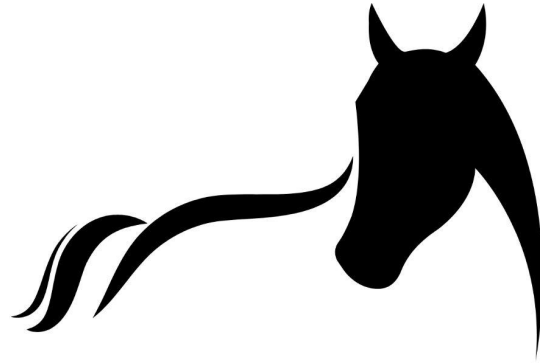




WELCOME PASTURES

THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE

Vision, Sustainability Plan & Community Overview

Welcome Pastures * 459 Snake Hill Road * North Scituate, RI



Preserving history, providing sanctuary, and creating a sustainable future for retired Thoroughbreds

Welcome Pastures was founded in 2024 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing retired Thoroughbreds with a loving home, whether they live out a peaceful retirement on our 52-acre horse sanctuary or are rehabilitated and retrained for a second career. We strive to create a haven where donors, volunteers, and the community can come together to support these magnificent animals in the peaceful environment they deserve.

Because Rhode Island no longer has operational racetracks, Thoroughbred aftercare is not something many people are familiar with locally. However, the need for adequate space, funding, and long-term care for retired racehorses is very real and continues to grow.

Retired racehorses often require much more than simply a place to live. Many leave racing needing time to physically and mentally adjust to an entirely different lifestyle. Some require rehabilitation from injuries, specialized veterinary care, hoof care and regular farrier services, nutritional support, dental care, and continued training to prepare them for second careers as pleasure horses, therapy horses, riding companions, educational horses, or companion animals. Others simply need a safe and peaceful environment where they can comfortably live out the remainder of their lives with dignity.

The care of these animals is a significant commitment that extends far beyond feeding and shelter. Daily care includes hay, grain, bedding, pasture maintenance, veterinary expenses, vaccinations, routine healthcare, farrier visits, and the time and dedication of staff and volunteers who monitor and care for them each day. Retired Thoroughbreds have spent their lives giving their heart and effort to their careers, and we believe they deserve the opportunity to transition into a life where they continue to be cared for, appreciated, and loved.

Thousands of racehorses retire annually, creating a significant and growing need for accredited aftercare facilities, rehabilitation programs, and sanctuary environments. Horses often live into their late twenties or even thirties, yet most racing careers conclude around four or five years of age, creating a substantial post-racing lifespan requiring specialized care and long-term support.

Transition and Retraining: Many former racehorses require a "let-down" period to physically and mentally adjust to new environments before beginning second careers as riding, show, companion, educational, or therapy horses.

Rehabilitation: Many horses leave racing with previous injuries or physical conditions that may require months of veterinary monitoring, rehabilitation, and continued care.

Sanctuary and Lifetime Care: Older horses or horses with permanent injuries may require lifelong sanctuary care, providing them with safety, comfort, and stability while reducing the risk of neglect, abandonment, or uncertain outcomes.

The most immediate need for Welcome Pastures is the continued development and support of the sanctuary itself. While rehabilitation, retraining, and community outreach remain important long-term goals, providing a safe, stable, and sustainable environment for retired Thoroughbreds is the foundation of our mission.

As Welcome Pastures continues to grow responsibly, our long-term goal is to maintain approximately **ten (10) retired Thoroughbred sanctuary horses** on the property. This goal was selected based upon available acreage, responsible horse-to-land ratios, financial sustainability, and our commitment to individualized care.

The property consists of approximately **52 acres**, which exceeds commonly accepted recommendations for supporting a horse population of this size and provides sufficient space for rotational grazing, turnout areas, rehabilitation paddocks, and preservation of open space while maintaining the property's rural and agricultural character.

While the primary purpose of Welcome Pastures is to provide sanctuary and aftercare for retired Thoroughbreds, we also seek to create meaningful opportunities that benefit the broader community. Programs may include rehabilitation and retraining opportunities, educational activities focused on equine care and Thoroughbred aftercare, volunteer opportunities, youth involvement and mentorship programs, equine therapy, and community outreach.

Estimated Annual Care Costs (10 Horses)

Maintaining a sanctuary of this nature requires not only direct horse care expenses, but also qualified staffing and operational support to ensure the long-term sustainability of the organization. In addition to the daily care of the horses, Welcome Pastures anticipates the need for full-time management of horse care and property operations, along with part-time administrative and office support to assist with scheduling, donor relations, volunteer coordination, grant opportunities, record keeping, communications, and general nonprofit operations. These roles are included within the estimated annual operating budget and are essential to maintaining consistent care, organization, and responsible stewardship of both the horses and the property.

