place \$150.00*

*Third place \$100.00*





[www.LetsGoRacingParx.com](http://www.LetsGoRacingParx.com)

## WATCH LET'S GO RACING

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# AROUND THE OVAL by Dani Gibson

## Stakes action in the Mid-Atlantic Region

**July 26th -**

Alani and jockey Andy Hernandez won the \$100,000 Love Sign Stakes at Colonial Downs for trainer Michael Moore, owners Hardesty Stables and Michael Day, going a snappy 6 furlongs after a dueling inside finish by 1 ¾ lengths.

**July 18th -**

Trainer Jamie Ness credits Virginia Bred Repo Rocks of “the claim of a lifetime” with another powerful win in the \$125,000 Edward Evans Stakes at Colonial Downs for owner Double B Racing Stables with jockey Mychel Sanchez riding going 1 mile & 1/16th.

**July 18th -**

The gray colt Fire Pit ran third at Monmouth Park in the \$100,000 Jersey Shore Stakes for trainer Guadalupe Preciado and owner Travin Stables going 6 furlongs behind winner Neoequos and second place finisher Donut God.

## Two Year Olds debut at Parx Racing

**July 21st -**

PA Bred colt Flyin Hawaiian dominated his peers with a dazzling performance to break his maiden with jockey Paco Lopez riding for trainer Butch Reid, Jr., owners LC Racing LLC, James Bonner & Wellesley Stable at Parx Racing sprinting 4 ½ furlongs for the \$42,000 purse

**July 16th**

NY Bred filly Dopamine won our 1st two year old race at Parx Racing in a \$42,000 Maiden Special Weight for trainer Josue Arce and owner John Fanelli with jockey Melvis Gonazlez riding the speedy little gray filly by sire Union Rags to her maiden debut 4 length victory sprinting 4 ½ furlongs.



Dani Gibson, PTHA's Director of Public Relations, and Parx's trainer Miguel Rodriguez silently promised their eternal love in a private ceremony where her personal assistant, Bossy Kate, held the rings and then formalized their marriage on July 20, 2025. The entire PTHA family wishes them a lifetime of love and happiness. Congratulations!





# THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES OF THE INAUGURAL PENNSYLVANIA YEARLING SHOW!



## GRAND CHAMPION

McKinzie - Emerald Bracelet filly,  
bred and owned by Arrowwood Farm

## RESERVE CHAMPION

Sir Patrick, Pat On the Back - Friday Mass colt,  
bred and owned by E. Marie Morrison

AVERIE LEVANTI PHOTOS



  
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PENNSYLVANIA's  
**DAY at the RACES**



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# Enter to win a **JOHN DEERE ZERO TURN MOWER MODEL Z315E**

Winner will be chosen  
**SEPTEMBER, 20TH 2025**  
at Parx Pennsylvania Derby Day.

Come out and join us for a great weekend of racing,  
which includes 10 stakes races featuring the G1 \$1 million  
Pennsylvania Derby and Cotillion.

**\$10/entry**



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## The Hand-Off That Matters

This time of year, as summer gives way to fall, we start to reflect—not just on the horses we’ve brought in, but the ones who’ve moved on.

Because that’s what makes this program different.

At Turning For Home, we don’t just collect horses. We place them—with intention, coordination, and care. That hand-off—from trainer to TFH, from racetrack to retraining—is the most important moment of all.

This month, I want to revisit that part of the process. Because placing a horse with TFH is more than a retirement decision—it’s a transition. A next step. And when done right, it’s a win for everyone: the horse, the owner, the trainer, the sport.

The process is easy. If you have a horse ready to retire, start the conversation with your vet. Our TFH team works hand-in-hand with the Parx veterinary staff to assess soundness, determine rehab needs, and coordinate placement at one of our trusted partner farms.

We make it smooth so you can move forward—and the horse can too.

Some need surgery and time.

Some just need turnout and groceries.

Others are ready to step right into a second job—and many do.

And that’s what we’ll be celebrating on Labor Day.

### TFH Day at Parx – Monday, September 1 (Labor Day)

Join us for a day that’s about more than racing—it’s about recognizing the full life of the Thoroughbred, and the people who make second chances possible.

