



TAA

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Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance

- **TAA's Mission:**

- Help in the effort of aiding our retired Thoroughbreds by:
 - Serving as an **Accrediting Body** for aftercare facilities that care for retired Thoroughbreds
 - Serving as a **Fundraising Body** to help raise the monies needed by these accredited aftercare facilities

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TAA's Supporters



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TAA- Accrediting Body

- As an **Accrediting Body**, the TAA is establishing a two step accreditation process that the aftercare facility must satisfy in order for them to receive accreditation, which would then allow the facility to apply for grants:
 - 1) Accreditation Application
 - 2) Accreditation Site Review

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Code of Standards

- The Accreditation Code of Standards is a thorough review focusing on:
 - Operations
 - Education
 - Horse health care management
 - Facility standards and services
 - Adoption policies and protocols

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Code of Standards

■ Operations

- Federal not-for profit status as a 501 (c)(3).
- Organization's governing authority and program structure
- Proof of facility/land ownership or leasing
- Up-to-date insurances, licenses, and permits required by law, including directors and officers (D&O) insurance.

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■ Operations

- Compliance with generally accepted accounting principles
- Generally accepted banking procedures
- Loan repayment schedules if applicable.
- Conformance with generally accepted principles for fund raising
- A sufficient number of qualified employees and/or volunteers in place

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■ Education :

- Use best efforts to promote humane Thoroughbred aftercare through educational programs.
- Provide basic marketing for their organizations and the horses in their care.
- Portray all media via press release, Internet, articles, or interviews with a positive outlook on Thoroughbred aftercare and the racing industry.

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- Horse health care management:
 - Have procedures in place to ensure that competent, experienced personnel – including staff, volunteers and veterinarians – are available at all times to oversee the facility's horse care.
 - Describe the type of horses they are able to take in, the screening process for horses, quarantine and infectious disease prevention protocols, requirements for each horse upon arrival, and procedures for documenting each horse's health history
 - Provide adequate feed, forage, and water to ensure optimal health for each horse.

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- Horse health care management:
 - Provide regular hoof care and have access to a farrier or veterinarian to address hoof issues such as laminitis, thrush, etc.
 - Have a written euthanasia policy consistent with that of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)
 - Have a written policy on castration of stallions
 - Have protocols for providing de-worming, vaccinations and dental care on a regular basis.

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- Facility standards and services:
 - Appropriate Available source of shelter, such as run-in sheds or stalls
 - Paddocks and pasture not fenced solely with barbed wire or other materials that may pose a hazard to horses or humans.
 - Pasture land with sufficient acreage for the specific type of facility and enclosure to meet the needs of the horses served.
 - Written guidelines for evaluating a horse to be retrained
 - Emergency protocols to ensure ongoing care of horses

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- Adoption policies and protocols:
 - A thorough screening process for prospective adopters
 - Protocols and liability insurance for rides a prior to adoption.
 - Protocols for obtaining a signed legal contract or agreement for every horse adopted through the organization.
 - Protocols for ensuring a chain of legal custody for horses under the organization's care.
 - Protocols for following up on an adopted horse's health, welfare, and progress in its new environment possibly to include site visits.

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Accreditation Application

- The Accreditation Application is a thorough review focusing on:
 - Non-profit status
 - Length of time operating as an aftercare facility
 - Financial Stability
 - History of caring for Thoroughbreds
 - History of retraining and placing Thoroughbreds in adoptive homes
 - Experience of managerial staff and employees

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Accreditation Site Review

- The Accreditation Site Review will focus on the following (To confirm that what is stated in the Application is being done in practice):
 - Horses: appearance and carrying capacity of facility
 - Health Care Program: vaccination, worming, dental, farrier
 - Nutritional Program: feed, water, forage, pasture
 - Facility Condition: fencing, pastures, paddocks, equipment
- Collaboration with AAEP

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Accredited Organizations

- Florida TRAC
- New Vocations – Ohio and Kentucky
- Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue
- 27 Additional Applicants Currently Under Review
- Expect to Accredite by end of the year

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TAA – Fundraising Body

- TAA Board President, Jack Wolf: “It is our responsibility as owners, tracks, breeders, trainers, jockeys, bloodstock agents, and anyone who has a stake in the game to take responsibility for the aftercare of these great animals that are the keystone of our sport.”
- As a **Fundraising Body**, the TAA will raise funds on behalf of accredited facilities via institutional contributions that are to be directed 100% to program services rather than to fundraising or general administrative costs.
- To fund the efforts of the TAA going forward, we envision small **Automatic Mandatory Contributions** from the various “touch points” from a horse’s career, and these include: Breeders, Sales Companies, Sale Consignors, Buyers at Sales, Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, Tracks and Breed Registries.

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Automatic Mandatory Contributions

"Many hands make light work." – John Haywood (1497-1580)

- The Automatic Mandatory Contributions from each of the targeted groups will be a "small fair share" from everyone who profits in anyway from the life of a Thoroughbred.
- This "small fair share" approach will be designed so that it is not an onerous burden on any one group

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TAA – Fundraising Body

- Success thus far:
 - Stallion Owners – 25% of 1 season
 - Breeders - \$25 added to registration
 - Sales Companies - .05% from consignors, buyers and sales company
- Next Steps
 - Horsemen and Racetracks
 - Many already help fund
 - Trainers and Jockeys
 - Ancillary Businesses
 - Veterinarians (helping through inspections)
 - Farriers
 - Bloodstock Agents
 - Publications
 - Account Wagering Companies
 - Etc.

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TAA's Corporate Structure

- Non-profit status with the IRS
- The goal of the TAA is to minimize administrative expenses
 - Private contributions will be sought to fund administrative expenses
- The TAA Intends to utilize existing industry resources such as The Jockey Club and the NTRA

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