



THE
THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER
AND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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Tale of the Heart and Artie's Party Girl To Vie for Title of "America's Most Wanted Thoroughbred"

Second Chance Thoroughbreds, Inc., of Spencer, New York, will travel to Kentucky, the heart of horse country, on October 5-8 to compete in the Retired Racehorse Project's \$100,000 Thoroughbred Makeover. The event, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA), is an international competition that focuses on retraining retired racehorses and the bond formed between rider and mount.

Designed to showcase just how much life these horses have left once they leave the track, the 2017 event will be the biggest event to date, hosting 578 trainers from 46 states and three countries. These trainers will be working with retired racehorses that have less than 10 months of retraining for new careers.

Shannon Ryan and Skye-Anna Nye-Smith will be competing our horses, Artie and Edgar, in both Hunters (jumping) and Dressage (training of the horse). Both Tale of the Heart (Edgar) and Artie's Party Girl (Artie) were donated by Newman Racing. Similarly, both Edgar and Artie had racing injuries that were successfully rehabbed by Second Chance Thoroughbred. Edgar is the class clown, always getting into things he should not; while Artie is the Alpha mare of the barn, and very particularly about what horse is stabled next to her.

"We're thrilled to welcome such a sizable and diverse group of horses and trainers to the Kentucky Horse Park this year. The Thoroughbred Makeover is in its fifth year and each year the event has become exponentially larger and more competitive; 2017 will be no exception," said Steuart Pittman, founder and president of Retired Racehorse Project. "The impact this is having on Thoroughbreds retiring from racing is remarkable; we estimate nearly 600 horses were acquired for the purpose of competing in the 2017 Makeover, with trainers making an average investment of \$8,000 in each horse. Even those who do not make it to the competition will be well positioned for successful post-racing careers in quality homes."

The Retired Racehorse Project exists to facilitate placement of retired Thoroughbred racehorses in second careers by increasing demand for them in equestrian sports. The creation of the Thoroughbred Makeover, which offers \$100,000 in prize money, is designed to showcase their equine athletes in second careers.

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About Second Chance Thoroughbreds:

The mission of Second Chance Thoroughbreds, Inc. is to provide Off The Track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs) with a soft landing after the end of their racing careers by giving them ample rehabilitation and retraining, transitioning them to a new career. We also work to educate and demonstrate to the public how versatile and trainable thoroughbreds are through clinics, shows, parades, community events, etc. All stallions/colts are gelded upon arrival and all of our mares are adopted with a no breeding contract. We regularly network thoroughbreds needing homes in our area and maintain an active social media presence. Thoroughbreds are known for their athleticism, heart and desire to please. Ride an OTTB today