

# PROPER CARE, WELFARE THE KEYS

That Thoroughbreds are a tricky investment is well-known to all participants in the industry. There is a lot of money passing hands for a most-fragile commodity, meaning that the care and welfare of the animal should be of paramount importance to all involved. Choosing where to board your broodmare and, subsequently, where to raise your foal are crucial decisions not to be made without careful study and examination of all alternatives. A proper facility should have the tools, experience, and horsemanship to ensure the safety and welfare of its Thoroughbred charges, as well as the proper physical layout and access to top veterinary care. You'll want staff members who are well-versed in timely communications with you, the client.

Fortunately, many such top-shelf boarding operations exist throughout the country to give that special care to your Thoroughbred. What follows aims to educate horsemen about some of the leading facilities.

## FOREVER SPRING FARM

Aside from the personal attention horses get at Forever Spring Farm, owners have the added benefit of an in-house nutritionist who stays on top of the changing needs of broodmares, weanlings, and yearlings.

The 310-acre farm between Danville and Harrodsburg in Central Kentucky is being developed by Dr. David Williams, a nutritionist who founded Burkmann Feeds about 30 years ago and operates several mills in Kentucky and Tennessee that produce feeds for several species. Williams also launched earlier this year a new venture called Excel Equine, which he co-owns with Dr. Kent Thompson. The new company, based in Louisville, Ky., has developed about 30 feed blends tailored to meet the needs of different horses at different stages of their lives.

"To have access to a nutritional expert who lives on the farm is a real benefit to our clients," said Matt Jackson, the farm manager and managing partner of Forever Spring Farm. Jackson, who has been working with Williams for about a year to grow the boarding and sale-prep business of the farm, has extensive international experience in all aspects of Thoroughbred management. A native of England, he has worked for Lane's End Farm, Juddmonte, and with Darley in Australia. Most recently he worked for Adena Springs in Ontario, Canada, managing its stallions for four years.

Right now the farm is working primarily with mare owners who breed

throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. Some mares will stay long enough to be bred, checked in foal, and then return to New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Canada. Others will remain to foal at the farm.

Forever Spring has two barns with a total of 30 stalls, five turnout paddocks of about three acres each, and seven pastures covering at least 30 acres. The farm also has a longe pit and a Eurociser for the conditioning of sale yearlings.

"Right now we are taking a select group of yearlings to prep," Jackson said. "We keep the horses out as much as possible because it minimizes the risk of injury and is better for the horse's peace of mind."

Another plus at Forever Spring is the expertise provided by veterinarian Dr. Joe Yocum and farrier Donnie Brandenburg.

"Dr. Yocum is a top reproductive vet who only lives five minutes from the farm. He is here first thing in the morning every day," said Jackson. "And Donnie pays phenomenal attention to detail and has helped us correct some issues in the yearlings before they become problems."

"We're a boutique farm looking to grow, but we'll never stop providing the individual attention the horses need."

## GLENCREST FARM

The Greathouse family and their Glencrest Farm banner have been synonymous with raising quality racehorses for seven decades now. The farm, founded by John W. Greathouse

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and now run by his sons John, Allen, and Edward, can trace the history of more than 125 stakes winners—including winners of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks—to the land they own on the border of Scott and Woodford counties near Midway, Ky.

A host of grade I runners spent their formative years at Glencrest including Dream Empress, Zoftig, Mizdirection, Adieu, Flying Snowdrop, and Roamin Rachel. Champion 2-year-old male of 2011 Uncle Mo was raised at Glencrest, as was Souper Colossal. A yearling purchase by Deuce Greathouse, Tepin won three grade I stakes in 2015 including



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the Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT). Airoforce, foaled and raised for longtime client Stewart Madison won a grade III at Keeneland in his second start and went on to run second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. IT). Travers Stakes (gr. I) winner Keen Ice, fourth in the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), was bred by Glencrest as well.

The familiar green and yellow Glencrest silks have also visited the winner's circle after grade I wins by stars such as Honey Ryder, Panty Raid, and Devil May Care.

