

## How You Can Help

Donate your time, talent or treasure (financial or items on our wish list).

Choose Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa as your charity and donations will be made to us by the following vendors' foundations.

### Goodsearch and Goodshop

[www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/thoroughbred-retirement-of-tampa-trot.aspx](http://www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/thoroughbred-retirement-of-tampa-trot.aspx)

### iGive

[www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com)

When you list an item on **eBay**, you can designate a percentage of the sale price to Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa.

## Contact Us

### Mailing Address:

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## Online Presence

**Website:** [www.tampatrot.org](http://www.tampatrot.org)

### Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/tampatrot](http://www.facebook.com/tampatrot)

### Twitter:

[www.twitter.com/Tampa\\_TROT](http://www.twitter.com/Tampa_TROT)

## Donations

Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit and registered 501(c)(3). Donations may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult with your tax adviser. Donations can be made online or can be mailed to:

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**Tampa FL 33625-4145**  
**[www.tampatrot.org](http://www.tampatrot.org)**



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## Safe Racing Retirement

Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, Inc. (commonly referred to as TROT) is a Florida nonprofit and registered 501(c)(3) dedicated to Thoroughbred aftercare - safe retirement from racing, rehabilitation, retraining and re-homing - for Tampa's racing Thoroughbreds.

Simply stated, our mission is...

- ★ RETIRE ★
- ★ REHAB ★
- ★ RETRAIN ★
- ★ REHOME ★

We recognize the potential that retiring Thoroughbreds offer to the sport horse world and are able assist in their transition to the next phase of their lives after their racing careers are over. Continue reading to learn more about our program.

**[www.tampatrot.org](http://www.tampatrot.org)**



## ★RETIRE★

The first step in the process is safe retirement from racing. The program is currently open to geldings and fillies/mares training and/or racing at Tampa Bay Downs during the live racing meet. Stallions must be castrated and given several weeks of recovery prior to entering the program.

Horses entering the program must be riding sound or be riding sound once given time to rehab from any injuries. This is crucial as all horses will be re-homed. Horses with neurological issues, joint infections or acute degenerative joint disease will not have a good future and are often euthanized.

We do ask that the racing connections make a monetary donation of \$500 to cover the first month of care. If the horse requires long-term rehab, a larger donation is appreciated. If a donation cannot be made, it will not impact acceptance of the horse into the program.



## ★REHAB★

Upon arrival at the facility, each horse is assessed. This information along with the information provided by its former racing connections help us come up with a rehab plan.



Each horse is given a minimum of 30 days to mentally and physically adjust to life after racing. Some require more time while others adjust quickly. The key is treating each horse as an individual.

Once adjusted to the facility, each horse is slowly introduced to a smaller paddock. Eventually, it is turned out with a larger group based on its personality.

## ★RETRAIN★

Once a horse is ready, we start training. All retired Thoroughbreds are considered green broke. Our goal is to give them the riding basics. We do not train for specific disciplines.

We start on the lunge line and then advance to under saddle. We primarily focus on walk/trot/canter. Based on each horse's capabilities, ground poles and small jumps are introduced.

We continually monitor each horse's physical and mental response to training both during work and immediately after and make adjustments to its training program.



## ★REHOME★

Once we determine a horse is ready to be adopted, it is listed on our website and on sites like Petfinder and Equine.com.

Potential adopters complete and submit a 4-page adoption application. There are specific requirements for both the adopter and their facility. These horses are not meant for children, novice or beginner riders unless working with a trainer. Once approved, we work with the adopter to match them with the right horse.

All horses go with an adoption contract and lifetime bill of sale which includes a 60-day trial period, one year probationary period and two year right of first refusal. Written updates with pictures are required at months 3, 6 and 12. The horse may be sold after one year, but we **must** be apprised of the new owner info.

**We have a strict no racing, no auction, no slaughter policy that applies to the horse's lifetime.**

We always say "Once a TROT horse, always a TROT horse". During its lifetime and outside the trial period, it may be returned to our program for any reason at the adopter's expense as long as we have room at the facility.

