

Spotlight Midwest Region



Organization Profile

CANTER Michigan

Location:

**Commerce
Township, MI**

Founded: 1997

TAA Accredited: 2013

**Aftercare Services:
Rehab, Retraining,
Adoptions**

Tiban, a 2007 Kentucky-bred gelding, was a competitive racehorse prior to being retired to **CANTER Michigan**. He raced throughout the Midwest and the South, winning 11 of 28 starts, including one stakes win at **Gulfstream Park**. His final race came at **Churchill Downs** with jockey **Calvin Borel**. The bay gelding's owner and trainer chose to retire him when an injury was discovered and he went to CANTER Michigan to receive the treatment and rehabilitation he needed to move into a new career.

THE HORSE FOR HIM

Tiban was treated for his injury at **Michigan State University** and after a period of rehab and retraining at a CANTER farm, he caught the eye of Will Z. from South Carolina. The young rider made the trek to visit the gelding in Michigan and decided Tiban was the horse for him. The pair have hit it off and now are competing together in eventing and jumping competitions.

TAA Profile

Who we are:

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization who **accredits** and **funds** organizations that provide aftercare for Thoroughbreds.

What we do:

Our goal is to unite the Thoroughbred community to establish an **industry-wide funding** mechanism at every touch point in a Thoroughbred's life. The funds raised will provide **support** to accredited aftercare organizations to retire, retrain and place former racehorses. Since 2012, TAA has accredited 42 organizations and provided 3.4 million dollars in funding. The TAA is a shared **responsibility** of many Thoroughbred entities including: The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup, Keeneland, sales companies, horsemen groups, stallion farms, racetracks, trainers and others.

How organizations receive accreditation and funding:

- Required to complete an in-depth application and agree to site visits of all facilities caring for their horses.
- Must have been in operation for a minimum of **three** years with a current 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Must have an official euthanasia policy consistent with the AAEP.

How you can help:

- **Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, OBS, and Barretts** enable buyers and consignors to contribute \$50 per \$100,000 transaction to the TAA. All four sales companies contribute an additional match.
- **Stallion farms & owners** are able to commit the equivalent of 25% of advertised stallion fee(s).
- **Individuals, corporations and foundations** are invited to send their contributions to the TAA.