



MAKER'S MARK SECRETARIAT CENTER

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Flagship Re-Schooling Facility

Taking Hold

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(above) Gunner Milligan greets visitors at the Secretariat Festival (below) Lara and Shooby winning the Hagyard MidSouth Classic P3D event in October, Dorothy Trapp Crowell on Molokai (bottom).



We are barreling down the stretch of 2011, trying to reach goals set in January: A record number of horses adopted—43 so far, and counting! (page 6), enticing professional horsemen to look at what we do (page 1), more MMSC graduates in the show ring (page 4), and more community outreach, press, and interns (page 3)! And thanks to the efforts of volunteers, donors and friends of the MMSC, we are glad to say that we are on track! As exciting as these accomplishments are, the new and varied synergistic efforts to handle the aftercare and second careers for off-track Thoroughbreds of the last few months are more thrilling still. From the collective initiatives in the racing industry such as the Jockey Club *Incentive Program for Thoroughbred Sport Horses* or the Thoroughbred Charities Association's new committee to tackle these issues, to the Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort taking a look at possible legislation (page 3) to the *Thoroughbred Celebration Horse Shows* series launched by the Virginia Horse Park, to the development of the Thoroughbred Horse Show Association created by a group of Central Kentuckians to showcase the athleticism of the Thoroughbred in the show ring, serious efforts to protect and promote this amazing breed are starting to take hold in our state and across the nation. To this the MMSC says, *Bravo!* and *Amen!* because together we gain momentum to make a difference for the horses we love.— *Susanna Thomas, Director*

The MMSC: A Source for Premier Athletes

Thanks to the success of the Horse Centered ReSchooling Program®, our staff, interns, volunteers, and the many individuals in the industry who have donated sound, sane horses to us, the MMSC is honored and pleased to say that it is, at last, truly fulfilling the vision of our founders: to provide top quality off-track Thoroughbreds that can perform in second careers at the highest levels of competition. This year Lara Knight and her talented gelding Shooby Do, adopted from us in 2009, had a stellar season competing at the Preliminary Level in eventing, capturing first place in the CIC 1* at the Poplar Place September Horse Trials and then winning the Hagyard Mid South Classic Format Preliminary 3 Day Event.

Prompted by Knight to look at what the MMSC had to offer, Dorothy Trapp Crowell (*winner of the 1994 Silver Medal at the Hague World Equestrian Games, and the Inaugural 4* USET Championship at Rolex in 1998, and member of the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Teams, Top Ten at Burley or Badminton in 1992, 1993, 1995, and 1997, and the USOC Equestrian of the Year in 1994*) and her husband John, also an accomplished horseman (*manager of Karen O'Connor's barn in England from 1992-1995, personal groom for Biko and Prince Panache, employed at Ashford Stud for 11 years and now by the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation*), recently adopted two MMSC horses, Tassimo and Flounced, both of which were donated to the MMSC by Darley Stud.

"Being from Kentucky and raised in a Thoroughbred racing family, I am a self professed Thoroughbred snob!" Dorothy admits. "Nothing reaches so profoundly into my soul as the gleam in that exceptional Thoroughbred's eye. The MMSC provides unique access to some of the best athletes in the equine industry, and does an amazing job both in preparing horses for their second careers and in matchmaking. This makes the task of finding just the right horse much easier. I am truly pleased with the two horses I adopted and I look forward to future partnerships!"

Horses and Hope: Ride for the Cure!

On September 18th, the MMSC was honored to be invited to the *Horses and Hope* ride at the KY Horse Park by Kentucky's first lady, Jane Beshear. Susanna Thomas, Shalise Gallaher, Melissa Recknor, AnnaLisa Strickland and Lauren Moore donned all the pink they could conjure: Nonfat No Whip and Grayson were painted pink while Fly Lite, Sonofguidebook, and Empiric showed off pink gear, pink braids, and pink hair extensions. Fun was had by all— especially the horses as they got to trot and canter through some of the park's most beautiful landscapes. It was a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the need for aftercare for racehorses while simultaneously supporting this most worthy cause.



