Here are some recent Second Stride graduates in their new homes:





Manchester

Governor General





Laugh A Day

Small Cap Value





To The Woodshed

Starred

Ready to Take the Next Step:

We do specialize in Thoroughbred adoptions but will adopt out other breeds on a case by case basis. To discuss donating your horse to Second Stride visit www.secondstride.org or contact us today at: info@secondstride.org

or call us at: 502-807-6069



Check us out on the web: www.secondstride.org



Where will your horse go when it crosses the finish line for the final time...





Who We Are:

Second Stride is a 501© 3 tax-exempt, non-profit organization providing professional rehabilitation, retraining, and placement for retired thoroughbred racehorses in qualified homes so that they may reach their full potential in a productive second career.

Second Stride is made up of volunteers who are active in other areas of the racing industry: owners, partnership managers, handicappers, and trainers. We are working to improve racing from within. We know from first hand experience how many people may have the desire to retire a horse safely, but at times find that difficult to do. We understand. We have been there, and now are doing what we can, looking for others who can help by doing what they can.

We understand the importance of the racing industry to Kentucky and the rest of the world. Not only does racing provide a huge economic impact but the advances in equine research and medical care would not be what they are today without it. We are here to work with the racing industry, not against it.

Why Choose Second Stride:

We offer a place for owners to send thoroughbred horses to retire from racing with dignity. Our farm has retraining facilities and services to give race horses a new career in dressage, jumping, or just trail and companion use. While the horses are being retrained, we network for them to ensure a timely transition into a new, well screened and loving home.

We do place to qualified resale homes, because our experience proves they provide a better service to the horse. Even the kindest ex-racer can be young and impressionable, so how they are treated and trained over their first year away from the track influences the usability they will have for the rest of their lives. We often contract with track exercise riders to help transition the horses to their new career. The best initial homes are experienced trainers who work with the horses for the time it takes to get them solidly started and going in a new career before reselling them. Our worst experiences have come from placing a racehorse directly off the track to an amateur rider who has overestimated their riding and training capabilities, or who do not follow through with trainer involvement that they promise.

Most of our owners and trainers are repeat donors who understand our program, and we have had an excellent record of successful placements. In 2010, we were able to place 65 horses and strive to continue our growth for 2011 and beyond.

The Donation Process:

Keeping a horse in full training is expensive, trust us we know. Every day that your horse remains in race training means more money out of your pocket. For a tax deductible donation, we can get your horse into our program — saving you time and money. This donation covers as much expense of the horse as possible, including board, farrier and health care, and retraining for those horses who are ready. We are a volunteer program — 99 percent of your donation goes to the care of the horses, not administrative costs.

The Adoption Process:

What separates us from other rescues and adoption programs? We have a rigorous adoption process including veterinarian reference checks, facility checks and animal abuse database searches. We want the Second Stride horses to get into the best home, so we work hard to match the right horse with the right person. Our reputation speaks for itself. The trainers and owners that have used us keep donating their horses to the program. We also have a waiting list of adopters who are looking for their next horse. Just ask for a list of our impressive references. Second Stride provides the best possible outcome for your horse when it is ready for a second career. Check us out on the web at www.secondstride.org or visit us on Facebook by searching SecondStride Thoroughbreds to see what people are saying.