



TROT

THOROUGHBRED
RETIREMENT
OF TAMPA, INC.

Volunteer Handbook

Dear Volunteer,

Welcome to the Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, Inc. (TROT). As you may know, TROT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the safe retirement, rehabilitation and adoption of Tampa's racing Thoroughbreds.

As a volunteer, you will be helping us meet our mission, vision and goals. Thank you for your time and commitment. You will, I am sure, benefit from your experience with us.

This [Volunteer Handbook](#) will answer some of the questions you may have and of course, staff will always be available to help you with your very valuable work.

Thank you again,

Shari Zimmerman
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Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa, Inc.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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TROT IS ABOUT:

Retiring Thoroughbreds. These athletes are valuable assets to their owners and trainers while producing results on the track. As some reach the end of their careers, unforeseen circumstances force decisions to be made to assure their future safety.

TROT recognizes the potential and worth that retiring Thoroughbreds offer, and is able to assist them in transitioning to the next phase of their lives. With the support of owners, trainers and the community, we can raise awareness about the importance of Thoroughbred retirement and make a difference in the plight of unwanted horses.

INVOLVEMENT:

The direct involvement of veterinarians, farriers and other volunteer personnel through the sharing of their time and talent is an absolute necessity for TROT. As volunteers, you share in the pleasure in building a network that so many horses could benefit from.

Opportunities for volunteer efforts are described in this handbook packet. This is by no means a complete listing; if there is another area of interest that you wish to address, please do so by communicating with a TROT representative.

COMMUNICATION:

Communication between volunteers and TROT personnel is vital to building a strong community. Any ideas, thoughts and comments are always welcome.

If you have any concerns regarding a horse's welfare or health, please speak directly with a TROT representative.

From time to time you may be approached by various media outlets for opinions or comments regarding TROT. Please do not speak with the media; instead, direct them to a TROT representative. All official TROT announcements and comments must be made by a TROT Board Member.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Grant writing.
- Tables at the Tampa Bay Downs.
- Decorating Horseshoes.
- School events.
- Tack re-sell days.
- Horse shows.
- Donation boxes.
- Raffles.
- Galas.

HANDS-ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

Helping around the foster barns is one of the biggest responsibilities given to our volunteers. Duties may include, and are not limited to, stall mucking, bucket washing and barn/tack cleaning.

Our more experienced volunteers will be able to work hands on with our horses with grooming and bathing.

Trainers and experienced riders may have the opportunity to start their retraining process and begin a riding schedule.

Volunteer Liability Release

The below signed Volunteer releases TROT from any liability and agrees to hold harmless TROT and any of its agents, directors, representatives, or trustees from any and all liability related to the TROT Horse, and any injury or cause of action related to the horse. TROT makes no representations or guarantees about the soundness, abilities, temperament or health of the TROT horses. Furthermore, the Volunteer agrees to all conditions set forth in this agreement regarding the aforementioned.

The Volunteer specifically acknowledges that this agreement is a liability release and all requirements and restrictions contained herein shall remain in effect regardless of the change of ownership of the TROT Horses at a later date.

I further understand that anyone riding or near a horse is at risk at all times and can suffer bodily injuries and/or property damage. I also agree that I will not hold TROT or any agent, representative, director, volunteer or trustees responsible for any injuries or damages if I should be injured or have damages resulting in any way from the TROT Horses.

I, _____ have read and accept the terms, conditions and above-stated regulations that pertain to my acceptance and placement of.

Signature: _____
Date: _____

Age: _____