Secretariat Festival

On September 24th, the MMSC was pleased to have a presence at the fourth annual Secretariat Festival held at the Paris fairgrounds. Dedicated to the memory of the great champion, the festival featured all things Secretariat—from t-shirts, to jewelry, artwork and memorabilia. Equine demonstrations took place throughout the day, as did games for children, face painting, and movie screenings of Secretariat's races. The MMSC brought mascots Fly Lite (pictured left) and Gunner Milligan (pictured right) so that people could get up-close and personal with real racehorses. Interns and volunteers explained to the crowd the need for aftercare for Thoroughbreds, informed them of the MMSC reschooling program, and lauded the virtues of the breed for a host of athletic equine endeavors. It was wonderful to see guests' faces light up when the horses greeted them and inspiring for the interns and volunteers to see how much Thoroughbreds are loved by the general public.



MMSC's First Open House

On October 15th, the MMSC held its first open house, introducing visitors to the facility and telling them about our Horse Centered ReSchooling Program® and our educational opportunities for horse lovers, from the neophyte to the pro. Each of our horses was shown under saddle for 15 minutes by Lara Knight, MMSC's head trainer, while Director Susanna Thomas told the crowd about the horse's history and personality, and suggested a discipline or disciplines where it might excel as an athlete. Also present were representatives from MMSC sponsors *HayGain*, *McCauley Brothers Feed*, *Cavalor*, *BET Labs*, and *Woodford Equine Hospital*, who generously provided door prizes and answered questions about their products and services. Many thanks to our sponsors, a host of wonderful interns and volunteers, as well as to Mother Nature for providing ideal weather—the day went flawlessly!



Cavalor served champagne and chocolates!



"Bubba and Tee" struts his stuff with Lara Knight

Four Two Won: A Fairy Tale from Pastures to Parades

Recently, a spectacular horse and a true testimony to off-track Thoroughbreds came through MMSC's program. Four Two Won, a nearly 18 hand, 1500 lb Thoroughbred who had been retired to pasture for over five years, arrived at MMSC. Oblivious of his former manners, he pranced and whinnied frantically when put in a stall, and was utterly terrified under tack. After a week in our program, however, this unruly Goliath—that no one wanted to bring in from the field because he was so fractious—was stealing hearts with his handsome looks and winning personality. Four Two Won, aka "Arthur" (as in "King") is a living testimony to what OTTBs can be if given a chance. Noticing that the Lexington Mounted Police was offering a sensory clinic taught by police officers from across the nation (even the Canadian Mounties!) at the Kentucky Horse Park, Director Susanna Thomas begged for a spot for Arthur even though he had been ridden only four times at the MMSC. Intrepid Lauren Moore, a fall MMSC intern, rode him throughout the two-day affair, working him in drill team formations, teaching him to walk on mattresses and teeter totters, under waterfalls and over bridges. By clinic's end, reports of Arthur's looks and intelligence had reached Washington D. C., and the next day he was adopted by the Park Police who escorted him back to the nation's capital where he will be ridden in parades and serve as a mount for "presidents and dignitaries!" What a fairy tale ending!



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Testifying About Horse Care

Unwanted horses: It's an issue that beleaguers the Thoroughbred industry. Alas, it is not an issue exclusive to our industry. With the present state of our economy, horses of all breeds are being neglected and abandoned. In an attempt to find solutions to this issue, State Senator Damon Thayer and State Representative Susan Westrom, chairs of the Committee on Horse Farming, held a hearing on October 12th at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort during which Michael Blowen of Old Friends, Dr. Jim Smith of the Kentucky Equine Humane Center, and MMSC Director Susanna Thomas were asked to testify. While each of them had different perspectives to present (*Old Friends is a permanent retirement site for TB champions, the Kentucky Equine Humane Center has all breeds and only recently acquired a grant to provide re-training, and the MMSC is a specific rescchooling program*), all three agreed on the need for collective efforts to find positive solutions.



Michael Blowen, Dr. Jim Smith, and Susanna Thomas testifying about the issue of unwanted horses.

In the News: *Newsday Cleveland* and *Good Morning Vail*

The MMSC caught the eyes of television producers in Ohio and Colorado recently. In September, producers and hosts from *Cleveland Today* came to the MMSC and did an on-site interview. "You are doing incredible work," producer Tomi Toyama Ambrose told us after spending part of the morning watching our horses in training. In October, Susanna Thomas was flown out to Colorado by a generous patron of the TRF for an interview on *Good Morning Vail*. "It was such a privilege to go out to Vail for that opportunity, and I am very excited by the rising interest across the country in the aftercare for off-track Thoroughbreds," Thomas said. Clips from this interview will be used as PSA announcements for the TRF and the MMSC.