Expense Category	Estimated Annual Cost
Hay and Forage	\$24,000
Feed, Grain and Nutritional Supplements	\$14,000
Farrier Services	\$12,000
Routine Veterinary Care	\$10,000
Emergency Veterinary Reserve	\$15,000
Bedding and Stall Supplies	\$ 8,000
Medications, Deworming and Fly Control	\$ 4,000
Pasture and Property Maintenance	\$15,000
Equipment Maintenance, Fuel and Manure Management	\$20,000
Insurance and Administrative Expenses	\$10,000
Property Management, Trainer & Care Taker - Salary	\$65,000
Office Administrator Part Time	\$25,000
Total Estimated Annual Operating Budget:	\$222,000

Proposed Events and Sustainability Initiatives

The following fundraising activities and limited event opportunities are intended to support the long-term sustainability of Welcome Pastures.

Main Annual Fundraising Event

Kentucky Derby Gala

- Estimated attendance: **150 guests**
- Estimated ticket price: **\$150 per seat**
- Corporate sponsorship opportunities
- Silent auction and raffle opportunities

Estimated annual fundraising revenue: \$15,000–\$20,000

Weddings

- Approximately **8 annually**
- Limited to **September–November**
- Intended to provide supplemental year-round support for horse care and nonprofit operations

Estimated annual revenue: \$40,000

Seasonal Short-Term Rental Income

- Seasonal operation from **Memorial Day through Labor Day**
- Supports operating costs and horse care expenses

Estimated annual revenue: \$25,000

Other Events

- Smaller community-focused activities annually
- Smaller-scale gatherings
- Non-amplified outdoor sound only

Estimated annual revenue: \$50,000

We also intend to pursue additional funding through donor contributions, sponsorships, and grant opportunities. These funding sources help support horse care, veterinary expenses, facility improvements, educational programs, and general nonprofit operations while contributing to the long-term sustainability of the organization.

Event Operations and Management

All proposed events and activities will be carefully planned and managed with consideration given to surrounding properties, neighboring residences, and preservation of the rural and agricultural character of the area. The intent is to ensure that activities remain organized, responsible, and consistent with the overall mission of Welcome Pastures while minimizing potential impacts on the surrounding community.

Event planning and operations will include consideration of:

- **On-site parking management and vehicle circulation** to ensure guest vehicles remain contained within designated areas on the property and do not create impacts on surrounding roadways or neighboring properties.
- **Traffic flow and event coordination** to help manage arrival and departure times, reduce congestion, and maintain safe access to and from the property.
- **Noise monitoring and event controls** designed to maintain a respectful environment and preserve the quiet rural character of the area. Smaller community activities will utilize non-amplified outdoor sound, and larger events will be managed with appropriate operational limitations and oversight.
- **Guest management and event oversight** to promote a safe, organized, and enjoyable experience while ensuring activities remain consistent with the nonprofit mission and expectations established for the property.
- **Preservation of the property's agricultural and equestrian character**, ensuring that event activities complement the existing use of the land rather than changing the overall identity and purpose of the property.

Additionally, all functions and events will utilize **approved, licensed, and insured vendors** to ensure professionalism, safety, and compliance with applicable requirements. Vendors may include caterers, event coordinators, rental companies, entertainment providers, sanitation services, and other event-related professionals as needed.

Security measures and event staffing may also be utilized when appropriate based upon event size and activity type to assist with guest coordination, parking management, and overall event operations.

The intent of these activities is not to create a commercial entertainment venue, but rather to establish carefully managed and sustainable fundraising opportunities that directly support the non profit. This approach allows Welcome Pastures to remain focused on its core mission while ensuring responsible stewardship of both the property and the surrounding community.

Accreditation

Welcome Pastures is actively working toward future accreditation through the **Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance**. Achieving accreditation represents an important long-term goal and demonstrates our commitment to maintaining nationally recognized standards involving horse care, facility management, education, accountability, and responsible stewardship.

The accreditation process is intended to ensure organizations maintain high standards involving:

- Organizational operations and governance
- Educational programming and outreach
- Horse healthcare management
- Facility standards and safety
- Adoption policies and procedures where applicable
- Record keeping and animal welfare standards
- Site inspections and facility reviews

Pursuing these standards reflects our commitment to transparency, responsible stewardship, and providing retired Thoroughbreds with the highest quality care possible.

Our goal is not to change the character of the property, but rather to preserve it, honor its history, and create a sustainable future where this land continues serving a meaningful purpose for both the community and the horses that call it home.

Conclusion

Welcome Pastures was created with the belief that retired Thoroughbreds deserve a safe and meaningful future after their racing careers. Our goal is not simply to provide housing for horses, but to establish a sustainable sanctuary where these animals can receive the care, rehabilitation, and dignity they deserve while preserving the history and agricultural character of the property.

The proposed fundraising activities and limited event opportunities are intended to provide long-term financial sustainability for the organization. We are committed to managing these activities responsibly, with careful consideration given to neighboring properties, community impact, and preservation of the rural character of the area.

As Welcome Pastures continues to grow, we remain focused on responsible stewardship of both the land and the horses entrusted to our care. We believe this property can continue serving a meaningful purpose by preserving its agricultural heritage. We appreciate the opportunity to share our vision.