

## Happy 2010!

Dear Friends,

All of us at Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue (SCTR) wish you a very Happy New Year! We have had a very exciting first-full calendar year of operation as a horse rescue organization. This is largely due to the support of people like you, so please sit back and enjoy our recent news and 2009 summary. Here's to 2010 being a much better year for the horses!

Caroline Betts (President and director), John Chun (Treasurer and director), Jacqueline Feenstra (Secretary and director)

## Mission and 2009 Activities

The end of one year and the beginning of another brings with it an opportunity to reassess our goals, and how we can achieve them. The Mission of SCTR is to provide a safety net from slaughter for thoroughbred ex-racehorses that fail to find a "soft landing" at the conclusion of their racing or breeding career. SCTR's certified Articles of Incorporation explicitly reference our primary activity as the livestock auction rescue of thoroughbreds at high risk of illegal trafficking out of state to slaughter.

Throughout 2009, SCTR volunteers have monitored local auction activity and found scores of registered thoroughbreds that have been consigned without reserve and purchased for the value of their meat. In some months we been able to access horses purchased by local "kill buyers" for a period of days following the auctions, as we have in the past. In other months many horses, including thoroughbreds, have been immediately shipped in bulk from the auction lot, crammed nose to tail into large stock trailers, never to be seen again. Our Mission, to protect those thoroughbreds at highest risk for slaughter, achieved by purchasing them at auction and kill buyer holding lots, is therefore renewed and will be sustained through our 2010 activities. In addition, whenever volunteers are available, we will also continue to monitor consignments of thoroughbreds at local auctions and attempt to identify them from their tattoos and paperwork *even when SCTR cannot intake additional horses*. We have had some success in 2009 in reuniting ex-racehorses abandoned by current connections at auction with former owners and breeders that care about them. We have also partnered with Santa Anita racetrack management, who are anxious to stall the flow of racehorses from the track into the slaughter pipeline, in identifying the point and person of origin of many thoroughbreds found at auction lots.

In 2009, SCTR attended and purchased thoroughbreds at as many of the bi-monthly livestock auctions in Southern California as donations – of both financial and human resources – allowed. We began 2009 with fourteen rescued thoroughbreds in our care. During the year, we rescued an additional twenty seven thoroughbreds which became SCTR horses. Of these, twenty five were rescued either at auction bidding against representatives of the international horsemeat industry, or were rescued directly from the collecting station of the largest Southern California kill buyer after he purchased them at auction. In addition, SCTR took in one starving and seized thoroughbred as a direct transfer from animal control, and received one owner donated racehorse. We were also extremely

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grateful to be able to intermediate the rescue of ten additional racing industry horses, bidding at auction on behalf of other horse rescue organizations. Thanks are due to Front Range Equine Rescue, Red Bucket Equine Rescue, Saving Horses Inc., and, (as always), Tranquility Farm for this opportunity to help additional horses. Thanks are also due to the former owners and breeders who cared about their horses and wanted them back. As a direct result of your support as donors, grantors, merchandise buyers, and volunteers, SCTR has been able to prevent the needless death by slaughter or starvation of thirty seven additional thoroughbreds in 2009, our first-full year of operation.

Equally important, given our limited stall space, the twenty seven additional horses taken in by SCTR this year could never have been rescued without our wonderful 2009 adoptions. During 2009, SCTR adopted out to private individuals promising permanent loving homes, or transferred with contracts to retirement and sanctuary facilities seventeen thoroughbreds ranging in age from four to eighteen. Only one adopted horse has been returned to us due to a change in circumstance of his adopter. The "second careers" and new lives of our adopted horses range from complete leisure in well deserved retirement, to equine Parelli games companion, magnificent hunter-jumper prospects, trail riding partners, and full-time much adored pets. Our rescued thoroughbreds often have racing injuries that preclude extensive athletic activity; however, this has not prohibited their adoption as light riding horses and as loving companions for their new humans. We therefore thank our adopters Tina, Kathy and Johanna, Gay, Rhonda and Peter, Melanie, Jeanette, Virginia, Sabrina and Kaitlin, and Patricia for providing loving and permanent private homes for our horses. We also thank The Golden Carrot and Blue Apple Ranch for offering sanctuary for some of our older rescues.

