

Racetrack contribution

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As president of the New Stride Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, I was very pleased with Brian Lewis' column and the excellent job he did in bringing awareness to our charity. But there are a couple of points for clarification.

First, the racing industry is extremely supportive of our initiatives. And Hastings Racecourse works very closely with us to ensure the welfare of horses when their racing careers are over. Without their direct help, New Stride couldn't survive.

The column also refers to slaughterhouses, which might lead readers to believe racehorses that don't go through our program are destined for meat. While some horses may fall through the cracks, the vast majority of thoroughbred owners take great care in finding new homes for their horses.

New Stride was formed in order to help owners who are unable to find homes on their own.

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