Fall 2011 Interns This fall semester, the MMSC wanted to accommodate as many students as possible to assist with the influx of horses we have had. We welcomed four students from Midway College: Andrea Compton, Carmen Emberton, Catherine Haas, and Lauren Moore, one student from the University of Kentucky: Erin O'Keefe, and one student from the University of Cincinnati: Samantha Hissong. All six interns are working in each area of our program: Training, Communications, and Farm Management. They are receiving a well-rounded, hands-on experience which we hope will assist them in future endeavors. **Thank you all!**



Charlene Thorson: Responsible Ownership



Lash as a newborn

Shortly after Adoptions Coordinator Melissa DeCarlo Recknor returned from her wedding in July, she received a call from Ms. Charlene Thorson in Louisiana. Charlene had been referred to the MMSC by her friend Mike Bell at Mill Ridge Farm when she was looking for homes for a few of her "home-breds." Wary at first about sending her "kids" off to us, Ms. Thorson's fears were eased as she talked through the whole process with Melissa and Director Susanna Thomas. Charlene had three beautiful horses that had been sitting as pasture pets and needed new careers. Lash was the oldest—a stakes winner with tons of potential, named for his long eyelashes as a foal. Adarnas or "Addie" popped an abscess on the track and never went back. And lastly was the baby of the group, Meteor Shot, who had the most personality and was ready to be someone's pet. After seeing short videos of all three, we knew they were prime candidates for the MMSC program. The MMSC assured Ms. Thorson that she will be kept in the know about each and everyone of her "babies", as she wrote in a note to us "they will always take a part of my heart with them."



Meteor Shot as newborn



Adarnas just a few hours old

Thank you Charlene for being such a responsible owner and for your generous gift and your trust in us! We will track your babies for life!



Melissa Recknor on Fly Lite

In Stride: Horse Shows

This fall has been excellent for our adoptees and graduates!

MMSC ended the summer by attending the Kentucky Dressage Association's annual schooling show at Masterson Station Park. Shalisse Gallaher took City So Cool in Training Level tests 1 and 2 as well as Bubba and Tee in two Intro Level tests. Both horses were very well behaved for their first outing, and Bubba even brought home a 3rd and 4th place! Melissa DeCarlo Recknor rode mascot Gunner Milligan to a 6th place finish in Training Level test 2 and her mare Fly Lite in all three Training Level tests.

The month of September brought crowds of people to the Horse Park for the Kentucky Classic Horse Trials and JumpStart Horse Trials. MMSC graduate Maconit Quick and adopter Chaleise Everly moved up to Novice! Lara Knight had the ride on Fly Lite for the Kentucky Classic. Melissa Recknor took Fly's reins for JumpStart, the pair's very first 3-phase, placing 9th out of 25!

Lara Knight also rode Christine New's Classic Order to 4th place at the Flying Cross Horse Trials on Sept. 19th in Goshen, KY. This was Classic Order's first horse trial and boy, did he shine!

Melissa and Fly Lite took on the Hagyard Team Challenge, joining the Antebellum Farm BN team. They placed 9th out of 20 and the team finished 9th as well! At this same event, Lara Knight guided Shooby Do to a win in the Preliminary 3-Day long format (page 1).

Graduate Victory March and adopter Stefanie Field rode in their first dressage show, bringing home a score in the low 70s! Also showing are Penny Black and adopter Sara Bordner, who have reined in a few championships already!

Congratulations to all! You are making a great name for the TRF-Maker's Mark Secretariat Center and for the athleticism of the off-track Thoroughbred!