As we close out 2009, SCTR has expanded significantly and currently provides love and shelter for twenty five rescued thoroughbreds, ranging in age from two to twenty three. We are thrilled that sixteen former SCTR horses have wonderful new homes. And we are grateful that ten additional horses found safety with other rescue organizations and former connections. The horses that we purchased with your support at auction, and from the local collecting station of a kill buyer had no alternative good home awaiting them and, without our immediate intervention, no alternative source of rescue from a long, painful, stressful, and completely illegal stock trailer ride out of state to horse slaughter plants eight hundred miles south of the Mexican border. The rescue and care of our horses and everything that we have been able to achieve in our first-full year of operation - would have been impossible without you.

Thank you all!

## Grants and Good CARMA

In an important sense, the most exciting recent news for SCTR – since it has provided strong financial support for our mission and activities – has been the award of several grants towards the shelter and care of SCTR horses since September 2009. We are deeply grateful to the ASPCA, On Shore Foundation, the Mary Jo and Hank Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation, and the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA) for their grants to SCTR.

On December 26 2009, SCTR was honored, along with eleven other thoroughbred retirement and rescue organizations that care for former California racehorses, at a Santa Anita racetrack grant award ceremony hosted by CARMA. A total of \$264,000 was awarded to twelve organizations, and Caroline, Jackie and Jenny of SCTR were thrilled to be present for the ceremony.

### CARMA Grant Award Ceremony, December 26 2009



CARMA manages and administers an innovative state fund, which draws 0.03 percent of every dollar of racehorse owners' purses into an account designated for the rehabilitation, re-training, and retirement of thoroughbreds that raced in California and that are cared for by registered 501(c) (3) charities. Owners may opt out of the contributions, yet the current participation rate is roughly 80 percent - a tremendous achievement for CARMA founders and directors, many of them licensed California thoroughbred owners, breeders, and trainers.

The protection of racing thoroughbreds from indifferent disposal is a very real possibility when industry participants cooperate physically and financially to support the humane retirement of their equine athletes. Without cooperation and financial support from within the industry, preventing the slaughter of thoroughbreds is a practical impossibility. We hope that CARMA is just the first of many such industry funding initiatives in California, and nationwide.

## 2010 Calendar

SCTR is thrilled to have available for your purchase our first ever "Still Winners" calendar for 2010. Featuring photographs of our rescued thoroughbreds taken by Laurie Taylor of TMA Photography, all net proceeds will be allocated to the care of our rescued thoroughbreds. Calendars may be purchased directly through our website, at:

<http://www.sctbrescue.org/2010calendar.htm>

For this first ever SCTR calendar, our featured "cover boy" is Kentucky Derby Day 2009 auction rescue gelding "Luis". Earning more than \$180,000 and rescued for \$250 bidding against Southern California's largest kill buyer, Luis is now adopted by Gay Talmey, and enjoying pre-second career "layup" - and flirtation with some spectacular young mares - in green pastures at Gay's beautiful home "Rancho Alegre" in Cottonwood, California.

### 2010 "Still Winners" Calendar Cover Photo



## New Media

As always, our website <http://www.sctbrescue.org> records the stories of the rescue, progress through rehabilitation, and adoption of our horses. Rehabilitation can be lengthy, depending upon the racing injuries and general physical condition of the horses that we rescue. We hope that by recording the stories of our horses on the website, we may educate and encourage others to participate in the rescue of thoroughbred ex-racehorses by donating to organizations devoted to racehorse rescue, by attending auction and directly rescuing a horse from slaughter, or by asking the racing industry and state and federal governments for change.