Highlights include:

- Lunch specials in the Parx Picnic Grove
  - TFH Alumni appearances in person and on video
  - Giveaways and thank-yous for our supporters and horsemen
  - A preview of our “Revealed” series spotlighting second careers
  - Sponsorships and race dedications for those who’ve helped us grow
- (If you haven’t sponsored yet, there’s still time. We’d love to include you.)

### We’ll Take It From Here

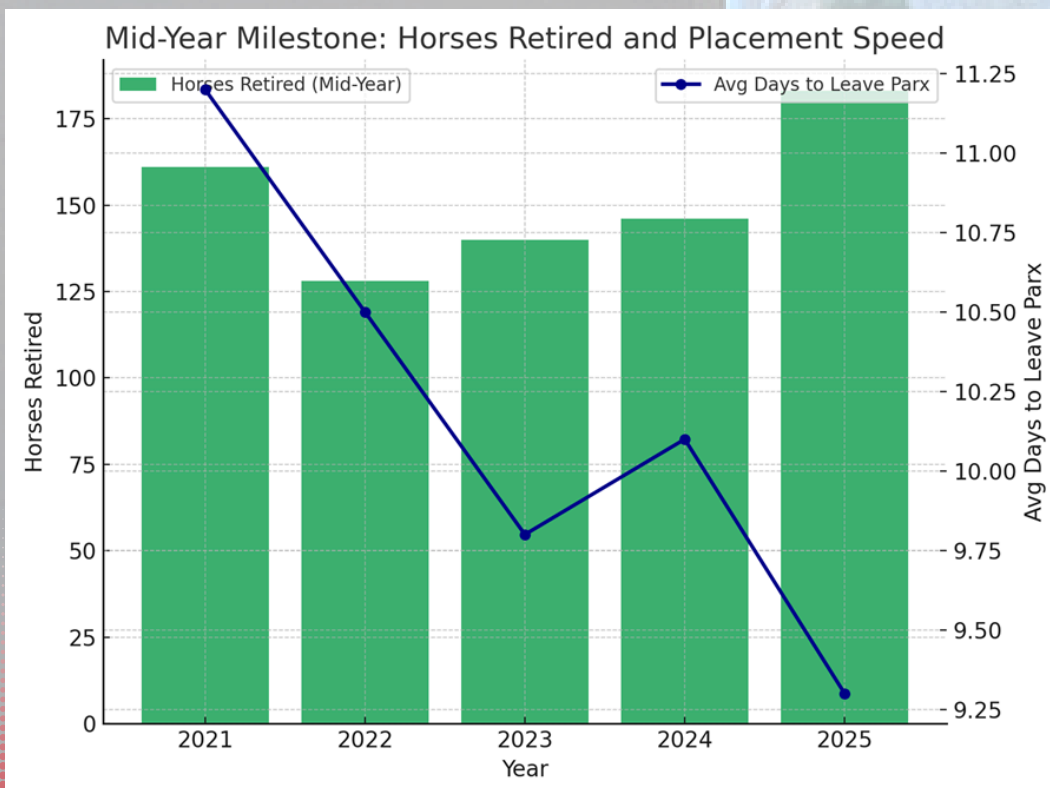
If you have a horse to place, you don’t need to do it alone. Just call us. Walk over. We’re here, every day, making sure your horse gets what it deserves: respect, care, and a new direction.

“We’ve built a system that works—but it only works when you use it.”

Let’s keep moving them forward. Together.

### Mid-Year Impact: January–June 2025

At the halfway mark of 2025, Turning For Home has already helped a record-breaking 183 horses into safe retirement—new records of horses are retiring with us. This not only protects the horses, but it saves owners significantly in day-rate costs. Our costs per horse has remained steady over the years, so thank your TFH Partner Farms for all their hard work!







PTHA's Turning For Home, Inc.  
Racehorse Retirement Program at Parx Racing  
P.O. Box 300  
Bensalem, PA 19020

## Labor Day – September 1, 2025 | Parx Racing | Bensalem, PA

We invite you to take center stage as a valued sponsor of Turning For Home Day 2025, to be held on Labor Day – Monday, September 1st at Parx Racing in Bensalem, PA.

Turning For Home Day celebrates the power of second chances—honoring the Thoroughbreds retiring from racing and the horsemen, fans, and supporters who make it possible. Whether you're a longtime advocate or new to aftercare, this is your opportunity to show your support in front of a passionate racing audience.