Stefanie Field and Victory March



Shalisse Gallaher on City So Cool



Chaleise Everly on Maconit Quick



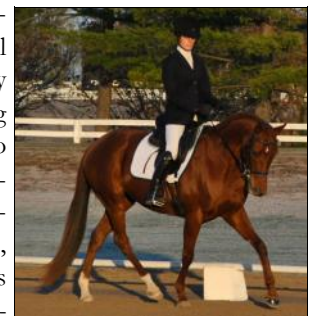
Melissa Recknor on Gunner Milligan



Lara Knight on Classic Order

The Adventures of Fly Lite: MMSC Mascot

Fly Lite, an 11 year-old chestnut mare by Fly Til Dawn out of Feodalite by Luthier, has quite the success story. Rescued from the kill pens not once but **twice** by several rescue organizations and her very responsible breeder, Fly made her way to MSMC in 2007. After being adopted out and returned, Adoptions Coordinator Melissa DeCarlo Recknor fell in love with the adorable mare and adopted her in October of 2009. From then on Fly has served as MMSC's mascot by attending school functions, Keeneland's "Breakfast With the Works", horse shows, and much more. The pair had shown in the low hunters but decided their calling was three-phase eventing. After a few outings with trainer Lara Knight, Melissa took her turn. They placed 9th out of 20 at JumpStart, 9th out of 25 at Hagyard-Midsouth Team Challenge where they helped their team also finish 9th, and placed 6th out of 17 at Octoberfest— all in the month of October! Earlier this year, Fly Lite attended Harrison Elementary with her past peer, Ferdinand's Star, after students drew pictures of the two. She **still** receives fan mail from the kids and is loved by all who meet her.



Thank you Fly Lite and Melissa for being great ambassadors for the breed!

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GLC is a proud sponsor of the MMSC starting this past summer. Use code **SEC2011** to receive 10% off your purchase and send \$5 of it back to the MMSC!



The Kentucky Horse Park continues to support the MMSC. They were generous enough to donate 4 tickets to their new exhibit, "The Horse", to our open house.

The USPC generously donates advertisements of our horses on their website and has also given us a great discount at their bookstore for our new library! (www.ponyclub.org)



BET Labs has graciously donated EquiBloom which helps horses get the nutrients they need.

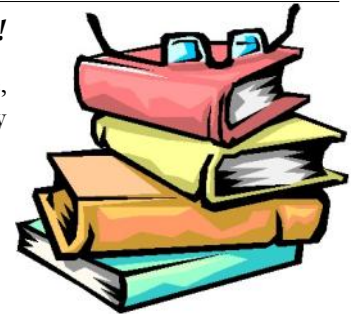
Carla Perri has donated 25 halters with nameplates for MMSC to send with our adopted horses AND they have sent 3 turquoise and black halters for our mascots to use on their outings as well! Everyone who adopts a horse receives 20% off their order at www.perrisleather.com!



A big **thank you** to Dr. Larksburg Carol of Core Therapies in Versailles, KY for treating our OTTBs. Her chiropractic work makes a world of difference to every horse in our barn!

Wish List: Library Books *Help train a horse, donate a book (or a DVD)!*

We are looking for works of the masters of horsemanship down through time: Xenophon, Grisone, Plunivel, the Duke of Newcastle, La Guerniere, Baucher, Fillis, Klimke, Podhajsky, Sylvia Loch, Henry Blake, Sally Swift, Paul Belasik, George Morris, Bill Steinkrauss, Jimmy Wofford, and oh so many more...



PLEASE HELP!

You will receive a tax deduction for your gift and it will be acknowledged with an MMSC book plate. Donations can be dropped off at the MMSC or sent to the MMSC, 4089 Ironworks Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

Winning Pick	Shopping Stall	Best Bet
<p style="text-align: center;">The Art of Horsemanship Xenophon</p>  <p>In honor of the Bucephalus Training Library, we are looking back to the roots of horsemanship. The very basis of modern horsemanship came from this book and is still applicable today, 2,300 years later. This book is a complete guide to horsemanship and accessible to all readers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A highly recommended read!</i></p>	<p>Want to stay warm and cozy this winter while supporting your favorite Horse Centered ReSchooling® Facility? Purchase a pull-over hoodie for only \$35 or a zip-up with embroidered logo for \$40! Call us at 859-246-3080 and place your order today!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pianissimo Cavalor</p>  <p>Pianissimo feed is specifically formulated for horses and ponies prone to stress or hard to handle because of nervous temperaments. It contains herbs and other elements that counteract excessive sensitivity as well as all the nutritional components for a complete and balanced feed for sport horses while being 85% digestible. It is also suitable for horses at rest. We have had great success with it at the MMSC!</p>