During 2009, SCTR developed many wonderful new relationships with people commonly concerned about the plight of the thoroughbred ex-racehorse, by expanding our online social

network and communications. SCTR now regularly records its activities, and its rescue, rehabilitation and adoption experiences through group emails sent to over 700 members from its Facebook Group page, "Southern California Thoroughbred Rescue", here:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=54037057570>

and to over 8000 members of our Facebook Cause and fundraising page, "Save Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses from Slaughter", here:

<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/320721>

We "tweet" from SoCalTBRescue at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), here:

<http://twitter.com/SoCalTBRescue>

and we regularly sell racing memorabilia and beautiful photographs of thoroughbred racehorses to support our rescue from our e-bay account, here:

[http://shop.ebay.com/so\\_cal\\_thoroughbred\\_rescue/m.html?\\_nkw=&\\_armrs=1&from=&ipg=&trksid=p4340](http://shop.ebay.com/so_cal_thoroughbred_rescue/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&from=&ipg=&trksid=p4340)

Please "join up" with SCTR and our horses in these social networks!

And please don't forget that matching donations for our "Still Winners" fund, monies designated for the urgent and emergent rescue of thoroughbreds donated by Lynn and Lloyd Wells of the Toby Wells Foundation, can be made through our website, at

<http://www.sctbrescue.org/stillwinners.htm>

at our fundraising page at Firstgiving:

[www.firstgiving.com/stillwinners](http://www.firstgiving.com/stillwinners)

or by check to our mailing address: 635 Hacienda Drive, Norco, CA 92860. All donations are tax deductible.

## Great Mares Fundraising

In 2008 and 2009, and into 2010, we have been extremely fortunate to have had fundraising support from the connections of the great race mare, and first ever female winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2009, Zenyatta. In 2008 we were fortunate to have donated for auction two of her shoes. In 2009 we auctioned scores of beautiful photographs of this remarkable mare taken by our very own John Chun and autographed by her trainer, jockey, assistant trainer, and groom. Our ebay auctions of Zenyatta photos and other memorabilia have been a significant source of funds towards the care of our rescued thoroughbreds over the past several months, and we are extremely grateful to all of Zenyatta's connections for their donations of time and memorabilia to SCTR.

As we begin 2010, SCTR is thrilled to announce that we will shortly be auctioning a leather halter worn by Zenyatta, and also

one worn by her stall mate and 2009 Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic Winner, Life Is Sweet! Thanks are due to our friend and volunteer Larry Damore Jr. and to trainer John Shirreffs, in particular, for making these upcoming fundraisers possible.

### Donna's Dance in July 2009 (still not adopted®)



## Caballo Press and SCTR

SCTR is proud to be associated with Caballo Press of Ann Arbor. In the fall of 2009, Caballo Press challenged lovers of horses everywhere to submit their life stories in a race horse name, towards a book to be sold in 2010 with 10% of sale proceeds donated to ReRun, Inc. and SCTR. In the following three months, over 800 horse lovers submitted their life stories in the form of a race horse name, with life stories ranging from the humorous, to the touching, to the heart wrenching.

*Horsenameographies: Life Stories in a Race Horse Name by Lovers of Horses Everywhere*

will be released on April 14, 2010 approximately two weeks prior to the Kentucky Derby. You can find information about the book and pre-ordering at:

<http://www.caballopess.com/HrsnmogrphyDescrptnPg.html>

We also look forward to co-hosting a book release and fundraising event with Caballo Press in the late spring of 2010!

## A Postscript – The List

Sometimes we are asked why we rescue only thoroughbreds at auction. We hope the following lists provide a partial response: they might be collectively termed “thoroughbreds SCTR has

known since June 2008”. Below are four lists of thoroughbreds. The first is the list of thoroughbreds rescued by and currently in SCTR’s care; the second is a list of thoroughbreds SCTR has adopted out since its inception; the third is a list of thoroughbreds rescued by SCTR on behalf of other organizations or individuals, or that we know have been rescued by others, since SCTR’s inception; the fourth is a list of thoroughbreds that we have been able to identify or notate as present at auction, and on craigslist in southern California, but which we were not able to rescue – either because resources were inadequate to permit us to bid on them or take them in, or because they were bid on by private parties. Thoroughbreds on the list of “not rescued” are not necessarily dead or slaughtered; we do not bid against private individuals at auction. A disclaimer: the process of identifying thoroughbreds from reading their lip tattoo, and matching it and visible markings to Jockey Club data is as accurate as possible, but horse identities are never completely certain (only DNA analysis would provide such certainty). Only a small number of horses are sent to auction with their Jockey Club papers. Nonetheless, we hope that these lists give a proximate idea of the scale of disposal of thoroughbreds through auction and feedlots.

