



PEACEFUL LANDING

Barbara Luna establishes War Horses at Rose Bower

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SOME OF US ARE FORTUNATE enough to be able to plan our retirement dream of a snug cabin on the coast of Maine or an oceanfront beach hut in Costa Rica, but few retirement spots can top Rose Bower, Va., site of War Horses at Rose Bower. Rose Bower, a tiny community founded in the 1800s, is located in the Piedmont region of south central Virginia. War Horses is a Thoroughbred racehorse adoption and rescue farm.

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							2018 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	150/67	5/9	1/5	(Fourstar Crook, \$931,400)	\$5,265,553	*1226	49	1.56	1.25
2	BELLAMY ROAD (02, Concerto), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$6,000	163/84	5/7	2/5	(Diversify, \$1,190,000)	\$4,480,578	*629	31	1.21	1.27
3	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$5,000	121/61	4/4	4/4	(Giant Expectations, \$725,900)	\$3,398,200	*411	13	1.19	1.17
4	MISSION IMPAZIBLE (07, Unbridled's Song), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	81/47	1/1	1/1	(Starlite Mission, \$141,795)	\$2,478,670	143	3	1.29	1.10
5	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$6,000	138/56	2/3	0/2	(Somelikeithotbrown, \$201,813)	\$2,300,354	*721	21	1.07	1.53
6	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$6,000	103/48	4/5	3/4	(Lady Joan, \$171,990)	\$2,212,471	191	5	0.98	1.12
7	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	\$2,500	95/52	2/2	2/2	(Orchid Party, \$146,371)	\$2,038,452	225	6	0.94	1.37
8	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	75/43	1/1	1/1	(Fair Regis, \$157,770)	\$1,868,188	199	7	1.31	1.38
9	BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (08, Officer), Questroyal North	\$2,500	34/22	2/3	2/2	(My Boy Tate, \$146,600)	\$1,186,353	62	2	1.31	1.23
10	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer)	Died, 2014	25/13	1/2	0/1	(Disco Partner, \$467,250)	\$1,029,926	268	12	1.40	1.20
11	¶ CENTRAL BANKER (10, Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	25/8	2/4	2/2	(Bankit, \$249,625)	\$792,667	72	2	1.41	1.27
12	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	40/17	0/0	0/0	(Beautiful Buzz, \$93,888)	\$730,782	128	4	1.31	1.10
13	SOARING EMPIRE (07, Empire Maker), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	28/15	0/0	0/0	(Reason to Soar, \$110,675)	\$658,158	55	0	0.94	1.11
14	D' FUNNYBONE (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	32/17	0/0	0/0	(Wegetsdamunnys, \$88,770)	\$654,182	*77	2	1.08	1.25
15	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid)	Pnsd	31/13	2/2	2/2	(Kreesie, \$168,608)	\$619,880	97	4	1.01	1.04
16	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	33/7	1/3	1/1	(Attissimo, \$300,875)	\$587,635	244	10	0.79	1.04
17	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$4,000	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Sudden Surprise, \$108,540)	\$508,240	49	2	1.75	1.26
18	FORTY TALES (10, Tale of the Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	Private	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Transistor, \$118,945)	\$497,231	*57	0	0.92	1.19
19	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Zealous, \$134,900)	\$412,481	193	1	1.06	0.95
20	BANK HEIST (07, Maria's Mon), Kaz Hill Farm	\$5,000	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Merger of Banks, \$62,320)	\$359,667	44	1	0.96	1.34
21	¶ HONORABLE DILLON (10, Tapit), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	26/8	0/0	0/0	(Honorable Hero, \$45,110)	\$267,468	72	0	0.48	1.13
22	HEAVY BREATHING (09, Giant's Causeway), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions	Private	18/7	0/0	0/0	(San Juan Diego, \$75,760)	\$264,276	33	0	0.46	1.60
23	TRINNIBERG (09, Teuflesberg), Rockridge Stud	\$3,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Belleville Spring, \$61,010)	\$213,449	*61	1	0.90	1.56
24	MIDAS TOUCH (GB) (07, Galileo)	N/A	18/7	1/1	0/1	(Primo Touch, \$67,500)	\$180,728	*51	1	0.39	0.91
25	A SHIN FORWARD (05, Forest Wildcat), Rockridge Stud	Private	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Lord Ace, \$42,844)	\$176,552	27	0	0.39	0.79
26	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor)	Died, 2015	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$90,920)	\$167,857	11	1	2.12	1.54
27	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Congressionalstorm, \$53,284)	\$156,618	161	1	0.74	0.93
28	WICKED RICH (06, Yes It's True)	N/A	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Canoochee, \$46,925)	\$152,756	17	0	0.69	1.20
29	¶ ALPHA (09, Bernardini), Sequel Stallions New York	\$5,000	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Saloon Girl, \$43,300)	\$144,134	*36	0	0.48	1.60
30	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Little Snip, \$28,860)	\$126,042	*97	2	0.96	1.16

