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# PA Thoroughbred NEWSLETTER

## PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:**  
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**  
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**  
Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**  
Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public  
sale or entering state if being bred  
back to PA-sire

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## Why breeding in Pennsylvania is an easy decision

By Nikki Sherman

For more than 75 years, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA) has worked to strengthen the state's Thoroughbred industry. Founded in 1948 as a not-for-profit organization, the PHBA was built on the idea that a strong breeding program creates opportunity across every level of the sport. Today, that philosophy is reflected in one of the most robust and rewarding state-bred incentive programs in the country, one rooted in fertile ground that has long produced elite runners on racing's biggest stages.

Pennsylvania's breeding legacy includes Kentucky Derby winners Smarty Jones and Lil E. Tee, Breeders' Cup champions Go for Wand, Tikkanen, Alphabet Soup, Finest City, Shamrock Rose and Caravel, legendary sires Storm Cat, Danzig and Hard Spun, and Kentucky Oaks heroines Princess of Sylmar and Plum Pretty. That success has not been limited to national spotlights alone. Several PA-Breds have reached millionaire status competing largely, or even entirely, at home, thanks in large part to the strength of the state-bred stakes program. Just a few of those runners include Smooth B, Morning Matcha and Page McKenney.

Since the introduction of slots

revenue in 2006, distributions from the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund have more than quadrupled. Over the past 13 years, the fund has paid out an average of more than \$27.5 million annually, fueling an environment where breeders, owners and stallion farms are all positioned to succeed. That funding supports an average of more than 350 restricted races for state-breds each year, where PA-Breds can compete at Parx Racing, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs across approximately 340 days of racing annually.

At the heart of the program is a breeder awards structure designed to reward long-term participation, not just one-time success. Breeders earn awards on all Pennsylvania races through third place, even when they no longer own the horse. A PA-Bred sired by a registered Pennsylvania stallion earns its breeder 40 percent of the purse, while non-PA-sired PA-Breds still generate a meaningful 20 percent. That ongoing earning power has real impact, seven breeders are currently on pace to earn more than \$200,000 in awards this year, with the top two tracking toward totals between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

Owners benefit as well, with bonus

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money paid directly by the racetracks on top of the purse in non-restricted races. Parx Racing offers owner bonuses of 40 percent, Presque Isle Downs pays 30 percent, and Penn National awards 25 percent, all through third place. In 2025 alone, total owner bonuses are expected to exceed \$5.2 million, further incentivizing owners to race Pennsylvania-Breds locally.

PA-Bred bonuses have the potential to boost a horse's earnings by six figures. In 2024, 2-year-old The Boy's Warrior earned a combined \$225,300 in just four races, thanks to \$64,880 in breeders' awards, \$16,220 in stallion awards and a \$5,400 owner bonus. Meanwhile, this year's current leader is Pachelbel, a daughter from the 2020 crop of Hoppertunity with more than \$540,000 in career earnings. She has competed solely in Pennsylvania, from claimers and starters to multiple stakes races, over 44 career starts with 11 victories (through Dec. 31, 2025).

The program also rewards stallion owners, reinforcing the value of standing stallions in the Keystone State. Owners

of registered Pennsylvania stallions earn 10 percent of the purse share when their PA-Bred, PA-sired runners finish first, second or third in Pennsylvania. For leading stallion farms and breeders, total annual payments from the fund can exceed six figures, underscoring the financial strength of the program from top to bottom.

Over the last three years, the top two breeder and stallion owners have taken turns atop the leaderboard, with combined awards each totaling well over \$2 million. Between the three stallions Warrior's Reward, Uptowncharlybrown and Eastwood, stallion awards alone over that same timeframe exceed \$1.1 million.

Beyond the financial incentives, PA-Breds often receive preferred starter status in overnight races at all three Pennsylvania tracks. Stakes opportunities restricted to PA-Breds are offered regularly throughout the year, with additional races available exclusively to PA-Sired PA-Breds.

Eligibility remains clearly defined while allowing flexibility for breeders

operating under different models. A Thoroughbred foal born in Pennsylvania and registered with The Jockey Club may qualify as a PA-Bred based on residency requirements for the dam surrounding conception and foaling, with multiple pathways available. Unlike some states, Pennsylvania does not impose a blanket breed-back requirement, though PA-Breds sired by registered Pennsylvania stallions earn significantly higher awards, making in-state stallions a strategic choice for those seeking to maximize returns.

Taken together, the PHBA's incentive structure reflects a program built for longevity, one that rewards breeders beyond the sales ring, encourages owners to keep horses racing locally, and supports stallion operations year after year. From champions who have captured the sport's biggest prizes to hard-knocking runners who have built exceptional careers right here at home, Pennsylvania continues to show the lasting value of investing in its breeding program.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

As we end the 2025 year, I would like to thank all our breeders, staff and Board members for making 2025 a great success! A thank you also goes out to the PTHA and HBPA for their continued support making the PA breeding program one of the best in the country. Wishing you a fantastic 2026!

Our 16th annual Stallion Season Auction was another success! The auction is crucial to our efforts in Harrisburg as an independent organization and also as part of the PA Equine Coalition. 2026 will be an important Legislative session as gaming should be close to the

top of their list. For all those who donated or purchased seasons, we thank you.

I'm happy to announce that there will be no registration fee for the Stallion Stakes in 2026. If your horse is a PA-Sired PA-Bred, you will be automatically registered and eligible to run. Races and dates will be available and posted shortly.

