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NYS Gaming Commission to host Retired Racehorse Meeting on August 30 to debut film, discuss research & developments in responsible aftercare

The New York State Gaming Commission will host a meeting focused on the issue of retired racehorses on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. at the Fasig-Tipton Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs. The public meeting, a follow up to last year's successful day-long summit, will continue the Commission's efforts to drive attention and resources to racehorse retirement.

The two-hour event will feature a presentation and discussion of the Commission's ongoing study to locate New York-bred Thoroughbreds that have not raced since 2012. It will also include updates and recent developments from industry leaders and several of last year's participants, including The New York Racing Association, Inc., the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) and several TAA-accredited organizations working in the state.

The event will also see the debut of a Commission-produced film highlighting the importance of responsible aftercare in New York State and discussing the many viable options for retired racehorses. Starting later this year, any owner, trainer or assistant trainer seeking licensure or renewal in New York State must attest that they have viewed the film.

"This event is an important opportunity for the public to hear about the great work that many people are doing within the industry to promote responsible horse stewardship," said Commission Executive Director Robert Williams. "The meeting will showcase what is new, what challenges remain, and what more we as an industry can do to ensure safe havens for the horses that do so much for all of us."

Fasig-Tipton's Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion is located at East & Madison Avenues in Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Tentative agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- Debut: "Responsible Aftercare of Racehorses in New York State," produced by the New York State Gaming Commission
- Discussion of ongoing research into status of NY-bred horses that have not raced since 2012 (data provided by The Jockey Club)
- Moderated open discussions among attendees:
 - Recent developments in aftercare
 - New challenges in aftercare
 - Additional commitments

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