Currently 11 retired gentlemen, ranging in age from 7 to 11 years old, are living at WHRB. These are the War Horses, the horses we have all watched run. Horses that have run in 70 or 80 or even 100 races before their careers ended, due to either injury or the inevi-



War Horses at Rose Bower is home to 11 retired horses

tably slowing with age. Horses who often began as stakes winners and over time, descended through the ranks but kept running, kept competing, and kept winning until they couldn't. Horses that many of us have come to love and admire.

War Horses at Rose Bower is the realized dream of Barbara Luna. Some will be familiar with her through her work at Parx Racing, where she set up and ran "Turning for Home," the adoption program that was the first at any racetrack and has now been emulated by many other tracks. She ran it for five years, all the while nursing her dream of establishing a farm of her own.

2018 NEW YORK SIRES BY BLACK TYPE STAKES WINNERS

Sire	SWnrs	Wins
Freud	5	9
Bellamy Road	5	7
Courageous Cat	4	5
Frost Giant	4	4
Central Banker	2	4
Big Brown	2	3
Boys At Tosconova	2	3
Cosmonaut	2	2
Desert Party	2	2
Noble Causeway	1	3
Disco Rico	1	2
Bustin Stones	1	1
Midas Touch (GB)	1	1
Mission Impazible	1	1

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1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	157/85	6/6	3/6	(Renaissance Rosie, \$180,923)	\$4,971,900	*1369	47	1.43	1.29
2	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	42/29	2/2	2/2	(Smooth B, \$214,778)	\$1,842,336	*111	7	1.50	1.02
3	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Mohns Hill Farm	Private	69/37	0/0	0/0	(Dr Blarney, \$188,570)	\$1,675,134	171	2	1.06	1.18
4	EL PADRINO (09, Pulpit), Northview PA	Died, 2017	43/21	1/2	0/1	(Whereshetoldmetogo, \$231,320)	\$1,285,492	107	1	1.30	1.28
5	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway)	Pnsd	46/17	1/1	0/1	(One Go All Go, \$363,550)	\$1,067,217	228	3	1.06	1.22
6	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catiemus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	48/24	0/0	0/0	(Tara's Talent, \$100,510)	\$976,939	*145	2	1.03	1.21
7	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	63/28	0/0	0/0	(Devine Dental, \$119,570)	\$900,535	*538	12	0.99	1.26
8	UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN (07, Limehouse), Diamond B Farm	\$1,500	15/10	2/2	0/2	(Dixie Serenade, \$221,750)	\$898,579	27	2	2.21	0.85
9	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	72/30	2/2	0/2	(Time Shanakill, \$115,301)	\$850,118	188	3	1.12	0.92
10	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	31/17	0/0	0/0	(Dancing Bull, \$97,700)	\$798,064	73	3	1.32	1.21
11	CROWN OF THORNS (05, Repent), Equistar Training Center	\$2,000	29/14	1/1	1/1	(Swagger Jagger, \$92,319)	\$643,768	52	1	0.86	1.08
12	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Checkbouncin Billy, \$158,880)	\$497,942	111	2	1.27	1.15
13	CAL NATION (08, Distorted Humor), Kingfisher Lane Farm	\$2,500	23/9	0/0	0/0	(Pal Cal, \$91,238)	\$477,086	45	0	1.02	1.20
14	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Hashtag Selfie, \$99,708)	\$474,966	198	7	1.26	1.33
15	MAD FLATTER (05, Flatter)	Died, 2016	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Abuela Loca, \$72,483)	\$412,245	44	0	0.82	1.34
16	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin)	Pnsd	22/9	1/1	1/1	(She's Chubs, \$78,814)	\$370,968	*410	9	1.11	1.11
17	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Grady, \$102,320)	\$363,517	51	0	1.23	1.14
18	DRINKWITHTHEDEVIL (04, Smart Strike), Xanthus Farms	\$1,000	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Bizerk, \$128,116)	\$259,605	56	2	0.55	0.74
19	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Smokin Nitro, \$235,910)	\$259,095	62	1	1.08	1.14
20	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	15/3	1/1	1/1	(Zipper's Hero, \$157,370)	\$254,360	460	16	1.18	1.29

