



Thoroughbred Athletes Inc. 1Q/2021 Newsletter

Zee Oh Six



TAI Adoption Update:

2020 Adoptions: **46**

2021 Adoptions (YTD): **7 (so far)**

Total Adoptions (since inception, 2011): **370**



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Director's Update

This year is a big one for Thoroughbred Athletes, and me! This year is our 10th anniversary of helping retired racehorses find a second successful career, post racing. In 2021, I will be taking one of the TAI horses to the **Retired Racehorse Project** competition, and participating with him. I am incredibly excited about both of these things, and will talk about more through the year.



First, let me tell you a little about me. I've been providing aftercare and retraining to retired Thoroughbreds for over 10 years, at TAI, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Before that, I conditioned and trained racehorses in the Oklahoma/Texas area. All of my early horse knowledge came from the racetrack. I've been a groom, hot walker, exercise rider, pony person, assistant trainer, trainer and sometimes all these at the same time! All of this has provided me the opportunity to follow my passion of Responsible Retirement of retired Thoroughbreds. We appreciate your continued support as we do that at TAI.

Our TAI family hopes that you are all vaccinated soon, and can begin looking to the future! We thank you for all your continued support, and wish you all a great spring, from beautiful central Oklahoma!

Sincerely, Lynn Sullivan - Director, TAI

President's report

Happy New Year to all of our friends and family! We hope that you and TAI have much success, in 2021!

2020 was a challenging for TAI, but with the help of our many supporters and donors, we emerge strengthened and ready to take on the new year! We are already busy planning events like Play Days, Trail Rides, and other fun events - that we hope many of you can participate in. Our 2021 fundraising effort (which is a year-long activity) is already underway, with Grant Applications to the many organizations that support us. We're always looking for new supporters.

Likewise, TAI is looking for opportunities to gain positive publicity to highlight our mission of responsible retirement of our OTTBs. We will continue to measure our success by the number of successful adoptions we complete.

Once again, we wish you all the best in 2021!

#longmaytheyrun **Chuck Tanner – President, TAI**

Volunteer Corner:

Bree Smotone has been a volunteer at TAI since last year. She is originally from Ponca City, and is a student at OSU-OKC, where her goal is Veterinary School at OSU, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Although Bree didn't grow up around horses, she has taken riding lessons since her childhood. And, although she doesn't own a horse now, she appears to have a big spot in her heart for a certain horse, currently at TAI, named Meredith **{Late-breaking News: Bree just adopted "Mare-edith" Yea Bree!}**.



Bree loves her time volunteering at TAI, as she views it as a learning experience that will help her in her goal to manage her own veterinary/rescue one day! We appreciate Bree's dedication – especially during the recent frigid weather, and look forward to her continuing her volunteer work at TAI, as she approaches graduation

Our Mission: The mission of Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc. is to rehabilitate, retrain, and re-home off track Thoroughbred horses and afford community youth the opportunity to experience the process.



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Featured Current Horse (PopFly Two Six):

We want to include, here, a story that ended badly for an amazing Oklahoma horse. Meet **PopFly Two Six**, an Oklahoma horse that ran in 18 races, winning 2 and placing in 5 others. Early this year, TAI was notified that this young (2016) horse had made its way from auction to auction, and eventually to a kill pen in Louisiana. TAI and their wonderful volunteers and supporters, mounted a furious bail and transport campaign to get PopFly back to our Guthrie facility. Unfortunately, he arrived with broken bones and other tissue damage, which could not be repaired. PopFly was humanely euthanized, a few days after his arrival.



This is a sad story, but not a sob story. Rescuing these abandoned OTTBs is what TAI was founded for. Mostly, we can rehab them, retrain them, and find a forever home for them – but PopFly reminds us that as long as there are owners and trainer, who do not practice Responsible Retirement, horses like PopFly Two Six will find themselves in these unnecessary and cruel situations. We need your continued support to rescue and retrain these horses for a second successful career, once their racing days are over.

Success Story (Boogie Toogie)

Meet Boogie Toogie, a 2015 gelding. Boogie was a special horse for us at TAI. He had a short, but successful racing career, winning over \$15,000 – but soon found himself in a Louisiana kill-pen, in April 2020 – during the height of the COVID shutdowns. Fortunately, Thoroughbred Athletes, Inc stepped in and brought this rescue back to our facility in Oklahoma. There, after a quarantine period, a Vet check-up, dental and ferrier work, Boogie began his rehab and retraining –and was he ever impressive! One of our volunteers noted that with his size, speed, and graceful movements that he could be a barrel racer – and so she adopted Boogie, and he is now happy and performing well, in Oklahoma!

This beautiful, but once dumped Thoroughbred is now performing at barrel races, with Kloe on board, and loving his new career. He has gone from a shy un-trusting horse that arrived off the trailer from a kill-pen to a happy, healthy performer, in his new forever home. Shown here are pictures of Boogie Toogie.

TAI: Current Inventory

Ct	Date In	Name	DOB	Sex	Color	Days @ TAI	Status
1	11/29/20	Baby Be Good	2002	M	Chestnut	113	Rehab
2	11/12/20	Check my Shades	2017	M	D Bay	130	Retraining
3	6/29/20	Data Cat	2016	G	Chestnut	266	Rehab
4	9/20/20	Halo Carlos	2017	G	Chestnut	183	TRAINING
5	3/9/21	Latent River	2015	g	D Bay	8	retraining
6	4/4/20	Little Okie	2017	G	Chestnut	352	Adoptable
7	2/26/21	Nico's Victory	2018	g	d bay	24	rehab
8	5/24/20	Taggart	2017	G	D bay	302	adopted
9	11/29/20	William's Creek	1999	G	Bay	113	Adoptable
10	03/20/12	Zee Oh Six	1999	G	Chestnut		Permanent
11	3/29/02	Amber	2002	M	palomino		Permanent
12	1/21/21	REX	2006	G	PAINT	60	unknown
13	12/01/20	MEREDITH	2019	F	GREY	111	available



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