

Old Friends

Thoroughbred Retirement in Georgetown, Kentucky

Accredited by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)



Fall/Winter 2018-19

A Message from Michael Blowen

15 years! From one Thoroughbred retiree to more than 200. And we owe it all to the great race horses and you, their fans.

Of course, recently we've lost some of our favorite horses and one invaluable supporter, Bea Snyder. No one loved Old Friends more than Bea. She was tireless at coming up with terrible puns, gifts for the cats and cutting carrots. We all miss her dearly.

There's no summing up a year filled with so much satisfaction. The acceptance of Aftercare as a legitimate right for our equine athletes was never more apparent than at Equestrecon, the fan-friendly convention, held prior to the Breeders' Cup. The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), spearheaded by Stacie Clark under the inspirational leadership of John Phillips, led a brigade of speakers with wonderful tales

of the value of Thoroughbreds beyond their racing and breeding careers. In fact, I met Michael Graham who, after a visit to Old Friends last Spring, decided to re-enter horse racing and, now, had two horses with West Point Thoroughbreds in the Breeders' Cup.

In the past few months we've added many new horses, including Politicallycorrect, King Kreesa, Deeply Undervalued, You Know I Know, Albany House, Royal Posse, Ivan Fallunovalot and Big Blue Nation. But, of course, we still have a formidable waiting list.

Our retirees are depending on you to get ready for the winter. All the rain this summer and fall made additional hay cuttings impossible, so we are stockpiling hay for the winter. Our new hoop barn, paid for by an ASPCA grant, is empty and we need to fill it up. That's where your generosity comes in!

The Breeders' Cup is one of our best friends, and our 2018 party celebrated the 30th anniversary of Gulch's win in the 1998 Sprint at Churchill Downs. We are happy so many of you chose to spend part of your Breeders' Cup experience with us. And, for the third year in a row, we have been thrilled to partner with Breeders' Cup, Maker's Mark and their Champions for Charity commemorative bottle initiative. The 2018 bottle features D. Wayne Lukas, and we can't thank Wayne enough for signing

all 400 bottles at the Derby Museum celebration in his honor.

For me, it's been the best year you can possibly imagine. I never thought that, at 71, I'd feel that my best years are still ahead. Thank you all for allowing me to wake up every day to the sight of Diane and Silver Charm and his buddies. Old Friends isn't beyond my wildest dreams, because my real life is better than any dream I've ever had. Thank you all for making it possible!



Michael Blowen
President & Founder



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Horse Racing's Power Couple—Alphabet Soup & Gorgeous George

Daily Racing Form/Old Friends 2019 Magazine Has Arrived!

- 25 Moments in the Life of Old Friends
- The Visual Genius of Barbara Livingston & Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner
- Escaping Puerto Rico: Winning Dubai
- Genuine Reward's Gentle Soul: A Remembrance by Laura Hillenbrand
- Intersecting Lives: Alphabet Soup, Gorgeous George & James Crump
- Little Silver Charm
- Barbara Livingston photos

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Michael

Albany House (13), a daughter of our late resident Gulch, arrived in late September. She was winless in 7 starts as a racehorse & had five foals as a broodmare before we helped her out of a difficult situation.

↓ *Old Friends Farm Photo*



Big Blue Nation (9) arrived in late September. He raced 65 times with 8 wins & earnings of \$240,000. With a name like Big Blue Nation, he'll fit right in at his new Kentucky home.

↓ *Old Friends Farm Photo*



Bank of Dad (13), who arrived in late September, was claimed by a group of supporters after making his 132nd career start. This warhorse earned \$375,000 on the racetrack.

↑ *Old Friends Farm Photo*



Eye of the Tiger (18), a winner of over \$500,000 for John Gunther's Glenwood Farm, is shown here taking his first Old Friends nap.

↓ *Old Friends Farm Photo*



Bourbonize (7) arrived in mid-July from our friends at Bourbon Lane Stables. He raced 46 times & earned almost \$220,000.

↑ *Laura Battles Photo*

Meet Our New Old Friends

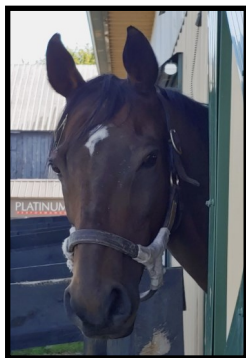
Your support has enabled us to welcome **10** new retirees to our Old Friends family!

They come from many circumstances, with one thing in common—your commitment has helped make the dignified retirement they deserve a reality.