Luna's love affair with the Thoroughbred racehorse began long before she worked at Parx. As a child, she learned to ride at a farm in Edison, N.J., where the horses came from Bunchie's Auction and were sold in the \$350 range. While attending Rutgers University, she worked at Monmouth Park in her junior year.

"As a 'greenie,' I did all of the horse stuff at Monmouth—learned to hotwalk and moved up to groom pretty quickly, which I loved," Luna said.

She learned the track routine from veteran horseman John Mazza. Luna felt lucky to learn from such a respected, experienced trainer. At that point she had no idea what happened to racehorses once their racing careers ended, which does not make her unique.

After a stint in Kentucky, Luna found herself back at Monmouth doing commentary on the simulcast races the track carried from around the country. That's when her attention was first drawn to the older geldings who had run through lengthy careers.

"I just had so much admiration for them, for their

competitive spirit," she said.

That's also when she acquired her first retiree.

"Trainers used to just give me horses, knowing I would do whatever I could to see that they got a good home," she said.

The one she kept, Sir Bart, is with her still at 27 years old and going strong.

Said Luna, "He's been boarded and fostered, following me around, and now he's finally got a permanent home."

Luna said that when she was taking her daughter back to college, she visited Gettysburg and got the idea that she might

like to own a farm that had a historic connection. When she began actively looking, she quickly realized that farms in Pennsylvania and New Jersey were out of her price range. When the small farm at Rose Bower became available, she jumped on it.

In addition to running Rose Bower, Luna also manages a bookstore.

"I always wanted to run a bookstore, and now I have the chance and it pays my health insurance."

Luna said huge credit is due to the racing industry—the owners, trainers, track executives, all the way through to grooms and hotwalkers—who have stepped up and made it possible for people like her to operate farms where Thoroughbreds learn to have second careers or just ease into a well-deserved, pasture retirement.

"We could not operate without the huge support we get from everybody in the racing business," Luna said, "And I want to be sure everyone who has the smallest interest in what happens to racehorses when they retire understands that."

Luna talks at length about the



Sir Bart, 27, has had a permanent home with Luna

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2014 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through November 25, 2018. As supplied to *BloodHorse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., lists include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2017 is \$22,593 or 47% of the 2017 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 47% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 15%; Singapore by 68%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include all countries.

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; COMPARABLE INDEX indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

2018 LEADING SIRES IN WEST VIRGINIA



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1	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	84/51	3/8	2/3	(Late Night Pow Wow, \$395,720)	\$2,466,953	211	10	1.24	0.79
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,000	89/47	1/1	0/1	(William and Mary, \$111,691)	\$1,460,795	341	12	0.99	1.02
3	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	84/38	3/4	2/3	(Sandy'z Slew, \$217,805)	\$1,391,220	*445	23	1.17	1.14
4	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	Died, 2016	74/41	0/0	0/0	(Martin Man, \$60,333)	\$1,017,668	170	2	0.90	1.04
5	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	54/31	1/1	1/1	(B's Wild Cork, \$92,330)	\$969,479	*127	5	0.71	1.07
6	MR. SIDNEY (04, Storm Cat), Beau Ridge Farm	\$6,500	34/20	1/3	0/1	(Lady Sidney, \$152,157)	\$790,939	118	1	1.01	1.73
7	MACHEN (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	26/16	0/0	0/0	(Gab's Lil Leaguer, \$40,681)	\$329,945	61	0	0.56	0.74
8	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Brite Echo, \$34,590)	\$291,322	778	15	0.97	1.02
9	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Braxton, \$77,285)	\$288,752	91	4	0.84	0.86
10	GATTOPARDO (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Opera Nite, \$99,634)	\$287,864	25	1	1.08	0.74
11	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	17/10	0/0	0/0	(Nellysford, \$62,002)	\$256,791	206	4	0.81	1.08
12	GARNERED (98, Holy Bull)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Super Garner, \$65,754)	\$210,829	102	0	0.65	0.71
13	OUR ENTOURAGE (09, Street Cry), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,250	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Miss Blue Dot, \$78,920)	\$190,597	22	0	0.73	0.64
14	OFFICER ROCKET (GB) (04, Officer)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Rocket Bid, \$41,523)	\$121,782	27	0	0.79	0.68
15	STORMY'S MAJESTY (07, Stormy Atlantic), Mares Nest Farm	\$2,500	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Lite the Storm, \$46,212)	\$119,578	13	0	0.98	0.77



