

Life with Old Friends

fall/winter 2024



Eclipse Award-Winning Thoroughbred Retirement
in
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Welcome Kentucky Derby Winner Big Brown!

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There can be no question that horses attract good people, and that Old Friends is living proof of that. There can be no better example of this than Robert and Beverly Skinner.

The Skinners, who because of Robert's naval career, which included commanding nuclear submarines, followed by being an internationally-based oil executive, lived in a number of locations. They now have settled into a comfortable retirement in eastern Tennessee.

Earlier this year an article in the *Knoxville Sentinel* about Old Friends caught their eye. They reached out to us wanting to learn more. In September they made a visit to the farm and we engaged in robust and detailed discussions about how Old Friends goes about caring for our 260+ retired Thoroughbred horses.

In the course of our discussions, it was pointed out

that Old Friends pays for well north of \$100,000 annually for emergency care, including surgeries for our aging population of horses. Although we have a wonderful relationship with Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital, and they generously provide a discount due to our nonprofit status, hospital care for our horses is not free nor is it provided by any person or entity. Old Friends pays for it with whatever funds can be gathered.

The Skinners, in addition to be warm, caring and engaging people, are also very perceptive, and they immediately saw this as a need they could fulfill. Hence, the Robert and Beverly Skinner Medical Fund was created. Now our horses have their own form of Medicare.

One of the reasons so many of us love Old Friends is because we have always seen to it that our horses, no matter their background, receive proper medical care, including emergency care, even when we aren't sure where the money for such care would come from. This is yet another wonderful guiding principal established by Michael Blowen. Now, because of the Skinners, we will know for certain that we will be able to pay these often large and formidable emergency care costs.

While this is a happy story with a good result, it illustrates a broader and more serious challenge. Generally speaking, even the most ardent of Old Friends supporters are often unaware of how we manage to financially care for our retired Thoroughbred horses.

In talking with many people in the Thoroughbred community, it's apparent that there are some erroneous assumptions about how we are able to take care of our horses. Often times it is forgotten that we are actually operating five horse farms. We have all the costs and expenses of any other horse farm operation.

Some have assumed, for example, that the feed for our horses is donated. This is not so. Last year, Old Friends spent well over \$500,000 on feed for the horses we serve. The yearly cost to simply feed an Old Friend is estimated to be more than \$11,000 per horse. Our payroll to take care of our retirees and to share them

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Meet Our Newest Old Friends



Old Friends retirees come from many circumstances with one thing in common—your commitment has helped make the dignified retirement they deserve a reality. These new Old Friends are ready to begin the next chapter in their lives!

We are excited to introduce you to:



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Count Again (9) b.g. 2015
Awesome Again—Count to Three
19 Starts 7-1-4 Earned: \$1,085,415
Stakes Won: Shoemaker Mile (G1),
Frank Kilroe (G1), Seabiscuit (G2),
Singspiel (G3), Thunder Road (G3)
Arrived From: Agave Racing and
Sam-Son Farm



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Normandy Invasion (14)
b.g. 2010
Tapit—Boston Lady
12 Starts 2-5-0 Earned: \$551,900
Notable: Placed fourth in 2013
Kentucky Derby
Arrived From: Tayja Smith



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Midnight Tea Time (9)
b.g. 2015
Midnight Lute—It's Tea Time
43 Starts 5-10-12 Earned: \$655,284
Arrived From: John Fanelli, LC
Racing, Joe Sharp Racing and
Lorita Lindemann



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Shackleson (9) ch.g. 2105
Shackleford—Marvelous Mixture
53 Starts 12-10-10 Earned: \$122,031
Arrived From: Jason Becht and
Joe Lewko



Photo © Mary Greene

Mission Impazible (17)
gr/r. h. 2007
Unbridled's Song—La Paz
21 Starts 3-8-2 \$1,284,949
Stakes Won: New Orleans H.
(G2), Louisiana Derby (G2),
Arrived from: Sequel Stallions NY



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Noble Drama (9) b.g. 2015
Gone Astray—Queen Drama
48 Starts 10-12-6 Earned: \$876,562
Stakes Won: FTBOA Old Friends S.,
FTBOA Wildcat Heir S., Benny The
Bull S.,
Notable: Earned retirement at Old
Friends for winning Silver Charm S.
Arrived from: David Fawkes