We are pleased to offer the following sponsorship opportunities:

### **Title Sponsor – \$2,500 (Parx Racing)**

Be the exclusive Title Sponsor of Turning For Home Day. Includes:

- Naming rights to the Featured Title Sponsor Race
- Winner's Circle presentation with photos
- Logo placement on TFH Day signage, website, and social media
- Full-page ad in PTHA News and the Parx Racing program
- Special recognition on the Let's Go Racing TV Show
- 8 VIP seats at our Owner & Sponsor Luncheon in the Cotillion Room

### **Grade 1 Sponsor – \$1,000 (4 Available)**

A high-impact way to align your brand with Thoroughbred Aftercare. Includes:

- Recognition as a Grade 1 Race Sponsor
- Winner's Circle presentation with photos
- Logo placement on signage and social media
- Half-page ad in PTHA News
- 4 VIP luncheon seats in the Cotillion Room

### **Vendor Table – \$250**

Promote your business or organization trackside!

Includes:

- One information/display table along the event concourse
- Listing in Program and social media
- Two luncheon tickets for vendor staff

**\*Note: TFH Partner Farms may request a table at no charge.\***

Since 2008, Turning For Home has helped transition over 4,550 Thoroughbreds to safe, meaningful second careers. With your support, we can continue to lead the way in responsible aftercare and celebrate all that these horses have to offer. Sponsors help pay for the publicity of the event.

To confirm your sponsorship or discuss a customized opportunity, please contact us by July 20th.

Thank you for standing with us—and for supporting the horses when they need us most.

Danielle Montgomery

Program Administrator

Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

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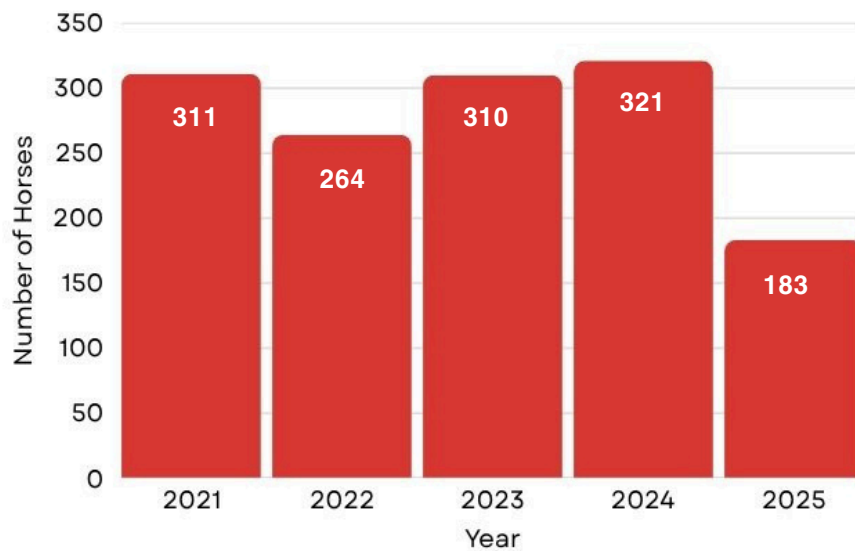
## Our Mission . . .

To provide an alternative to auction and slaughter for Parx Racing's Thoroughbred racehorses when their careers have ended by placing them with approved adoption organizations that will work to find them new homes and careers.

- 4,566 **Horses assisted since May 2008**
  - Rehabilitation, Retraining, Rehoming, Reloving
- 307 **Average intake per year**
  - Approximately 25 horses per month
- 183 **Intake numbers from January through June 2025**
  - Lifetime return guarantee for TFH Alum
- \$2,631 **Average program cost per horse in 2025**
  - Includes veterinary work, surgeries, shipping, and placement stipend at approved Partner Farms
- 9.3 **Days/average wait time at Parx for owners in 2025**
  - Benefits stall availability and owner expenses

**NO ELIGIBLE HORSE EVER TURNED AWAY**

TFH Total Horse Intake By Year



*\*Thru June 30*



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# Turning For Home

## HORSE UPDATES



### **Khozy Colby (FL)**

Bay Filly foaled April 18, 2021  
( Khozan - Blue Baby, by Touch Gold )  
Trainer: Daniel Velazquez  
Owner: Blue Star Stable  
Breeder: Al Shaqab Racing



After 22 starts and \$165,000 in earnings on the track, Khozy Colby is taking on a new challenge—barrel racing! She and her rider, Jenna, have their sights set on the 2025 Retired Racehorse Project. Khozy has grown more independent with each step of their journey together. Under saddle, Khozy has been cool, calm, and maybe just a touch lazy, but always game. After every ride, she gets her favorite reward: a roll in the sand!

