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NYS GAMING COMMISSION FORMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GUIDE RACEHORSE AFTERCARE FUNDING

New York State Gaming Commission Chair Brian O'Dwyer today issued a call for volunteers to serve on an advisory board to assist directing contributions from New York's Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeding funds to responsible racehorse aftercare organizations.

Thoroughbred and Standardbred owners and breeders, and animal protection organizations specializing in horse aftercare and rescue are eligible to serve on the panel.

"We are seeking responsible and dedicated horseracing industry participants and animal welfare organizations to work together to drive resources to equine aftercare organizations," said Chairman O'Dwyer. "This advisory board of experts will help ensure that every dollar contributed for retired racehorses is spent wisely to promote the health and well-being of these magnificent animals.

New Yorkers may make contributions on personal and/or corporate state income tax returns to funding the operation of retired race horse aftercare facilities via the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund and/or the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (for Standardbreds). In addition, any fines collected for violations of New York State law prohibiting the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock (Section 382 of the Agriculture & Markets Law) are remitted to the respective funds to be spent solely for the purpose of the care of retired race horses.

The funds will then distribute the funds to organizations, with consideration as to whether the group is an accredited horse retirement and rescue program.

Those who meet the aforementioned qualifications and are interested in serving are encouraged to contact Acting Secretary to the Commission Kristen Buckley at 518-388-3400 or emailing info@gaming.ny.gov.

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