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Delanay (17) b.g. 2007
Smoke Glacken—Perilous Night
54 Starts 19-13-6 Earned: \$1,210,321
Stakes Won: Churchill Downs S.
(G2), Aristides S.(G3), Kellys
Landing S., Temperance Hill S.,
Bet On Sunshine S., Bonapaw S.,
Iowa Sprint S. and more!
Arrived From: Maggi Moss



Photo © Mary Greene

He's Our Maker (5)
b.g. 2019
Candy Ride—Charm the Maker
Unraced
Arrived from: Ron and
Deborah McAnally and
Winter Quarter Farm



In October, **Hop In** and
Supah Selestial arrived
from Texas and took up resi-
dence at our Hillcrest Farm.
Owner Keith Hillgonds has
been a long-time supporter
of Old Friends. We are glad
we could return the favor.

Photo © Mary Greene

Hop In (12) b.g. 2012
Grasshopper—Tuned In
31 Starts 3-2-2 Earned: \$32,250
Arrived From: Keith Hillgonds

Supah Selestial (11) b.m. 2013
Supah Blitz—Majestic Winter
13 Starts 2-1-3 Earned: \$11,925
Arrived From: Keith Hillgonds



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Cozmic One (12) b.g. 2012
Bernardini—Zenyatta
5 Starts 0-0-0 Earned: \$5,770
Notable: First Foal of Horse of the Year and
Hall-of-Fame member Zenyatta
Arrived From: Ann Holbrook Moss and
Hidden Brook Farm

Kentucky Derby Winner, Champion, Big Brown Retires to Old Friends Won Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes

We are so thrilled to share with you that **Big Brown**, 2008 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner, and the 2008 Eclipse Award Champion Three-Year-Old Colt, has retired to Old Friends.

Big Brown is the fifth Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner to be retired to Old Friends, following Silver Charm, War Emblem, Charismatic and I'll Have Another.

According to Andy Cohen, Managing Partner of the Big Brown Syndicate, "It doesn't seem that long ago when we would visit Big Brown in the middle of the night and just hang out with him. He was like a puppy and especially loved it when the young children would come over to pet him. As sweet as he was, when he got on the racetrack he knew it was time to go to work. I remember after his race at Gulfstream Park, Kent Desormeaux said he is the fastest horse he'd ever ridden, and the rest is history. After visiting Old Friends and getting to know John Nicholson and Michael Blowen, I couldn't be more comfortable knowing Big Brown will get the love and care he deserves at Old Friends, where the horse is the horse."



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Big Brown (19) b.h. 2005

Boundary - Mien

8 Starts 7-0-0 Earned: \$3,614,500

Stakes Won: Kentucky Derby (G1), Preakness Stakes (G1), Florida Derby (G1), Haskell Invitational (G1), Monmouth S.

Notable: 2008 Eclipse Award Champion Three-year-old Colt

Arrived from: Andrew Cohen, Big Brown Syndicate and Irish Hill Century Farm

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with thousands of visitors exceeds \$1.1 million annually. In fact the annual cost to operate Old Friends is now more than \$3.3 million.

We are continually reminded of the challenge we have before us to be sure that Old Friends continues to grow in its ability to lead the way in Thoroughbred Aftercare. We have to be steadfast in our efforts to ensure a steady, recurring income to care for our horses and to continue the commitment to our cause.

The Robert and Beverly Skinner Medical Fund is a perfect example of meeting a direct and serious need. Be assured there are countless other needs that exist at Old Friends which await generous and enlightened benefactors.

So, therefore, we extend enormous appreciation to all who have brought us to where we are. As we look forward, we offer a monumental thank you to those, like the Skinners, who will be willing to step forward and offer direct, meaningful and targeted support for the care of the horses of Old Friends.

John Nicholson

In Memoriam

We have sadly said good-bye to these
wonderful Old Friends.

It was our privilege to care for them.

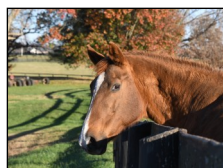
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Interwin
1998-2024



Hi Dubai
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Florida-Bred Fan Favorite Noble Drama Retired at 9 Gelding Won 10 Races, 6 Stakes, with \$876,562 in Purses David Joseph/Gulfstream Park © 2024

Hallandale, FL—Multiple stakes-winning 9-year-old gelding Noble Drama, who thrilled fans for six seasons with his dramatic late-running style, has been retired from racing.