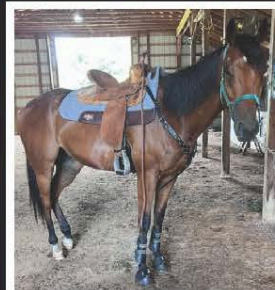


### **Riverview (PA)**

Dark Bay Mare foaled April 24, 2020  
( Storm Wolf - Courageous Julie, by Pioneerof the Nile )  
Trainer: Everton Smith  
Owner: Evermine Racing Stable  
Breeder: Maria Haire & Mary Haire



After retiring from a 19-race career—18 of them run right here at Parx—Riverview has made a smooth transition into her second career. She recently placed fourth in her first 3-phase event at Bucks County Horse Park. With solid conditioning, smart management, and a job that keeps her engaged, she's thriving. Riverview is currently waiting to meet her perfect match at Safe Haven Equine.

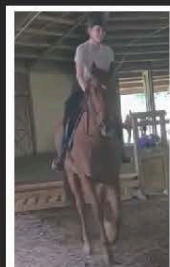


### **Chasing Stardom (NY)**

Bay Gelding foaled April 18, 2020  
( Frank Conversation - J C S Star, by Freud )  
Trainer: Miguel A. Rodriguez  
Owner: Miguel A. Rodriguez  
Breeder: Larry F Botting



After retiring from Miguel Rodriguez's barn in January, Chasing Stardom headed to our partner farm, Daisy Mae Rodeo Company. From there, he found his person, Ryelee, who adopted him and brought him home to a life of pampering and new purpose. Now in training for barrel racing, this handsome gelding is settling into his new role, showing his kind heart and his ability to keep trying.



### **Now Act Surprised (PA)**

Chestnut Mare foaled February 14, 2020  
( Eastwood - Avery's Smile, by Uptowncharlybrown )  
Trainer: Edward Coletti Jr  
Owner: Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC  
Breeder: Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC



Retired from Eddie Coletti's barn last September, Now Act Surprised—affectionately known as "Sweet Surprise"—has proven herself to be the total package. Confident and kind, she leads the way on trail rides and is also a steady steed in riding lessons—whether it's beginner leadline campers or adults jumping small courses. While she fits right in at partner farm Northwestern Stables in Philadelphia, Surprise is ready for her forever home!



# PTHA TROPHY RACE

JULY 2025



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## Fenwick Jack

JULY 1

Owner  
South View Stables

Trainer  
Michael Pino

Jockey  
Jean Aguilar

JULY 8

## Zoning Order

Owner  
Branjam Stable  
and Dave Clark

Trainer  
Louis Linder Jr.

Jockey  
Luis Ocasio



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## Jolly Grey Giant

JULY 15

Owner  
Daniel J. Lopez

Trainer  
Richard Vega

Jockey  
Mychel Sanchez

JULY 22

## Augustine Red

Owner  
Madison Avenue Racing  
Stable Inc., Morris E.  
Kernan, Jr. & Jagger Inc.

Trainer  
Jamie Ness

Jockey  
Mychel Sanchez

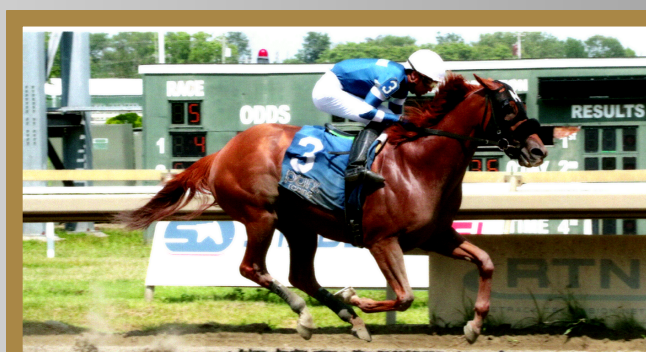


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# Heartbeat of the Backstretch

By : Nikki Guzman

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy. In recent years, we've lost many people in the racing industry, but it's important to remember that in this world, our loved ones aren't all human. Some have four legs, a fiery spirit, and hearts as big as the track they ran on. Verdick was one of those. Verdick wasn't just a racehorse. He was a partner, a personality, a constant in one trainer's life for over two decades. He raced 82 times in his career, finishing first 12 times, but his legacy reaches far beyond the winner's circle.

