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MidAtlantic Horse Rescue Receives Followup Grant from ASPCA's Million Dollar Rescuing Racers Initiative

Major Grant Will Save More Retired Racehorses

Chesapeake City, MD—The ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) has awarded a grant for the second year to MidAtlantic Horse Rescue to continue their efforts in saving thoroughbred ex-racehorses.

Last year, with funds from Year 1 of the grant, operations were moved to Woodstock Farm, birthplace of the great racehorse Kelso, and home of the late Mrs. Allaire duPont. "Our rescued thoroughbreds have thrived here," said Beverly Strauss, Executive Director. "There is a bit of magic here in the lush green fields that our horses temporarily call home. They recover from the stresses of racing and the feedlots, and can transition into new homes more quickly." In addition, horses will receive more advanced training before placement, increasing their adoptability as sport and pleasure horses.

The new pilot program that MidAtlantic Horse Rescue launched called "On the Right Track" has been a huge success. New adopters receive vouchers worth up to \$200- for lessons or training with a professional of their choice for their MAHR horse. This program has met the goal of facilitating a smooth transition between the rescued horse and his new owner in order to reinforce a successful placement, giving new adopters a support system when they bring their rescued thoroughbred home.

Finally, MidAtlantic Horse Rescue sponsors high score thoroughbred awards at area shows and events to spotlight the versatility of this trainable, intelligent breed.

MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has placed over 550 rescued thoroughbreds in new homes. In addition, they have saved another 500 horses for other rescues across the country. For more information or to adopt a horse, please visit www.MidAtlanticHorseRescue.org.

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