MMSC Adoptions in 2011

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| ♥ Bourbon Barrel | ♥ Dear Goldie |
| ♥ Victory March | ♥ Click Here |
| ♥ Reallyneedn'ahalo | ♥ Mighty Precise |
| ♥ Maconit Quick | ♥ Spanish Shot |
| ♥ Classic Order | ♥ Impressive John R |
| ♥ Take Another Road | ♥ Adarnas |
| ♥ Mister Regs | ♥ City So Cool |
| ♥ Robin'sonaroll | ♥ Mountain Life |
| ♥ Officer's Club | ♥ Nonfat No Whip |
| ♥ Penny Black | ♥ Tassimo |
| ♥ Dash for Home | ♥ Flounced |
| ♥ Marlin My Darling | ♥ Iron Countess |
| ♥ Cazador de Suenos | ♥ Sonofguidebook |
| ♥ Clever Wish | ♥ Come Skip With Me |
| ♥ Freddy Time | ♥ Here Comes Marie |
| ♥ Cockahoop | ♥ Kris's Affair |
| ♥ High Tide | ♥ Four Two Won |
| ♥ Dangan Ressha | ♥ Astral Weeks |
| ♥ Waves and Wacs | ♥ Empiric |
| ♥ Luke | ♥ Rock Hard Nicky |
| ♥ Merensky Reef | ♥ Champagne Prayer |
| ♥ Ringaroundtheson | ♥ Lash |
| ♥ Meteor Shot | ♥ Giacardan |

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 12, 2011: Intern field trip to Churchill Down
 Nov. 23-27, 2011: Thanksgiving: MMSC Closed
 Dec. 3, 2011: Internship Graduation and MMSC Christmas Party
 Dec 14, 2011 NHC Party
 Dec 15, 2011 Horse Rescue Round Table
 Dec. 17, 2011: All horses off campus
 Dec 23-Jan. 1, 2012: **MMSC Closed**

Visiting Hours:

- Fall Visiting Hours:**
 Tuesday-Saturday: 9:00am-2:00pm
 Sunday and Monday: **Closed**
- Winter Visiting Hours beginning December:**
 Monday-Friday: 8:00am-3:00pm
 Saturday and Sunday: **Closed**
- Website:** www.thoroughbredadoption.com
Phone: 859-246-3080
Blog: www.secretariatcenter.blogspot.com
Facebook: Maker's Mark Secretariat Center
Twitter: mmsc04

Blackburn Correctional Complex

The men at Blackburn Correctional are so dedicated to taking care of their horses that they stand outside in the pouring rain to make sure every horse gets their grain and medication for the day. We are looking for 5-10 sets of rain gear for these men. They must be clear in color, and again, your donation is tax-deductible. Please contact us at 859-246-3060.



From the Horse's Mouth

"I have had the privilege to work with the Maker's Mark Secretariat Center (MMSC) in adopting two fabulous horses, "Mighty Precise" (technically adopted by my mother) and "Click Here." All of the individuals involved with adoptions at MMSC represent, on a small scale, the significance of the Foundation on a large scale. I think it is inspiring to know that these horses, people, and this Center have a radiating impact on people all over. Some may not realize that many of these "unwanted and useless" horses come from prisons. These horses are helping people that nobody wants, and in turn, the MMSC is helping horses nobody wants. The symbiotic relationship that MMSC has with society is positive and humbling. I finally must add that MMSC has its own bit of research in motion happening. MMSC is dedicated to the well-being of the horses in their care. The holistic approach and use and recommendation of products that truly work makes them a viable source for companies looking to document the true success rate of their products. There is so much potential to learn and study the health and maintenance of the horse through the MMSC, because many of the horses come with various issues and need to be "healed" using quality, cost-effective products. Again, this seemingly minor detail really amazed and impressed me. I cannot say "thank you" enough to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and Maker's

Mark Secretariat Center. I couldn't be more thrilled with my new horses "Ted" (Click Here) and "Ben" (Mighty Precise) and I believe that the MMSC is truly on the cutting-edge of horse sales. The honesty, integrity, and passion alone are enough to satisfy, but the impact on society really gives the MMSC something more than even the best of sale barns. Please keep on keeping on with the MMSC!"



Margaret and "Ted"

- Margaret A. Frank



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