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Yearling Show set for June 20 at Brandywine Polo Club! Prizes, ribbons and \$40,000 in bonuses available to all participants. Wow!

Congratulations go out to our Leader in

Breeder Awards, Warriors Reward LLC, with a total of \$891,519.50.

Uptowncharlybrown Stud led Stallion Awards for the third year in a row with \$221,917.45. Wow! We also had 21 breeders who surpassed the \$100,000 mark in total awards and 321 breeders received an award in 2025. If you want to become part of our fantastic program or just want more information, give me a call at 610 444 1050. Remember, PA is the only place to breed and race!!





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Over the last 13 years, the PHBA  
Breeding Fund distributed an average of  
**\$27.5 MILLION**  
in awards, owner bonuses, and restricted race purses.

**40%**  
PA-Sired PA-breds  
Breeder Awards

**20%**  
Non-PA-Sired PA-Breds  
Breeder Awards



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# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through December 31, 2025†

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	677,968	213,552	891,520	A1A Racing	104,072	59,692	163,764
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	477,860	221,917	699,778	Peter Giangiulio	136,472	0	136,472
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	179,716	181,511	361,227	Kathleen Brady	130,202	0	130,202
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	272,514	272,514	Joseph Imbesi	122,965	0	122,965
Blackstone Farm LLC	258,938	0	258,938	Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk	118,876	0	118,876
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	194,060	0	194,060	Dennis Johnson	116,928	0	116,928
Pewter Stable	139,540	42,768	182,307	Richard N. Miller	93,006	22,118	115,124
Sylmar Farm Inc.	178,048	0	178,048	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	111,911	0	111,911
Glenn E. Brok LLC	108,432	68,625	177,057	Godstone Farm LLC	111,338	0	111,338
Equivine Farm LLC	169,438	0	169,438	St. Omer's Farm	107,171	0	107,171

## LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only†

Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total
Uptowncharlybrown	451	221,542	Eastwood	78	36,240
Warrior's Reward	467	213,552	Well Spelled	84	31,873
Weigelia	327	175,229	Medallist	39	27,766
Hoppertunity	288	111,819	Red Vine	44	20,672
Social Inclusion	160	80,417	Pat On the Back	44	19,601
Uncle Lino	126	77,886	Smarty Jones	47	17,836
Peace and Justice	140	59,692	Emperor Tiberius	35	17,277
Rowayton	82	56,711	Talent Search	53	16,264
Jump Start	116	49,675	Flashback	36	16,067
Winchill	172	42,768	Boisterous	93	15,852

## LEADING HORSES

Fund money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Pa Bred Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
PACHELBEL*	Hoppertunity-Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	17	14,850	105,911	26,478	60,208	207,447
CAROUSEL QUEEN*	Uptowncharlybrown-La Padrina	Dennis Johnson	12	66,825	77,082	19,271	24,480	187,658
COME PRIMA*	Well Spelled-My Sonata	Godstone Farm LLC	11	74,700	71,687	17,922	12,578	176,886
NATURE'S CANDY*	Uncle Lino-Easter Blossom	Y Jerry Kolybabiuk	9	46,733	77,972	19,493	28,180	172,378
HOUGHTON SHUFFLE*	Medallist-Runs Like L	Melissa Houghton	8	67,620	50,240	12,560	16,000	146,420
CANDY REWARD*	Warrior's Reward-Unimaginable	Warriors Reward	6	44,100	74,160	18,540	7,500	144,300
SILHOUTTE COVE*	Warrior's Reward-Silhouette Island	Sylmar Farm Inc.	7	54,100	59,100	14,775	9,250	137,225
HARP'S HOT CORNER*	Weigelia-Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	10	1,000	72,392	18,098	36,160	127,650
SON OF THOR*	Rowayton-Charlybrown's Rose	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	6	0	62,048	15,512	44,320	121,880
NINETYPRCENTMADDIE*	Weigelia-Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	8	69,350	39,948	9,987	2,420	121,705
BIG BOYS ANSWER*	Uptowncharlybrown-Empires Answer	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	7	0	59,315	14,829	35,168	109,312
MAILATA	Maximus Mischief-Bouquet of Gold	Cash Is King Thoroughbreds LLC	5	58,800	30,700	0	14,200	103,700
CARMELINA	Maximus Mischief-Complete St.	Lilith E Boucher	4	59,400	29,520	0	13,200	102,120
SHETALKSTOMUCH*	Uptowncharlybrown-Empire's Gold	Robert Burroughs	10	0	53,727	13,432	32,928	100,087
JUMP A FOX*	Jump Start-Foxy A. G.	Peter Giangiulio	16	0	52,991	13,248	33,807	100,045
OKIE DEN DEN*	Uptowncharlybrown-Baetykaty	Equivine Farm LLC	18	0	54,389	13,597	31,992	99,978
DROPLINE*	Uncle Lino-Sour Lemon Drop	Kathleen Brady	9	14,210	52,992	13,248	16,880	97,330
ANGIE'S REWARD*	Warrior's Reward-Awesome Angie	Warriors Reward	4	44,550	34,107	8,527	8,698	95,882
BAILOUT BILLY*	Weigelia-Billygets Arrested	Barbara Wheeler	12	0	49,792	12,448	33,280	95,520
FAR MO POWER*	Uncle Lino-J. D. Safari	Peter Giangiulio	7	0	49,616	12,404	31,240	93,260

\*Denotes PA-sired

†Any year-end adjustments will be reflected in next issue