### Thoroughbreds currently within SCTR

1. Piratesdragon (Jan. 08 feedlot rescue)
2. Miss Quickly (Feb. 08 auction rescue)
3. Pinedale (Feb. 08 auction rescue)
4. Freeze the Win (Mar. 08 feedlot rescue)
5. Noble Gambler (July 08 owner relinquished)
6. Victory Design (Sept. 08 auction rescue)
7. Donna's Dance (Sept. 08 auction rescue)
8. Hawaiian Lyon (Oct. 08 owner relinquished)
9. Persistent (Dec. 08 feedlot rescue)
10. Shelley Creek (Jan. 09 auction rescue)
11. Desert's Honey Cup (Feb. 09 auction rescue)
12. Unnamed 3yo filly (Mar. 09 auction rescue)
13. Belleau Wood (Mar. 09 auction rescue)
14. Apache (May 09 auction rescue)
15. Alternative Time (May 09 auction rescue)
16. Lulu's Nick (June 09 auction rescue)
17. Free Sammy (June 09 auction rescue)
18. Bertrando's Flag (August 09 feedlot rescue)
19. Irish Katie (August 09 feedlot rescue)
20. Unregistered 3yo filly (August 09 feedlot rescue)
21. Mont La Salle (August 09 auction rescue)
22. Yo Slugo (August 09 auction rescue)
23. Warrens Rahysgold (August 09 auction rescue)
24. Remember Boffi (December 09 auction rescue)
25. Northern Angel (December 09 kill buyer rescue)
26. Rosa Rugosa (January 2010 owner donation, at auction)

### Thoroughbreds adopted out by SCTR

27. Silky Goose (Feb. 09 feedlot rescue)
28. Icanmakeitrain (Feb. 09 auction rescue, ret'd to owner)
29. Timeless Wager (Mar. 09 owner donated)
30. Swing's Lew (Mar. 09 auction rescue, sanctuaried)

31. Brent's Last Dance (April 08 auction rescue)
32. Luis's Especial (May 09 auction rescue)
33. Careful Haste (Nov 07 auction rescue)
34. Rainbows at Aloha (Feb. 09 feedlot rescue)
35. Cascade Mtn. (Mar. 09 auction rescue)
36. Trato (Dec. 08 owner donated)
37. Magic Route (April 09 AC starvation case)
38. We Will Prevail (Oct. 08 owner donated)
39. Sunday Match (Dec. 08 auction rescue)
40. Footloose Louie (April 09 auction rescue)
41. Native Pretentious (April 09 auction rescue, sanctuaried)
42. Colorful Angel (April 09 auction rescue, sanctuaried)