Gulfstream Park-based owner-trainer David Fawkes made the decision after Noble Drama, bred in Florida by Harold Queen, breezed three furlongs in 37.05 seconds Sept. 22. It was the first timed work for the son of Gone Astray since May 10, which came six days before what would be his final start.

“Mr. Queen gave him to me a little over a year ago and I won one race with him. He ran huge. Then he just kind of got quiet on me and wasn’t performing the way he should,” Fawkes said. “So, we kicked him out for a little while and brought him back. Those older horses, they never have hard bone problems, and he just got a little thick in his legs. He’s 9 years old, and I just wasn’t going to do that to him. I just thought it was time. He’s been great to all of us.”

Helping in the decision-making process was a win that Noble Drama had during his 2-year-old season, the 2018 FTBOA Silver Charm Florida Sire Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs, which included a certain long-range condition.



Photo © Ryan Thompson

“About four months ago Sherry Queen, one of Harold’s daughters, reminded me that he won a ‘Win and You’re In’ for Old Friends, so I called them on [Sept. 23] and they were thrilled. They said, ‘This is great. We’re so happy to have him,’” Fawkes said. “It’s a great deal.

“He’s still here. He may be here for two months. They said they’d call me when they’ve got an opening,” he added. “We’re glad to have him around. We’ll unwind him here and I might put the tack on him and shedrow him just to let him do something.”

Noble Drama earned nine of his 10 career wins at Gulfstream, including stakes victories in the 2018 and 2020 Wildcat Heir, 2020 Sunshine Classic and Benny the Bull, and 2021 My Name’s Jimmy and City

of Dania handicaps. His last win came in a one-mile optional claiming allowance Nov. 12 at Gulfstream, where he ran last for four furlongs and trailed by as many as 10 ³/₄ lengths before making his familiar late run to get up by a half-length.

“He won a bunch of races here. He was a little one-dimensional, but he still made a lot of money. And he made the races exciting. He was great to watch run,” Fawkes said. “I really wanted to make him a millionaire, and he was so close. He was a lot of fun, and he was so easy. He never had a thing wrong. He had ice cold legs every single day of his career, so when you get any sign of anything it’s just time to stop.”

Noble Drama is retired with 10 wins, 12 seconds, six thirds and \$876,562 in purse earnings from 48 lifetime starts. In additions to his wins, he placed in 11 other stakes and faced graded competition four times, his best finish being a fourth in the one-mile Fred Hooper (G3) last winter Gulfstream.

“He’s so kind. People go in and put hats on him and likes to sit there and eat carrots all day long. He’s a very friendly horse,” Fawkes said. “If I didn’t already have Posse, my pony, who I have now and has been good to us for 20 years, Noble would be here. He had that [Old Friends] certificate, so we decided to take advantage of it. He deserves it. He’s been great, great fun.”

Noble Drama arrived at Old Friends on October 30. He earned retirement at Old Friends through his victory in the 2018 FTBOA Old Friends Florida Stallions Stakes, which came with an automatic berth to Old Friends. Noble Drama joins Kalamos, Next Shares and Get Western, who earned their retirements through winning the Old Friends Stakes at Kentucky Downs, as members of Old Friends For Life. It’s an exclusive club!

Maggi Moss: Before Aftercare Was Cool

Maggi Moss has spent her life helping people and horses. A lawyer in Des Moines, Iowa, she is a tireless advocate for victims' rights. On the racing front, Maggi is the only woman to be leading owner in the country for races won (2006) and was National Owner of the Year (2007). She has been an advocate for Thoroughbred aftercare long before it was fashionable. In October, we were honored to welcome Maggi's favorite horse, Delaunay, into retirement at Old Friends.

Delaunay was racing in 2012 when he caught Maggi's eye. Eventually, he would go on to win 19 races, 12 of them stakes, and over \$1.2 million in career earnings.



Photo © Old Friends

"I love older sprinters. Everybody's always looking for the Saturday horse, and I just love six furlong sprinting geldings. My trainer questioned dropping a claim on him (Delaunay) for \$50,000, which was a lot of money back then. I said, let's just do it! I believe we were the only claim on him that day.

Delaunay is low maintenance; you can see by the way he is built at the shoulder. They just don't make them like that much anymore. He was bred by a great Maryland breeder, the late Robert Meyerhoff, who really tried to breed horses for longevity, stability, and soundness.

Delaunay so thrives on human interaction, so I am so thrilled he is retiring to Old Friends."

Maggi has long been a proponent of Thoroughbred aftercare. Her commitment kicked into high gear with the story of US Gold.

