

HOME IS WHERE THE HORSE IS

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 paramount to all involved. Choosing where to board your broodmares and, subsequently, where to raise your foals 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

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"Raising a healthy, sound, competitive athlete is at the core of our entire program. From what they eat to how they're

cared for and handled, we take very seriously the decision that was made by each of our customers to place their horses in our care," said J. Ted Neel, general manager of Millennium Farms.

Farm management continually assesses each horse's weight and condition, making incremental adjustments as needed to its diet, exercise, and daily routine. Nutrition is integral to raising a sound, healthy horse, so Neel and his team source the best hay available and regularly assess the mineral content of their pastures, then work with their feed provider to blend a feed that balances the

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 are profiles of two of the leading facilities.

nutrients and minerals available through forage. The result is an optimized nutrition plan for horses at every stage of their life, whether it be a gestating or nursing mare, weanling, yearling, breeding stallion, or a horse on layup or transitioning away from the racetrack.

Just as no two horses are the same, no two customers are either. The team at Millennium Farms takes pride in getting to know its customers on a personal level, offering each of them the services and types of communication that suits best.

"We tailor our services and approach to each horse to ensure they are afforded every possible opportunity to meet their potential," said Neel. "The same goes for our clients. Whether it's how often and in what format they prefer to receive updates on their horses to working with them to define, refine, and meet their goals, we work hard to provide the same level of individualized attention to our customers that we do for their horses."

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While Dr. Jerry Bilinski's Waldorf Farm near Old Chatham, N.Y., has a wide array of facilities and services to accommodate mares and their foals, one of its greatest assets is the presence of its owner who resides on the property and attends every foaling during the breeding season.

"The best thing about us is we have

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skilled staff and a veterinarian on-site 24/7," said farm manager Kenny Toye. "In an emergency, it is life or death and every minute counts toward success. Since I have been here, we have had more than 100 foals each year, and our goal is to

facilities for mares and foals and other horses and sells seasons and shares and boarding stock.

In addition to Bilinski's hands-on expertise, Waldorf amenities include spacious stalls for mares and foals, large

large number of resident mares from other states, including Kentucky and California.

The mares can be bred out of state and then ship to Waldorf, where their subsequent foals can qualify for the lucrative New York breeding incentive program, of which the farm is a big supporter.

"We are dedicated to quality care," the farm proudly states on its website. "Waldorf Farm takes pride in promoting the New York Thoroughbred breeding program and continues to be a leader in the Thoroughbred industry."

"They come here to qualify to be a New York-bred, and the benefits for New York-breds just keep getting better," Toye said, noting that with recent enhancements to the program, purses for maiden races at Aqueduct Racetrack during the winter are close to those paid at Belmont Park. Also, breeders' awards also increased.

Under recent changes, mares now have 120 days rather than 90 days to return to New York after being covered by an out-of-state stallion to qualify for the program.

Waldorf is also home to stallion Bustin Stones, the 2008 New York-bred champion sprinter who was undefeated in six career starts, including the Carter Handicap (G1). The son of the late leading New York sire City Zip has sired 10 stakes winners and the earners of more than \$14 million. His 2021 fee is listed at \$2,500. **BH**



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Many top-notch facilities for boarding mares and foals can be found around the nation

have a 100% successful foaling rate."

With more than 50 years of experience, Bilinski, a prominent equine veterinarian, is a reproductive specialist whose veterinary clinic is located on the 600-acre full-service farm. In addition to its boarding services, Waldorf offers lay-up

paddocks, electronic surveillance, a night watchperson, and a colostrum bank when it is needed.

Toye said Waldorf is conveniently located and within a one-hour drive of upstate New York farms housing some of the state's leading sires, but the farm also has a

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