Bernie the Maestro had a 74-race career and is a 'funny, friendly boy'

adoption pipeline that now exists for Thoroughbreds no longer able to race, an example being the case of Bernie the Maestro.

Bernie the Maestro was claimed eight times in a 74-race career, was racing-fit but eventually fractured a sesamoid. Dr. Jean White, a veterinarian in Ocala and a friend of one of the partners who owned Bernie, knew his owners would want to save him if at all possible. She contacted Luna, who agreed to accept him and give him the necessary care to see whether he could recover.

"I have never met Dr. White, but she has been extremely supportive of my program," Luna said, explaining she was sent some funds to cover the start of Bernie's

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1	FRIEND OR FOE (07, Friends Lake)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Buff, \$207,661)	\$347,492	16	0	1.93	1.65
2	REBELLION (GB) (03, Mozart)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Blurrricane, \$93,746)	\$240,573	*49	2	1.20	1.23
3	COSA VERA (05, Dynaformer)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Zarbanda, \$37,540)	\$160,326	32	0	0.60	1.35

2018 LEADING SIRES IN NEW JERSEY



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1	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$1,000	19/12	2/2	1/2	(Brother Chub, \$146,095)	\$598,182	40	3	1.69	1.41
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	Private	18/12	0/0	0/0	(Evil Monkey, \$96,873)	\$413,079	83	3	1.17	1.29
3	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2017	16/7	1/1	0/1	(Oak Bluffs, \$160,600)	\$340,279	*590	22	1.20	1.17
4	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start)	Died, 2017	7/2	1/2	0/1	(Liz's Cable Girl, \$165,000)	\$233,817	23	2	1.39	0.98
5	IL POSTINO (06, Distorted Humor), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Postino's Vow, \$60,320)	\$213,246	16	0	0.92	0.84
6	PARK AVENUE BALL (02, Citidancer)	Died, 2015	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Ebony Ball, \$82,640)	\$117,355	34	0	0.87	1.27

recovery. (Bernie, it should be noted, has his own Facebook page.)

"I promised Dr. White that as long as he was happy, eating well, and not in pain, that he could stay with us and, if not, we would euthanize him just because of his poor prognosis for a second career," she said.

"I really do have a soft spot for these older class horses."

Stall rest proved not to Bernie's liking and he began serious biting. Luna consulted Dr. Thomas Lurito, whom she had worked with at Parx. Lurito said since Bernie would never recover enough to be rideable, she could try turning him out a little

bit at a time. So she tranquilized him and let him out in the round pen and gradually increased his turnout time until he was paddock-ready.

"His ankle is huge and ugly," Luna said, "but he gallops around the field, is off at the trot, is fat, sassy, dappled, and a funny, friendly boy."

Luna emphasized the importance of the support that farms such as hers receive from the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, Thoroughbred Charities of America, and After the Finish Line. War Horses at Rose Bower's TAA accreditation was recently renewed for another two years. Every accredited adoption and rescue pro-

gram must go through a renewal process every two years in order to receive necessary financial support.

Every accredited Thoroughbred adoption program must have a board of directors as part of the organization. Usually drawn from the community around the program, Luna's War Horses has both local and regional members. Locally, Ron Kravkus and his wife, Gloria, answered an ad seeking maintenance help at WHRB.