"I can tell you exactly when the plight of horses who had left the racetrack hit me. Twenty years ago, when I was a trial lawyer in Des Moines, I was working hard and fairly new in horse racing. It was 4:39 on a Friday afternoon. My secretary, Jodi, said there's someone on the phone from New Jersey and they say it's quite urgent. The woman on the phone asked me if I owned a horse named US Gold. I told her yes, that I had retired him with a wonderful rescue group and that he was at a summer camp in New Jersey. Then she told me US Gold was sitting in a kill pen waiting for slaughter.

I admit that in 2005 I did not know that we slaughtered horses. That moment changed my life and my pursuits in horse racing. After getting US Gold to safety, I did a pretty quick study, and discovered slaughter is sadly something that all owners need to understand."

Maggi's Message

"As with everything else I do in life, I went full throttle to learn as much as I could. What do you do with your racehorse when he's done at the track? The first lesson is that where you put your horse matters. I know that I can't make people who have resources care about their horses. I truly can't imagine any owner in horse racing not being passionate about the horses that make up horse racing and the absolute responsibility to take care of the them.

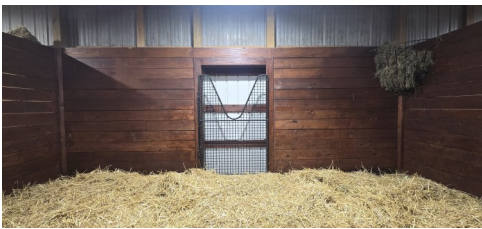
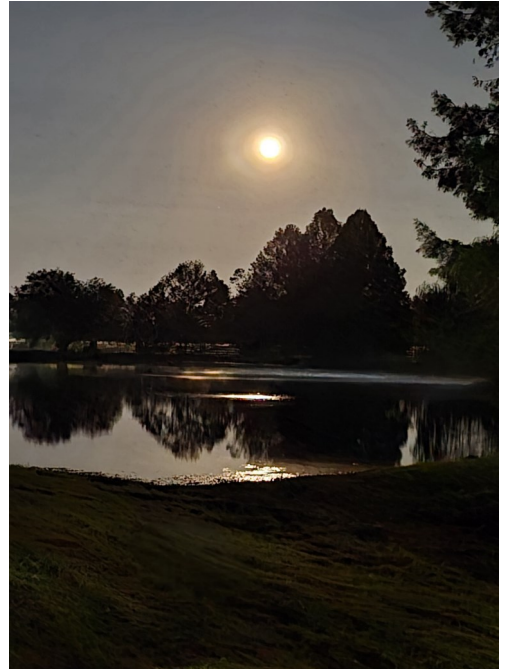
This cause has been my passionate pursuit ever since. I'm pretty outspoken, and I refuse to sugar-coat the message."



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Life and Times on Dream Chase Farm



*Through the
camera lenses of
Mary E. Greene
& Laura Battles*

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Moon Over Old Friends

Autumn Splendor

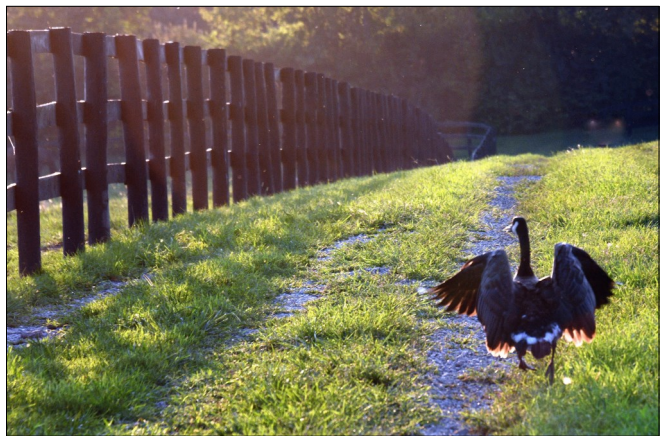
Canadian Friend

Friends for Life

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Through the Looking Glass

Ready



Between You and Me x 2

Retired Horses. Retired People: A Deep Connection

by Monty Carter

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My 90-year-old Mother lives in a retirement community in Georgetown, Kentucky. There are cottages, assisted living apartments, and memory care. The facility is beautiful and the care is among the best in the region. However, the genius of the place is located in the rear of the facility. Just past a flower-riddled terrace and down some steps there is a horse farm. This isn't just any horse farm in the Bluegrass. It is home to retired thoroughbreds. It is called "Old Friends Farm".