Top-notch care and continuity are vital to any Thoroughbred operation worth its salt and that comes naturally to the Glencrest team as the Great-house boys—and their sons—have been in the business since birth. Gene Guy has been the farm manager at Glencrest for 40 years and is the “ultimate horseman” and considered part of the family while he's been in his position.

Glencrest is not only a great place to raise a top horse but a great place to prep a horse for a sale or have a team member pick out a horse or place your Thoroughbred in the proper sale.

“No one does a better job of finding

good horses with a moderate budget than John Greathouse,” said trainer Todd Pletcher, who conditions most of Glencrest's horses. “He understands the business from every side.”

While Glencrest continues to sell some horses, its main focus in sales now is with Four Star Sales. The late David Greathouse was one of the founders of Four Star Sales that is now managed by Kerry Cauthen and Tony Lacy.

Glencrest is also known for its sales success with weanling-to-yearling pinhooking partnerships and racing partnerships. With an eye to the future John's son John III, and his nephew, Deuce, have leadership roles. Deuce spearheads the racing venture Pike Place Racing, named for Pike Place Dancer, the 1996 Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) winner bred by Glencrest.

Glencrest currently has about 60 mares on the farm with room for more. Visit [glencrest.com](http://glencrest.com) or call (859) 233-7032 for more information.

## HIDDEN BROOK

Success breeds success, and there is no better example of that than Hidden Brook Farm. The boarding operation,

founded a dozen years ago by partners Sergio de Sousa, Jack Brothers, Dan Hall, and Mark Roberts, continues to graduate stakes winners out of its program with regularity.

In 2015 alone, the following Hidden Brook-raised horses have earned victories in graded stakes races: Ball Dancing (gr. I), Dads Caps (gr. I), Finnegans Wake (gr. I), Merry Meadow (gr. II), Night Prowler (gr. III), Coach Inge (gr. II), Paulassilverlining (gr. II), and Firing Line (gr. III), who also finished a close second to American Pharoah in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I).

More than 100 other stakes winners have called Hidden Brook home over the years. Add to the above list graded stakes winners Awesome Maria, Dixie Chatter, Discreet Cat, Musket Man, and Yawanna Twist, and you can see why owners looking for quality mare care and foal-raising would choose Hidden Brook.

Located in the heart of the Bluegrass, just east of Lexington and near Paris, Ky., Hidden Brook's 164 stalls and 600 acres of land stretch over the same limestone-rich soil that has nurtured generations of racetrack champions.

For those looking for a breaking, training, or lay-up facility, Hidden Brook has now expanded into Florida, where Roberts runs Hidden Brook South, a training center in Williston. Along with its Kentucky facility, Hidden Brook covers all bases, from foaling, to breaking, to sale consignments.

Among Hidden Brook's biggest assets is a quality blend of horsemen that offer hands-on care and individualized equine programs for every phase of your horse's development. Their expertise covers the spectrum, ranging from reproduction and nutrition, sales prep and consignments, mating and pedigree analysis, and bloodstock services.

The hustle and bustle of daily business is conducted by a staff that enjoy their jobs and that work together for the good of the horse and their clients. This is a team in every sense of the word.

Hidden Brook's motto of “Discover the Difference” is not just a welcoming invitation; it's also a pledge by its founders and staff that they will provide to clients the type of professional care and dedicated horsemanship that simply cannot be found elsewhere.

Expert staff, top-notch facilities on the scenic rolling hills of horse country, and a first-class record of success make Hidden Brook a prime choice to consider for all your boarding needs.





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## STROUD'S LANE FARM

While location, location, location is the mantra in residential real estate, for Thoroughbreds it is all about the land.

Good land equates into good horses. In Central Florida, the old Marablu Farm had the land and one of the area's storied franchises had decades of success.

A parcel of that land today is now operated as Stroud's Lane Farm, owned by Murray Stroud and managed by Ryan Barbazon.

The farm is located near Reddick in the heart of Marion County and is centrally located only 20 minutes from the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company and 20 minutes from Gainesville.