"I had horses before I went into the military and while in the military," Ron Kravkus said. The couple eventually purchased a place in Gloria's hometown of Appomattox.

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2018 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2018 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	96/56	8/11	5/8	(Ruby Notion, \$316,380)	\$3,478,569	313	20	1.53	1.22
2	FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	100/57	4/5	1/4	(Army Mule, \$266,400)	\$3,103,237	176	5	1.22	1.26
3	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2016	71/37	0/0	0/0	(No More Talk, \$106,098)	\$1,545,356	975	81	1.65	1.43
4	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	Pnsd	64/36	0/0	0/0	(Sonic Boom E Jet, \$85,606)	\$1,445,010	*834	32	1.24	1.58
5	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Legacy Farm Stallions Stands at Roland Farm	\$3,000	58/28	0/0	0/0	(Up Hill Battle, \$86,803)	\$1,330,820	127	3	1.13	1.31
6	REDEEMED (08, Include), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	40/20	0/0	0/0	(She's Achance Too, \$99,843)	\$948,176	76	0	1.02	1.07
7	FREEDOM CHILD (10, Malibu Moon), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	26/18	1/1	0/1	(Limited View, \$89,750)	\$796,964	55	1	1.40	1.39
8	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$4,000	50/25	0/0	0/0	(Graves Island, \$73,874)	\$746,606	*741	42	1.26	1.25
9	DESPITE THE ODDS (06, Speightstown), Legacy Farm Stallions Stands Roland Farm	\$1,000	23/15	0/0	0/0	(Odds On, \$63,410)	\$522,193	49	0	0.96	1.25
10	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	28/8	0/0	0/0	(Singing Sarah, \$115,810)	\$519,541	144	3	1.04	1.05
11	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Circus Music, \$69,166)	\$519,237	*558	21	1.34	1.12
12	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015	34/15	0/0	0/0	(Division One, \$41,741)	\$499,867	*624	18	1.17	1.26
13	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer)	Pnsd	22/10	0/0	0/0	(Senor Louie, \$62,980)	\$475,262	*989	21	1.14	1.30
14	ETCHED (05, Forestry), Bonita Farm	\$2,000	13/6	1/1	1/1	(My Sistersledge, \$186,934)	\$448,369	43	1	0.85	1.05
15	TRITAP (09, Tapit)	Died, 2016	15/7	1/1	1/1	(Belial, \$103,169)	\$440,383	30	1	1.32	1.45
16	BUFFUM (08, Bernardini), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	10/6	1/1	1/1	(No Refunds, \$83,956)	\$306,875	14	2	1.54	1.07
17	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy)	N/A	21/10	1/1	1/1	(Rocky Policy, \$78,850)	\$294,395	282	11	1.01	1.15
18	CUBA (01, Not For Love)	N/A	6/3	1/1	0/1	(Laki, \$166,880)	\$256,900	15	1	1.24	0.45
19	NICANOR (06, Dynaformer), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Lngtermrelationship, \$44,570)	\$230,136	33	0	0.46	0.96
20	BANDBOX (08, Tapit), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	7/3	1/1	1/1	(Follow the Dog, \$118,320)	\$214,492	28	1	1.37	1.27
21	BALTIMORE BOB (05, Malibu Moon), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Beltway Bob, \$60,817)	\$194,363	24	0	1.32	1.09
22	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer)	Pnsd	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Dr Bolt, \$40,623)	\$183,026	104	1	0.97	0.98
23	ETERNAL STAR (04, Five Star Day)	Died, 2013	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Smile for Eternity, \$86,061)	\$153,078	14	0	0.63	0.65
24	ADMIRAL ALEX (07, Afleet Alex)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Admiral Blue, \$77,331)	\$103,651	15	0	0.79	0.82
25	SUPER NINETY NINE (10, Pulpit), Country Life Farm	\$3,000	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Better Yet, \$29,512)	\$102,013	27	0	0.38	1.40

"We bought a place with a horse barn, intending to get a couple of horses," Kravkus noted. "The trouble was I had a job that had me on the road three weeks out of four so we never did get the horses."

He showed up at Rose Bower and became the farm's handyman—repairing fences, bringing in hay, and doing the heavy lifting and hauling and repairing.