These previously fast-as-fury, four-legged giants, adorned with some of the finest jockeys in the sport, no longer run for the cheering masses and are long past their breeding shed days, roam free and easy. The residents come and sit on a deck built near one of the fences across from the barn. They can reach across the fence and touch, pet, feed, and talk to the horses. The bond between the two is amazing to witness. They approach the fenceline slowly before leaning over and offering pure love.

The horses communicate empathy usually shared between old friends. Their larger-than-life presence is gentle and quiet. Their eyes and nudging noses seem to be saying, "Hey, I'm retired and old too, but I'm living my best days here and so can you."

Watching the seniors and my Mom interact with these chestnut, black and gray beauties is a primer in the care of the elderly and even those who are memory-challenged. The horses are patient and gentle with them. They will offer a sniff of the head, and a pet on the head or neck, but make no mistake they are also there for the carrots and apples.

Both groups need understanding, patience, care and help. Their professional days are behind them. No more sires or dams creating life and giving birth. They need each other, and that is the most important lesson of their friendship and interaction. Our elders need care and help from succeeding generations. They also need to be valued and loved like these horses. Most



cultures revere their elders in ways that appear foreign to Americans. We need to help our elderly live out their final years with dignity.

We need to affirm their purpose and presence despite a culture of ageism. Most have experienced and forgotten more that we will ever know. It's not easy, but it's valuable and redemptive. We can give the same pleasure, satisfaction, and empathy these horses do with their aging human friends. We just need to come to the fence, lean over, and offer a hand.

Old Friends Ashton

Grove Roster

Brilliant Decision

Charlie's boywins

Daytona

Falcon Scott

Foliage

Get Western

Ireland's Eye

Jack a Rose

Kalamos

Last Judgment

Litigate

Massone

Mike Man's Gold

Paddy o'Prodigy

Padua's Pride

Palmer's Approach

Porfido

Riversrunrylee

Say The Word

Secret Getaway

Shaky Pants

Signalman

Talk Logistics

Wake Forest

Weekend Hideaway

Wet Your Whistle

Old Friends maintains four locations in Georgetown including Dream Chase Farm, the Mari Hulman George Annex, and Old Friends at Hillcrest Farm. Old Friends also maintains a herd of 26 retirees at Ashton Grove Senior Living Facility, where senior horses and senior people live in harmony. Old Friends Ashton Grove is not open for tours.

GUIDING GURUS

If you have visited Old Friends and taken a tour, you have met one of our wonderful volunteer tour guides. They are unrivaled when it comes to greeting visitors, showing them around the farm, and sharing—with compassion and enthusiasm, not to mention great aplomb—the tales of victories, agonies of defeats, and human narratives behind the careers of our equine athletes. Come out for a tour and let our guides introduce you to our fabulous retirees!

Barb and Bill: Guiding Love Blooms

To look into the eye of a horse.... there was something about Green Mask when I met him for the first time... beauty, intelligence with a bit of mischief in his eye. The connection between us was magical.

Green Mask's story touched my heart. From incredible success on the track to tragedy when he fractured his sesamoid. Then his story turned to one of love and triumph when his owners went the extra mile for him to have the surgery that would save his life. I loved his resilience as he over-



Barb, Bill and Best Horse Green Mask

came his injuries and became a much beloved ambassador for racing at Old Friends. And his story was one of hope despite all odds we can all learn something from.

Watching him run across his paddock for extra cookies is such a treat and brings tears to my eyes as I enjoy watching him loving life and knowing that that is a gift from Old Friends.

Green Mask's story is in a small way like our story. We were all searching for that unknown horizon. What was lying ahead for us? I semi-retired and moved here from California. Bill retired and moved back to central Kentucky. We both met at Old Friends as tour guides and just like Green Mask were looking for our futures. We found it in each other at Old Friends. Both of us loved Green Mask, so when Bill proposed it was suitably in front of Green Mask, whose approval of the ring was immediate.

We both love the mission of Old Friends. So we got married on a beautiful June day this past summer. Green Mask, fittingly, was in attendance from his stall...**Tour Guide Barb (Peppin) Jackson**

Working the Lines

Our Summer at Hillcrest Farm

Late summer and early fall at our new Hillcrest Farm division saw yeoman work put in by our farm staff. They replaced and repaired fencelines in five new paddocks, and dealt with aging water lines determined to leak. It was hot, tiring work, but they never complained, knowing that every section of refurbished fence means more retirees can move in.



