## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### AFTERCARE AWARENESS DAY

CARMA presents Aftercare Awareness Day in regular intervals at Santa Anita and Del Mar. Demonstrations of popular Off Track Thoroughbreds in many disciplines are showcased on the main track between races. Last fall at Santa Anita, Show jumper riders Jolee Craigmyle and Amanda Gomez soared over the course to the theme of Superman, showing the fans what Super Heroes the OTTBs are. Christina Bernal, Mallory Cortes and Jaime Lee were blazing around the cloverleaf pattern for the barrel race demo. Check our website for future AADs.

#### THOROUGHBRED CLASSIC HORSE SHOW

Our Spring, multi-discipline Thoroughbred show will be March 22 & 23, at Galway Downs in Temecula. Classes for Hunter, Jumper, Dressage, Stadium, Cross Country, Equitation, Western Pleasure, Barrels, Pole Bending and a Jumper Stake, Hunter Derby, Dressage Challenge and Event Challenge for money prizes plus a cocktail party for exhibitors and fans are planned.

### CARMA's DEL MAR FUNDRAISER





SUPERHERO Jolee Craigmyle pilots Ninja Star in the jumping demo and Christina Bernal on Coin Toss sprint the cloverleaf on the barrel demo for CARMA Aftercare Awareness Day at Santa Anita.



### WINNER, WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

The Thoroughbred Holiday Classic Horse Show featured it's annual Trainer & Jockey Calcutta on Saturday night. This year, despite a last minute rider replacement, the trainers team won the event. Shown 1 to r, are Bradley Bowens, trainer Gus Headley, catch rider Hannah Lehy, trainer Jeff Metz, trainer Matt Chew and Natalie Rietkerk. The trainer team has won four of five events. Last year, the female jockey team won.

Our talented announcer, Alan Balch returned for a fifth show, keeping the riders and the fans entertained with his wicked wit. Additional fearless riders included jockeys Ferrin Peterson, Julie Krone, Asa Espinoza, Iggy Puglisi, Donnie Meche, Ruben Fuentes, Kayla Stra, Roxane Losey, Kate Payeras, Cathleen Gardner, broadcast personalities Megan Devine, Bing Bush, Teresa Delligata, Michelle Yu, and catch riders Jessica Pyfer & Emily Ellingwood. Every rider rode an OTTB, provided by the exhibitors.

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Attendees of Santa Anita Park's Opening jocks to give to their kids and trainers on their Day bustled through the gates eager to support way to and from the paddock to saddle horses. the racetrack's official Thoroughbred aftercare "Once we were out of the plushies, people charity, CARMA. As a fundraiser to help were emptying their pockets just to support retired racehorses, Mathis Brothers Furniture retired racehorses," said Natalie Rietkerk, supplied CARMA with 1,000 plush racehorses CARMA Project Manager. "A good number to generate donations from of attendees knew about fans – which resulted in CARMA, and what we do, \$13,000 for the nonprofit. but it was great having face

"We were blown away by the success of this fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds will go directly toward providing care for the horses supported by our programs," said CARMA President Candace Coder-Chew. "We are incredibly thankful to Mathis Brothers, Santa Anita and to the racing fans for their generosity to the cause."

Men, women and children of all ages were lined up from 9:30 am until supplies ran out around 2:00 pm. The large grey or bay super soft plushies were a coveted item around the track – being scooped by multiple Santa Anita

CARMA (California Retirement Management Account) is a charitable 501 (c)(3) organization formed to assist Thoroughbred rehabilitation and retirement organizations that facilitate the care and retraining of horses who raced in California and whose racing careers have ended. CARMA ensures the racehorses have retirement options by managing and disbursing funds to qualified retirement facilities caring for such horses.



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# **MATHIS UBROTHERS FURNITURE GENEROUSLY** DONATES 1,000 LARGE PLUSH RACE HORSES **TO CARMA**



time with those who had no idea programs such as ours exist within the racing industry and all the efforts being made to ensure these horses are retired responsibly and safely." While the Mathis Brothers

plush horse fundraiser has crossed the finish line, donations to CARMA are gratefully accepted any time online. Please visit us at CARMA4Horses.org to learn more about our mission, safe retirement and the many options available to retired racing Thoroughbred horses after they leave the track. We welcome your comments.

CARMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Founding Chair: Madeline Auerbach President: Candace Coder-Chew Vice President: Howard Zucker Secretary: Samantha Siegel Treasurer: William Koch Directors: Dr. Jeff Blea, Bing Bush, Christy Chapman, Ron Charles and Drew Couto

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## PLACEMENT PROGRAM

CARMA's Placement Program has successfully placed over 300 horses in new homes after their racing careers have ended. Developed to fill the gap between the race track and the aftercare charities or private adopters that may not have access to the barn areas, horses are accepted into the program by project manager Natalie Rietkerk. To be eligible for this service to owners and trainers, the horse must have run or have recorded works at a California racetrack, be a filly, mare or gelding and owners must provide a \$500 donation to CARMA. Vet records are mandatory and occasionally there is a wait list. After these requirements are met, the horse is transported to one of five lay-up facilities near Santa Anita, Del Mar or Golden Gate. The horse is given the necessary time to rehabilitate, let-down and begin light training. When we are able to determine the next career options, the horse is offered to the aftercare charities that receive CARMA grants. Occasionally there are private adopters that meet our criteria for re-homing and can be considered at this time as well.