"I took a year off of work and spent most of that year at the farm, getting to know Barb," he said. "So when she asked us to be on the board, it was not a hard decision to make. Anytime Barb needs help with repairs, getting hay, or watching horses, I make the time to help and be there. I like being around horses; it's my stress relief. We are seeing things happening at the farm that we planned. It's taken some time as it does with non-profits, but a lot has changed since we began helping out there."

Luna pointed out the importance of volunteers. One, Kaelyn Penick, went a bit above and beyond. She has adopted one of the horses and also wrote an essay explaining what horses mean to her and how they have changed her life for the annual



Volunteers play important roles at War Horses at Rose Bower

contest that TCA runs for those under 18 who volunteer in the Thoroughbred industry's aftercare. Kaelyn won this year's contest (see *BloodHorse* of Nov. 3, page 82), which brings with it a \$1,000 grant to the farm where she volunteers. Kaelyn gets the glory; the horses get the hay.

Luna also works diligently to let people

in her part of Virginia know about the farm and to try and find adoptive homes for the horses she takes in.

Centripital, or "Trippi" for short, is a handsome chestnut that came to War Horses from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen Association's Taking the Lead program, from which Luna gets many of her horses.

Luna quickly noted that Trippi was quiet and inquisitive as well as sound and handsome. Stacey Fitzgerald volunteered to train him, and in the 2016 Retired Racehorse Programs show at the Kentucky Horse Park, Trippi came home with a fifth-place ribbon in a field of 68 horses in the show hunter division. He has since been adopted by a young North Carolina horsewoman.

A less traditional way of introducing the community to Luna's horses came when she was asked to loan horses for a movie being shot at Appomattox Court House. Appomattox, about five miles from Rose Bower, is the site of General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union Army of the Potomac and overall commander of the Union army during



Signage at War Horses at Rose Bower

the Civil War. Luna selected Green Team (since adopted) and Hermosillo, who is still at Rose Bower. Luna took photos of them wearing Confederate and Union Army saddles with their volunteer handlers attired as the appropriate cavalry soldiers. The movie is shown at the visitors' center at Appomattox.

Luna also took in Ten Tequilas, who was airlifted from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria by Caribbean Thoroughbred Aftercare and is available for adoption. Luna said he has adapted to the cooler climate of Virginia just fine and will make someone an outstanding riding horse.

Some of Luna's horses come in sound;

others come in less so. In the nearby town of Phenix, Va., is a veterinarian with extensive experience in racehorse injury and rehabilitation. Dr. Randall Scarrow began his career working for the Ontario Jockey Club.

"I located here 16 years ago," Scarrow said, "and the winters here are like our spring up in Ontario."

He added that horses also seem to find the climate in southwestern Virginia ideal. Ten Tequilas certainly bears that out.

Said Scarrow, "Barbara is an experienced horsewoman and gives the kind of care needed. She is a pleasure to work with because of her knowledge and her



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2018 PENNSYLVANIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Jump Start	157	85
Dublin	69	37
Lord Shanakill	72	30
Weigelia	42	29
Silver Train	63	28
Talent Search	48	24
El Padrino	43	21
Fairbanks	46	17
Bullsbay	31	17
Crown of Thorns	29	14
Mad Flatter	27	12
Uptowncharlybrown	15	10

2018 MARYLAND SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Friesan Fire	100	57
Great Notion	96	56
Not For Love	71	37
Oriente	64	36
Street Magician	58	28
Petionville	50	25
Redeemed	40	20
Freedom Child	26	18
Lion Hearted	34	15
Despite the Odds	23	15
Outflanker	27	11
Louis Quatorze	22	10
Rock Slide	21	10

care of her horses. I am about functionality. I don't care about a horse's looks. I care about their being able to work or to be comfortable if they aren't able to work any longer."

WHRB is firmly established now in the Appomattox community, and Luna is working to cast a wider net and become better known so more of her horses can have useful working lives, while making room for more coming off the track. War Horses at Rose Bower exemplifies the adoption pipeline Luna well knows—the horses here have given all they had to give at the track and now are enjoying a well-earned retirement. That a farm can specialize in this model of adoption is a good indication of how far the industry has come in its aftercare awareness. **BH**

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