

Spotlight

Midwest Region



Organization Profile

Illinois Equine

Humane Center

Location: Maple Park, IL

Founded: 2008

TAA Accredited: 2014

Aftercare Services:

**Sanctuary, Rehab,
Retraining, Adoptions**

Le Jester may sound like a horse that was all fun and jokes, but he was a hardworking racehorse that earned his retirement and second career. The 2000 Kentucky-bred gelding made an impressive 66 starts in his racing career, with many of those starts coming at **Arlington Park** and **Hawthorne Race Course**. He found the winners circle 12 times and was graded stakes placed, including a third place finish in the **National Jockey Club Handicap (G3)** at Hawthorne. After his last race, in which he was ridden by jockey **Scott Stevens**, "Jester" was retired to his owners' farm for a year to let down from racing and then placed in the care of the **Illinois Equine Humane Center** in order for him to find a new home and career.

THE RIGHT OTTB

The plucky bay gelding has since found his forever home with adopter Cynthia, a volunteer coordinator with the ILEHC, who was looking to adopt her first off-track Thoroughbred. The pair worked hard to form a bond and friendship and are now working on learning the sport of dressage and enjoying each other's company. As Cynthia says of Jester, "It was only a matter of time before the right OTTB found his way to my heart."

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.

Accredited Organizations



Akindale Thoroughbred Rescue - Pawling, NY
 Angel Acres Horse Haven - Glenville, PA
 Bizsantz Memorial (dba Tranquility Farm) - Cottonwood, CA
 Bright Futures Farm, Inc. - Cochran, PA
 CANTER California - Los Gatos, CA
 CANTER Michigan - Commerce Township, MI
 CANTER Ohio - Mentor, OH
 Equestrian Inc. - Tampa, FL
 Equine Advocates Incorporated - Chatham, NY
 Equine Encore - Tucson, AZ
 Final Furlong, Inc. - Ocala, FL
 Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program, Inc. - Farmington, NY
 Florida Thoroughbred Retirement & Adoptive Care - Palm City, FL
 Friends of Ferdinand Indiana, Inc. - Indianapolis, IN
 Glen Ellen Vocational Academy - Glen Ellen, CA
 Harmony and Hope - Portal, AZ
 Heaven Can Wait, Inc. - San Miguel, CA
 Humanity for Horses - Mt. Shasta, CA
 Illinois Equine Humane Center, NFP - Big Rock, IL
 Kentucky Equine Humane Center - Nicholasville, KY
 Long Run Thoroughbred Retirement Society - Toronto, ON
 Los Angeles Pet Rescue/Farralone Farms - Van Nuys, CA
 Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue - Chesapeake City, MD
 Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement - Salem, CT
 Neigh Savers Foundation - Walnut Creek, CA
 New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society - Abbotsford, BC
 New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program - Marysville, OH
 Oklahoma Thoroughbred Retirement Program, Ltd. - Blanchard, OK
 Old Friends, Inc. - Georgetown, KY
 Our Mims Retirement Haven - Paris, KY
 R. A. C. E. Fund, Inc. - Harrisburg, PA
 Racehorse Remember Me Rescue Foundation - Burleson, TX
 ReRun, Inc. - Suffolk, VA
 Second Stride Inc. - Crestwood, KY
 Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue - Norco, CA
 Square Peg Foundation - Half Moon Bay, CA
 The Exceller Fund - Lexington, KY
 Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc. - Guthrie, OK
 Thoroughbred Placement Resources - Upper Marlboro, MD
 Tijuana River Valley Animal Rescue - San Diego, CA
 TROTT USA - Laguna Hills, CA
 United Pegasus Foundation - Tehachapi, CA

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