## **GRADUATES REPORT**



SAWYERS JETT A 2017 graduate, Sawyers Jett has become a great eventer. She is a spirited mare and loves to compete. As a runner, she made retiring. He knows he's three starts before retiring with a minor soft tissue injury. Sawyer was able to pursue a different career were she could really excel.

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### **BOLD PAPA**

A sales topper and survivor of the Lilac Fire, Papa went on to race 18 times before special and loves to be the center of attention. A 2018 graduate, he was adopted by a teenage girl from Hope for Horses.



SHE BEAT THE FIRE and ZAPANA'S GAME are two of the fancy program horses ready to find their new home. Inquire at 626-574-6654

As of January 31, we have 18 horses currently in the placement program, seven of which are Fire Fund eligible. Seven of the 18 are being actively promoted to aftercare charities and private adopters, with defined interest in five. January placements so far have been great, with 11 placed already this month, and two new horses entered into the program.

SOUTH TEXAS LINGO As a runner, South Texas Lingo won eight times and competed in five states. He retired with a minor tendon injury in February 2018 and by the end of year, he was adopted and winning in Hunter/Jumpers. In 2019, he The bond between human moved to the east coast and is winning in eventing.

A horse can make the difference in the life of a troubled teen. Dream Police has been adopted by a young girl with severe emotional struggles, and has given her a new reason for living. and animal can be the most positive therapy.

DREAM POLICE



The message is simple, to the point and vitally important to the racing industry. OWN. RACE. RETIRE. Soundly retired Thoroughbreds have an excellent chance to become proficient in another discipline after racing, and minor injuries that are easily rehabilitated can have the same positive outcome. More serious injuries, sometimes unavoidable, can still be rehabilitated to achieve a level of soundness needed for less demanding second careers such as trail riding or flat work. A generous contribution to CARMA from Fasig-Tipton facilitated an order of 500 OWN. RACE. RETIRE. caps, available for a \$25 donation.

### **CARMA GRANTS \$350,000 TO 20 AFTERCARE CHARITIES**

With a room full of smiles and good will, the CARMA Board unanimously voted to award a total of \$350,000 to 20 approved Thoroughbred aftercare organizations through its grant process.

Since being created in 2008, the organization has award-DONATIONS IN MEMORIUM ed more than \$4.2 million to equine nonprofits that provide A doantion to CARMA in memory of a loved one is a very either rehabilitation and retraining to former racehorses or thoughtful gesture. A donation was recently recieved: offer them lifelong sanctuary. CARMA's grant program is From Barbara Gera in memory of Bob Zamarripa funded by a small, voluntary purse contribution from racing a long-time racing fan and owner. owners, trainers and jockeys.

"The financial support we provide aftercare organizations is instrumental for the care of retired racehorses," said CARMA President Candace Coder-Chew. "We need aftercare organizations to help the horses start their new lives off the track, just as much as they need us for funding. It's a mutually beneficial relationship to ensure Thoroughbreds get the support they need."

Organizations receiving funding include:

After The Homestretch, Phoenix, AZ CANTER-CA, Los Gatos, CA Down The Stretch Ranch, Creston, WA Equine Encore Foundation, Tucson, AZ Fresh Start Sport Horses, Agua Dulce, CA LA Pet Rescue (Farralone Farms), Chatsworth, CA Glen Ellen Vocational Academy, Glen Ellen, CA Harmony and Hope Horse Haven, Inc., Rodeo, NM Healing Arenas, Escalon, CA Hoofs and Woofs Animal Rescue, Valley Center, CA Hope for Horses, Inc., Galt, CA Old Friends, Inc., Georgetown, KY Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Lockwood, CA Sandia Creek Ranch Auxiliary Foundation, Fallbrook, CA Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue, Norco, CA Square Peg Foundation, Half Moon Bay, CA Tranquility Farm, Cottonwood, CA United Pegasus Foundation, San Jacinto, CA Whispering Meadows Ranch, Temecula, CA Win Place Home, Inc., Beverly Hills, CA

The grant process consists of the submission of detailed applications and several site visits where CARMA board members and staff inspect the facilities and the horses' basic health and welfar, tended to by the aftercare charities. Grant applications are available on the website.



OWN. RACE. RETIRE. OWN. RACE. RETIRE. CARMA'S AD CAMPAIGN HAS IMPACT **ON HORSE INDUSTRY AND FANS ALIKE** 





Thank you Barbara, your gift will help CARMA to support our retired race horses.

## OVER \$1,200 DONATED BY THE MALONE FAMILY

CARMA was one of the fortunate charities chosen to receive donations from a family that hiked the Appalacian trail and raised funds for several causes. The Malone Family, a couple with four daughters, hiked the 2200 mile journey in about 6 months, each member raising funds for their favorite charity. Twelve-year-old Maya chose CARMA for her charity, and a check was recently sent. Thank you Maya, and the entire Malone family for your generosity and thoughtfulness. We will honor you with a jump sign at our upcoming Thoroughbred show!

A Giant CARMA Thank You to our OTTB community for supporting our Aftercare Awareness Days and our Thoroughbred Classic Horse Shows. You guys ROCK!

### AFTERCARE CHARITY SPOTLIGHT: UNITED PEGASUS FOUNDATION

An aftercare charity for over 25 years and the oldest in the nation, UPF, founded by Helen Meredith, currently manages 140 horses in it's Tehachapi and San Jacinto facilities. One of the few sanctuaries for retired Thoroughbreds, UPF took on over 40 starved and neglected horses in 2019 when a former aftercare charity was mismanaged.