You make all the difference to their world, now and in the future.

Ivan Fallunovalot (8) arrived in late September. He is a millionaire Texas Horse of the Year & graded stakes winner who won 17 of 32 starts.

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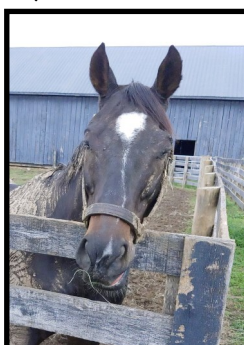


King Kreesa (9) arrived in September & is a New York-bred millionaire won 10 stakes races & was trained by our good friend David Donk.

↑ *Mary E. Greene © Photo*

Politicallycorrect (9) was retired by our good friend Maggi Moss & arrived the day after his last race at Churchill Downs. He earned almost \$700,000 & won 17 races.

↓ *Mary E. Greene Photo*



Your Know I Know (9) ran 53 times, earned \$500K & is stakes placed in the Grade 1 TVG Pacific Classic. He arrived at Old Friends in mid-June from Checkmate Racing.

↓ *Old Friends Farm Photo*



Royal Posse (7) won seven stakes races, including back-to-back Claiming Crown Jewels & earned over \$1 million for owner Michael Dubb.

↑ *Old Friends Farm Photo*

Intersecting Lives

by Rick Capone

(Excerpt from the 2019 *Daily Racing Form/Old Friends Magazine*)

Friendship is Born

On the day [Gorgeous] George arrived at Old Friends, something magical happened when he was put in a small paddock next to Alphabet Soup.

“As soon as George came off of the trailer that day, he just ran across the round pen up to the part of the fence (near Alphabet Soup),” said James [Crump].

“As soon as Soup saw George coming across the round pen, he was just – boom – right there at the corner. Then George, he was just trying to stick his head through there (the fence), and Soup had his nose over the fence just out there trying to get a whiff. And, they just stood there looking at each

It was during this time that James also became closer to George.

“George wasn’t accustomed to me all that good (at first),” said James. “But, it was therapeutic for me and him both because I didn’t have dad. But, then, I got to bond with George; walking him up to Alphabet Soup to where they could be closer and touch noses and sniff one another.”

Things worked out better than expected, as Soup and George became inseparable buddies. How inseparable? Well, each night Soup would be brought into the newly-built barn, while George would be left out in the paddock with another horse. Once in the barn, Soup would stick his



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other, day in and day out, you know.”

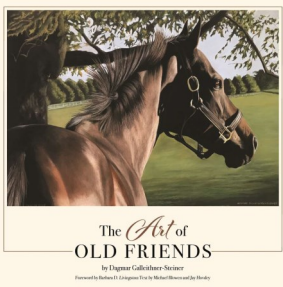
As a result, James and Tim [Wilson] talked about the idea of putting the two in the same paddock.

“Look how close they’re becoming,” James said to Tim. “I bet they’d get along pretty good.” He added that his dad had put George in with some pretty big horses and things were okay.

Tim liked the idea, so they set up a plan to gradually introduce George to Soup in the same paddock to see how it would work out.

head out the window and look for his little buddy. George would see his friend and start bellowing for him, while Soup neighed back in return. Wilson liked to say that, every day, “Soup would come in for the night and break the heart of that little guy.”

In time, that changed though, as the two would be brought into the barn together and placed in one of the oversized stalls for the night. In the morning, Soup is led out to the paddock and George just follows along without a lead rope. He just goes wherever his pal goes.



The Art of Old Friends

by **Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner**

Foreword Jill and Bob Baffert

Text Jay Hovdey and Michael Blowen

You did it! Thank you to all placed your pre-publication order for *The Art of Old Friends*. It was a huge success!

Dagmar's stunning collection of artwork celebrates over 45 Old Friends retirees including Black Tie Affair, Charismatic, Game On Dude (on the cover), Gulch, Hidden Lake, Little Silver Charm, Precisionist, Sarava, Silver Charm, Sunshine Forever and Tinnars Way.

The horses' careers—from racetrack to retirement—are recapped through brief reminiscences by journalist, screenwriter, and *Daily Racing Form* columnist Jay Hovdey and Old Friends founder Michael Blowen. The book also features a Foreword by Bob and Jill Baffert. Bob is a four time Eclipse award winner and trainer of Silver Charm and Danthebluegrassman. Jill is a member of the Old Friends Board of Directors.

