

# **New Vocations PA**

## **Retirement Guidelines**

### **Overview**

New Vocations PA is designed to move racehorses into a new career with an estimated turnaround average of 60 days. The HBPA along with New Vocations PA has contracted with two facilities in Hummelstown, PA and Grantville, PA to house our retired runners until they can be adopted. Horses in need of a little down time will be shipped to Grantville, PA where they will receive some "R & R" until they are ready to move into a new discipline. Once they are ready to be ridden they will be moved to the Hummelstown, PA location where experienced riders will evaluate the horse and determine which discipline it is best suited for. Horses will then be marketed for adoption while continuing transitioning training.

Horses with injuries that require more than two months of rehabilitation or injuries that will prevent them from being riding sound will likely not be accepted into the New Vocations program, but we will work with you to hopefully find that horse a home. We can connect you with CANTER or TRF. If the owner chooses to rehabilitate the horse themselves they may reapply and the horse may be accepted upon evaluation of a veterinarian. Euthanasia is something that is not the ideal situation for any horseman. However, we will offer a Euthanasia program and Penn National will pay for disposal in an effort to help you with the expense associated with this decision.

### **Eligibility**

1. Trainer must have 50% or more of all North American starts at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (HCPNRC).
2. Horses having more than 10 lifetime starts must have a minimum of 7 of their last 10 starts at HCPNRC.
3. Horses with 3-10 lifetime starts must have made 70% or more of their lifetime starts at HCPNRC.
4. Horses with less than 3 lifetime starts must have trained at HCPNRC with a minimum of 3 published works located at HCPNRC and received their gate card at HCPNRC.
5. Male horses must be geldings.
6. Horses must have raced since June 2010 at HCPNRC.

Horses not meeting the above criteria may apply for admission via application and will be considered on an individual basis by the Horse Adoption Committee.

## **The Process**

Once you have a horse you would like to move into retirement, the process will be as follows:

- 1.) Pickup the “Application and Terms for Donation of Horse” retirement form in the HBPA Office or online at [www.pahbpa.com](http://www.pahbpa.com) or email [newvocationspa@gmail.com](mailto:newvocationspa@gmail.com) for a form to be emailed to you.
- 2.) In addition to the completed application submit the following forms with your application:
  - Foal Papers
  - Current Coggins

The application must be completed in its entirety prior to consideration for acceptance into the program.

3.) Once the application is completed. Turn it into the PA HBPA office. During closed hours, there will be a box outside the PA HBPA door. You will receive a phone call with 72 hours to setup a time for the New Vocations PA liaison along with a Veterinarian to evaluate your horse for acceptance into the program. Once your horse is accepted, it will be shipped to one of our two New Vocations locations. You will be required to ship the horse to the facility the liaison and Veterinarian recommend. If you are unable to ship the horse, shipping will be available for \$100, payable at pickup (cash preferred, check secondary). Once your horse is at the facility you do not need to do anything. Updates on the status of your horse can be provided should you choose to receive them. In the event a horse you donated is determined to be unadoptable due to lameness or behavioral issues, the program will contact you if the horse is required to be moved to another facility or if euthanasia is recommended. If euthanasia is recommended, you will have the option to take the horse back.

The PA HBPA Board of Directors along with the five committee members hope to make this a top-notch retirement program. It is our goal to start the program according to these guidelines with the possibility of expansion in the future.

Most importantly, your feedback is very welcome so please feel free to communicate your thoughts to any of the six Committee members below or send an email to [newvocationspa@gmail.com](mailto:newvocationspa@gmail.com).

Thank You,

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