Steve Krebs claimed the chestnut gelding in November 1999. He'd lost a horse in a claim at Delaware and found himself drifting, spending claim money at the track, chasing luck at the Meadowlands. A good hit in the betting ring gave him one last shot. He picked up a racing form and found a Pennsylvania-bred gelding with consistency. That was Verdick. When Steve first got him, he was warned: "Watch him—he's dropped a few riders." But Verdick proved to be more loyal than wild. Over time, they found a rhythm. Verdick hit the board 20 times for Steve—eight of those were wins. But the real victory came not at the finish line, but in the bond they built.

In 2003, Steve made the decision that many trainers wrestle with. Verdick wasn't performing like he used to, and though there was no formal retirement program like Turning For Home back then, Steve couldn't bear the thought of not knowing where he'd end up. So, he brought him home. Steve said, "My mom wasn't sure at first. She saw him and said, 'He's so big!'" For many years, well into her 90s, Steve's mother fed Verdick twice a day, rain or shine. This past summer, Verdick didn't come to his feed. "He didn't want to eat one morning," Steve recalls. "That just wasn't like him. It was very hard. I had him a long time."



Steven Krebs's  
Trained by Owner  
Jose Flores, Rider  
1 Mile 1:41 2/5

PURSE - \$7,500  
**Verdick**  
PHILADELPHIA PARK

Major Victory 2nd  
General Lark 3rd  
September 2, 2001  
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Verdick's passing is a personal loss—not just for Steve, but for everyone who knows the quiet truth of racing: that behind every saddle is a story of deep love. In a time when the sport is often portrayed in the harshest light, it's important to share the reality that those of us on the backstretch know well. The love for these horses runs deep. They are more than athletes. They are our companions, our pride, and often, our healing.

Steve still has others—Pair of Tricks, born the same day as Verdick but a year earlier, and her daughter, Ms. Hemmings. He admits he'd keep every horse he's ever trained if he could, "But I know I'd go broke feeding them all. That's why programs like Turning For Home matter so much—to give these horses the safe landings they deserve." Verdick may not have gone on to a second career in the show ring or dressage arena. He found something even better—a home, a family, and 22 years of loyalty, peace, and love.

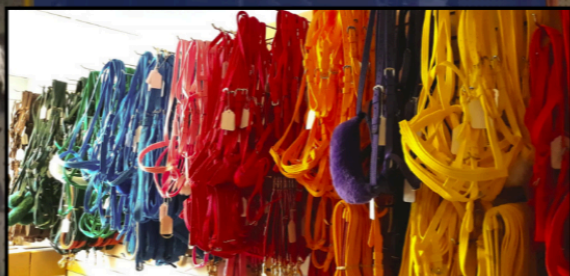
Rest well, Verdick. You were never just a number on a form or a name on a program. You were loved.

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# From the Race Track Chaplaincy of America at Parx

## 2025 SUMMER SPORTS & SPIRIT CAMP WAS AN AMAZING SUCCESS!



Along with fostering athletic skills, fun activities, and new educational opportunities, our campers got to experience our first-ever Field trip. We toured Fairmount WaterWorks Museums, Boathouse Row where they were able to practice rowing, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse!

Quotes from parents:

- "It's great for us because it gives our children something to look forward to this summer." -Tiffany Balard (Parent)
- "It was a wonderful experience. I would have never known all these events and activities are so close by." -Pamela Soto (Parent/ Chaperone)
- "The kids had a wonderful time and enjoyed every single activity." -Tychae Fortune, (Parent)
- "My kids had an amazing time. They said they can't wait for next year!" -Lauren Horan (Parent)
- "Having the camp at the track additionally gives our youth an introduction to the activities on the track that most of them have never had." – Chaplain Bunker





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