100% of the Proceeds Benefit our Retirees.

The completed work is a chronicle of the history of Old Friends that captures not only the souls of the horse but also the regal spirit of the Thoroughbred.



Jay Hovdey, Jill & Bob Baffert,
Julie Krone & Dagmar
at our Del Mar book-signing.

"I wanted to create something for people that have not been able to visit the farm," says Galleithner-Steiner. "I wanted them to feel like they have been here. And the honor of being allowed to immortalize these amazing athletes is one of the greatest feelings one could ever experience."

In August Dagmar, husband Joe and son Jonah embarked on the Hyaluronex *Art of Old Friends* Book and Promotional Tour, which included stops in Santa Fe and Albuquerque before arriving on the West Coast for book-signings at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Emerald Downs.

Book Cost \$39.99—How to Order

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Ogygian

Hidden Lake

Charismatic

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The World according to *Little Silver Charm*

It is fitting that I have been asked to write about Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner's book *The Art of Old Friends*, a handsome collection of pastel portraits of many Old Friends retirees.

I believe that I am the obvious choice because of my unique job as Old Friends spokes-horse, a demanding position that requires me to know everything about all our horses, and also because of my well-developed, one might even say over-developed aesthetic sense.

The artist and I have become very close during the



It's Me!

© Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner

years she has been working on this project. Daggy (I call her Daggy, she calls me Charmie) would be the first to tell you that she couldn't possibly have completed her collection of portraits without my help. Her skill as an artist enabled her to create exquisite likenesses of our horses, but eventually she realized that something was missing. Where was the inner horse?

That's where I came in.

Daggy and I spent many hours discussing the personalities of the horses she chose to portray, their histories, their likes and dislikes, their quirks, even their horoscopes. She took the information she gleaned from our talks and used it to enhance her portraits by capturing the essence of the horse within.

The fruit of our collaboration is obvious in the pages of *The Art of Old Friends*. Her work is masterfully and insightfully rendered. My little eyes grew misty looking at the portraits of Creator, Ogygian, Sunshine Forever, Marquetry and so many others. Rest assured old friends, wherever you are, Daggy has done you justice.

Her book is magnificent but, frankly, I think it would have been even better if she had chosen to put Yours Truly on the cover instead of that multiple Grade One stakes-winning pretty boy Game On Dude. OK, so he earned six million dollars on the track. Big deal.

I blame my agent for this travesty. I may have to fire her. If she had promoted me the way she's supposed to I know I'd be on the cover, but no, she's too busy catering to the army of cats she's collected. You can't move around here without stepping on one.

But I shouldn't be bitter. Just take a look at the stunning portrait of me on page 54 and ask yourself: Is that a horse or what? On the same page noted racing writer Jay Hovdey observes, "If there is a horse that embodies the spirit of Old Friends, this is it."

I rest my case.

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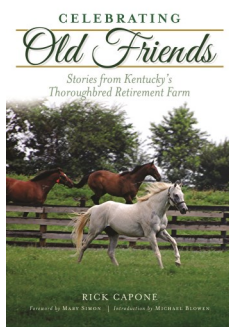
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Celebrating Old Friends by Rick Capone continues the story begun in *History of Old Friends*. \$21.99 plus shipping. Order via our website or call our office.



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In 2018, Breyerfest honored Silver Charm with his own Breyer® model Stablemate. Limited numbers remain. \$25 plus shipping. Call our office to order.



The Old Friends 2019 Calendar celebrates *The Art of Old Friends* with images from Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner's fabulous coffee table book. Featured horses include Game on Dude (cover), Silver Charm, Commentator, Rail Trip, Sarava, Tinnners Way, Little Silver Charm and more! \$25 plus shipping. Visit our eBay store or call us!

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Gorgeous George



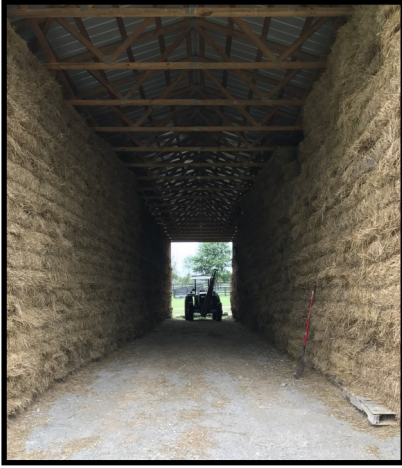
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Silver Charm

Heading Into Winter, It's All About the Hay!

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