As we continually say, and they prove time-and-time again, we have the most dedicated staff in the Bluegrass. Hats off and huge thanks to:

James, Billy, Tammy, Marisa, Zack, Jeremy, David, Alex, Rafael, and Ruben.

None of what we do would happen without them.

Photos © Mary Greene

The 2025 “Feed for a Day” Calendar is Here!



Green Mask on the Cover plus:

I’ll Have Another, Silver Charm, Lava Man, VE Day, Birdstone, Private Charm, Rapid Redux, Little Mike, Daaher, Dre Dan, Gottagoallday, Joey P, Bordonaro, Brandothebartender, Johannesburg Smile, Draxhall Woods, Maybesomaybenot and Little Silver Charm!

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Channel Maker Among 2024 Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame Inductees



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On August 7, Channel Maker, who retired to Old Friends late last year, was formally inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Old Friends founder, Michael Blowen, accepted the award on behalf of the 10-year-old son of English Channel.

Channel Maker raced from ages two to nine, winning 10 times and earning \$3,915,893, while accounting for four Grade One races. In 2017, he won the Sovereign Award as Canada’s Champion Three-Year-Old Colt and also claimed the 2020 Eclipse Award as North America’s Turf Male of the Year.



Photo © Laura Battles

The World according to *Little Silver*

There comes a time in the life of every little horse when he knows he must slow down. Sadly, not just for myself but for my many friends and fans, the time has come when I have to curtail my activities.

I am the smallest horse at Old Friends, and the oldest. I really don’t know how old I am because my origins are something of a mystery. I wasn’t always a star. It may be hard to believe but I was born an obscure, ordinary little horse. Michael says my life is an equine Horatio Alger story, whoever he is.

Estimates of my age run from 34-36. I think I may be even older. But as the saying goes, age is just a number. Some days I feel as lively as a three-year-old. But there are other days when I feel every minute of my age, whatever it may be.

My personal podiatrist, Dr. Scott Fleming of the world-renowned equine veterinary clinic Rood and Riddle, has been treating me for laminitis, a disease of the hoof that shortens the careers and lives of many horses. Recently, he fitted me with some special new shoes called Sigafos. They’re lined with soft rubber. He glues them to my little feet. They’re very comfortable. Dr. Fleming says I am doing well, considering that I am an older horse.

But now Dr. Fleming insists that I slow down. I imagine I must give up my dream of appearing on “Dancing with the Stars”. I suppose I might as well forget my career as a hoof model. And it was just getting off the ground.

And I guess I must cancel a number of lucrative endorsement deals that I had lined up for, among many items, ginger snaps, hand-hewn pink Himalayan salt blocks, and my favorite Mrs. Pasture’s cookies.

Worst of all, I have to give up soccer. How can this be? Soccer is my life!

But I can’t complain. I can still take walks around the farm with Michael and visit all my horse friends, and I can still welcome the many visitors who come to see me

And I can still eat Mrs. Pasture’s cookies, in moderation!

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Big Brown (L) meets Lava Man across the fence.

Old Friends Holiday Giving Tree



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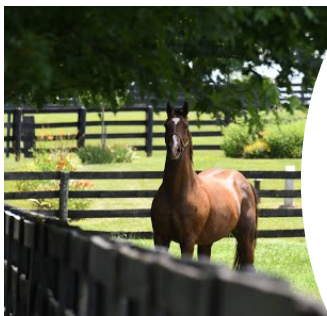
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Old girlFriends Society (\$100) _____

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w/Michael



Usually, when visitors come to gaze on the wonder of our Thoroughbred retirees (and Little Silver Charm), we're all staring at Silver Charm and all of his brethren. But, last week, I started looking at our guests while they were admiring all of our old friends. It was a real revelation.

One woman from Michigan was in tears because her late husband died just a few days after I'll Have Another won the Kentucky Derby in 2012.

Years ago, a man in his early 40's dropped to his knees at Taylor's Special's grave and bawled like a baby. I left him alone. Later, when everyone else had departed, he explained that he once worked for trainer Bill Mott when Taylor was on the Derby trail and that this son of Hawkins Special was not only his best friend for nearly two years, he was his only friend.

During the past two decades, the emotional reaction to these horses has been on daily display. It's just another lovely example of their value that goes far beyond their racing days. It's as plain as the look on our faces.

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