#### Thoroughbreds rescued by SCTR for others, or by others

43. Freebe's Lad (July.08, deserted, The Golden Carrot)
44. Winged Beauty (Sept. 08 auction rescue, Tranquility Farm)
45. Our Fantasy (Sept. 08 auction rescue, Tranquility Farm)
46. Keelhauled (Sept. 08 auction rescue, Saving Horses Inc.)
47. Lucifer (Sept. 08 auction rescue, Saving Horses Inc.)
48. Oro Desert (Oct. 08 craigslist rescue, GEVA)
49. Pappanone (Dec.08 feedlot rescue, Saving Horses Inc.)
50. Beyond All Limits (Dec.08 feedlot rescue, Saving Horses In)
51. Invited Guest (Jan.08 craigslist rescue, Tranquility Farm)
52. Besidestillwaters (Feb.09 auction rescue, Tranquility Farm)
53. Lookingformrdunbar (Feb. 09 auction rescue, ret'd to owner)
54. Tamerlane Rising (Feb. 09 feedlot rescue, owner)
55. Kickin Stars (Feb. 09 feedlot rescue, Tranquility Farm)
56. Ask Sam (Feb. 09 feedlot rescue, ret'd to owner)
57. Cozy Spell (Feb. 09 auction rescue, private party)
58. Chestnut gelding (Feb. 09 auction rescue, private party)
59. Bee A Tigress (Feb. 09 auction rescue, private party)
60. Souvenir Trip (Mar. 09 auction rescue, Front Range Equine)
61. Serene Justice (Mar. 09 auction rescue, private party)
62. 3yo filly (May 09 auction rescue, Red Bucket Equine Resc.)
63. Anacaona (May 09 auction rescue, private party)
64. Sherwood Park (May 09 feedlot rescue, Saving Horses Inc.)
65. Ginobili (June 09 auction rescue, Tranquility Farm)
66. Ninetyeightlake (Nov 09 auction, private party)

#### Thoroughbreds at auction and on craigslist, not rescued \*

67. Unidentified dark bay mare (Dec. 09 auction)
67. Unidentified imported grey stallion (Dec. 09 auction)
68. Slewy Come Home (Jan. 09 craigslist)
69. Monarchrose (Jan. 09 auction)
70. Real Greeley (Jan. 09 auction)
71. Burglery (Jan. 09 auction)
72. Makinoi (Jan. 09 auction)
73. Unidentified bay gelding (Jan. 09 auction)
74. Un-named 2yo colt by High Brite (Mar. 09 auction)
75. Deep Fall (Mar. 09 auction)
76. Unidentified bay mare (Mar. 09 auction)
77. Unidentified chestnut mare, one eye (Mar. 09 auction)
78. Unidentified chestnut stallion (Mar. 09 auction)
79. Unidentified bay filly (Mar. 09 auction)
80. Road to Kisses (Mar. 09 auction)
81. Go Girl Go (Mar. 09 auction)
82. St. Laurent Lady (Mar. 09 auction)
83. First Condition (May 09 auction)

84. Drive Thru Daquiri (May 09 auction)
85. Rainbow Twist (May 09 auction)
86. Unidentified bay mare (May 09 craigslist)
87. Mi Silver Riches (June 09 auction)
88. Unidentified bay gelding (June 09 auction)
89. Beat Richy (June 09 auction)
90. Smokey Gal (June 09 auction)
91. L is for Love (June 09 auction)
92. Come to Oz (?) (June 09 auction)
93. Unidentified grey mare (June 09 auction)
94. Unidentified gelding (June 09 craigslist)
95. Unidentified gelding (June 09 craigslist)
96. Desert Winter (July 09 auction)
97. Unidentified bay gelding (July 09 auction)
98. Majestic Design (July 09 auction)
99. Brazen Margie (July 09 auction)
100. Lori's Castle (July 09 auction)
101. She's Engaged (July 09 auction)
102. Unidentified bay mare (July 09 auction)
103. Unidentified black mare (July 09 craigslist)
104. Miss Appollita (August 09 auction)
- 105 - 110. Six Momentum yearlings (November 09 auction)
- 111 - 113. Three Momentum yearlings (December 09 auction)
114. Warrens Mr. Storm (December 09 auction)
115. Warrens Shanaz (December 09 auction)
116. Pas de Reine (December 09 auction)
117. Unidentified bay filly (December 09 auction)
118. Unidentified dark bay mare (December 09 auction)

\*This list is highly incomplete. **SCTR did not attend auction in June, July, August, October or November of 2008, or in September through November of 2009.** It is often impossible or very difficult to identify horses at auction because their tattoos are unreadable, or because they are too afraid to allow us to read their tattoos. All of these horses were tattooed thoroughbreds, or thoroughbreds with their papers, potentially allowing identification. If you, or someone you know, would like to add a horse to this list, please email us at [sctbrescue@live.com](mailto:sctbrescue@live.com).

#### Desert's Honey Cup in June 2009 (still not adopted®)