The farm encompasses 140 acres of lush Bahia and Bermuda grass in large, well-shaded pastures where horses benefit from added exercise and space. The farm layout is well suited for all services including mare care, foal raising, breeding, sales prep, and breaking and training.

"I grew up in the business," said Barbazon, of working during his formative days on his family's farm. "I took a small break and opened up a training barn in 2012 near Ocala. In our first crop was (grade I winner) Discreet Marq, General a Rod, and Pure Sensation. Lady Shipman was in my second crop."

Lady Shipman ran second, by a neck, in the Oc. 31 TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (gr. IT) and Pure Sensation



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Stroud's Lane Farm is on part of the old Marablu Farm

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finished eighth.

“All three of those horses were homebreds,” he said. “We want the broodmare side of our business to grow. My secret is quality, not quantity. I pay attention to detail. I touch every horse. It’s not about numbers. I want a good, solid number of horses I can maintain. I don’t care if it’s a \$500 horse or a \$500,000 horse—they all get treated the same.”

Stroud’s Lane is in close proximity to some of the best equine hospitals in the southeastern region—from the University of Florida Large Animal Hospital to local established equine hospitals and practices. The highest level of care is available to the needs of the individual horse.

Stroud’s Lane Farm prides itself on transparency in business and client relations.

“I believe in an open door policy,” Barbazon said. “I want my owners to be privy to everything. If something goes wrong, I tell them. If things go right, I tell them. If it’s just a normal day, I tell them about it. I don’t want them to ever doubt what is going on at the farm.”

Stroud’s Lane Farm also emphasizes owner involvement and the farm offers guest quarters and accommodations so clients can be involved on a daily basis during their visit to the farm.

## **WATERSHED EQUINE**

Clay and Tracey Caudill’s Watershed Equine is located just north of Lexington on Muir Station Road, the heart of

Thoroughbred country in Central Kentucky. Their neighbors include Payson Stud and Gainesway with industry leaders Spendthrift and Claiborne farms nearby.

The Caudills are committed to offering their clients true value for quality care. The main farm is 60 acres of rolling Bluegrass plus the Caudills lease an additional 200 acres to offer plenty of room. The main farm includes six barns with 49 large stalls including oversize foaling stalls, private paddocks, and lush pastures.

Tracey has more than 20 years’ experience in the industry. Her interest in Thoroughbred racing was nurtured while growing up close to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and she has received equine degrees from the State University of New York and the University of Kentucky. She has served in management positions and worked at farms such as Evergreen, Gainsborough, Elm Tree, Westover Ridge, and Lane’s End—the best of the best. She started her own operation and after outgrowing it, and meeting Clay, they purchased the Watershed property in 2012.

The focus at Watershed is the value they can offer to their clients through quality horse care, an individualized business relationship, and their proximity to the best veterinary care and stallion farms at a reasonable price.

“What we hear from our clients is their primary interest is good, quality horsemanship and care...for a good price,” Tracey said. “In the industry

today, price matters. We offer that: the horses are well-cared for, they’re fed well, and they’re happy and safe at a good value.”

And with that value comes straight talk. “We try to be real,” Clay said. “There are a lot of big talkers in the industry, but here there are no smoke and mirrors. Tracey has a great understanding of bloodlines and commercial viability which is a big help to some clients. She can help with mating and business decisions regarding sale and racing of the mare and foal. Tracey has great sales management skills, knowing when to sell and where, and how to make the right presentation.”

Watershed also offers a broodmare leasing program which greatly reduces the upfront cost of purchase. The special lease plans allow for a low initial investment for a high-quality broodmare, low board rates, excellent care, and a guaranteed result: if they don’t get in foal, the lease can be canceled or switched to another available broodmare. Just pay the stud fee for the stallion of your choice (or put that extra stallion season to good use), then pay the monthly board bill and vet and farrier bills for the mare. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to get started in the Thoroughbred business without the long term commitment, expense, and risk of owning a mare.

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