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## 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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## PA-Sired is the Way to Go

By Nikki Sherman

When breeders make decisions about where to breed a mare, the difference between a PA-Sired PA-Bred and a non-PA-Sired PA-Bred can feel subtle on paper. On the racetrack, however, that decision has very real financial consequences. In Pennsylvania, the numbers make a compelling case that PA-Sired is the way to go.

The breeder of a registered PA-Bred receives an award whenever that PA-Bred finishes first, second or third in any pari-mutuel race run in the state. For PA-Breds sired by registered Pennsylvania stallions, the breeder award amounts to 40 percent of the purse earned. For PA-Breds sired by out-of-state stallions, the award is 20 percent. That single distinction, 40 percent versus 20 percent, creates a significant earning gap that compounds over the course of a horse's career.

Owners benefit as well through Pennsylvania's Owner Bonus program, which rewards the owners of PA-Breds finishing first, second or third in designated races at Parx Racing, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs. Owner bonuses are a percentage of the purse share, are considered part of a horse's official earnings and are deposited directly into owners' accounts when purses are released. Owner bonus percentages vary by track, with Parx Racing currently offering a 40 percent owner bonus, Presque Isle Downs 30 percent and Penn National 25 percent.



**Pachelbel, a daughter of Hoppertunity, made 17 starts in 2025, all at Parx, and earned \$406,559 when factoring in awards and bonuses.**

To illustrate how quickly the difference adds up, consider a \$50,000 maiden special weight race at Parx Racing. A non-PA-Bred winner earns 60 percent of the purse, or \$30,000, which is the full extent of the earnings tied to that victory. A PA-Bred that is not PA-Sired earns the same \$30,000 purse share, plus a 40 percent owner bonus paid by the track, which equals \$12,000. In addition, the breeder earns 20 percent of the purse share with the owner bonus, or \$8,400, bringing the total earnings tied to that single win to \$50,400.

A PA-Sired PA-Bred earns even more. The owner again earns the same \$42,000. But the breeder awards increase to 40 percent of the purse share, bringing the total to \$58,800 for the same \$50,000 race. Stallion awards further increase the return for eligible Pennsylvania stallions.

That gap widens over time, particularly for breeders. The breeder of record remains

the same no matter who subsequently owns the horse, meaning breeder awards continue for the life of the runner as long as it competes in Pennsylvania. Stallion awards are earned when a registered PA-Bred by a registered Pennsylvania stallion finishes first, second or third in the state and also remain tied to the stallion's ownership at the time of conception.

Beyond the raw earnings, PA-Breds also enjoy structural advantages within the racing program itself. After breaking a maiden, PA-Breds have access to allowance races restricted to Pennsylvania-Breds. It is important to note that clearing a condition in a restricted PA-Bred allowance does not count toward that same condition in an open allowance. A PA-Bred can win a non-winners of two races condition in a restricted race and still remain eligible for the open non-winners of two allowance, with the same structure applying at the non-winners of three level.

That advantage is illustrated clearly by Pachelbel, a daughter of Hoppertunity, who was standing in Pennsylvania at the time of her conception, making her a PA-Sired PA-Bred. Racing exclusively at Parx Racing in 2025, she benefited from the track's 40 percent PA-Bred owner bonus and the full PA-Sired breeder award structure.

Pachelbel won five races during the year, progressing through starter and allowance company. Because the allowance races she won earlier in the season were not restricted to PA-Breds, she later remained eligible for a non-winners of two races other than allowance written exclusively for PA-Breds, giving her an additional opportunity to earn at the same condition level. She also finished second in the \$75,000 Disco Chick Stakes, a race restricted to PA-Sired PA-Breds.

On the racetrack alone, without awards or bonuses, Pachelbel earned \$274,170 in 2025. According to the PHBA's most recent update, her season

also generated \$105,911.20 in breeder awards, \$60,208 in owner bonuses and \$26,477.80 in stallion awards. Combined, those incentives added \$132,389 in addition to her regular purse earnings, bringing her total 2025 earnings to \$406,559 and placing her atop the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund leaderboard.

Had Pachelbel not been PA-bred, her total earnings for the year would fall from \$274,170 to \$199,112, a difference of \$75,058, in addition to forfeiting the \$132,389 in additional awards.

When viewed race by race, the difference between PA-Sired and non-PA-Sired may appear incremental. But over the course of a season, and especially over the course of a career, the advantage becomes unmistakable. Higher breeder awards, stacked bonuses, stallion incentives and added condition flexibility all point to the same conclusion. For breeders and owners alike, PA-Sired is the way to go.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Consistency is one of the biggest reasons to breed in Pennsylvania. We've paid out over \$27.5 million on average the last 13 years. In 2025 we paid 321 breeders an award and 21 breeders surpassed \$100,000. Add all that to 330 days of racing! You can't beat it!

The 2026 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule was recently emailed to all and a copy of it is in this newsletter. With the help of the PTHA we were able to add back the Banjo Picker and the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes on PA Day at the Races, which will be held on July 18 at PARX. We

also added the Lil E. Tee Stakes for 3yos going long that day.

Please remember that there will be no registration fee for the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stakes in 2026. If your horse is a PA-Sired PA-Bred, you will be automatically registered and eligible to run.

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

If you are still using paper registrations, please make sure you forward a signed copy of the Code of Ethics, which

is attached to the registration form. We are transitioning to paperless in the first few months of this year and holding classes shortly on how to navigate the online registration system.

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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## PENNSYLVANIA-BRED STAKES SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 22

\$100,000 PAGE MCKENNEY HANDICAP	3 & up, 6 furlongs
\$100,000 UNIQUE BELLA STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 6 furlongs
\$75,000 WAIT FOR IT STAKES	3YO, PA-Sired, PA-breds, 6 furlongs



Friday, May 29

\$75,000 LYPHARD STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 1/16 miles, turf
\$75,000 ALPHABET SOUP HANDICAP	3 & up, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Monday, June 22

\$75,000 MALVERN ROSE STAKES	3YO fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs
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Saturday, July 18

\$100,000 BANJO PICKER STAKES	3 & up, 6 furlongs
\$100,000 STORM CAT STAKES	3 & up, 1 mile 70 yards
\$100,000 DR. TERESA GAROFALO MEMORIAL STAKES	3 & up fillies, 7 furlongs
\$100,000 LIL E. TEE STAKES	3YO, 1 mile 70 yards



Friday, August 14

\$75,000 MARSHALL JENNEY STAKES	3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf
\$75,000 CROWD PLEASER STAKES	3YO, 1 1/16 miles, turf



Monday, August 17

\$75,000 PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STAKES	3 & up, f&m, 1 mile 70 yards
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Monday, Sept. 7

\$75,000 IMPLY STAKES *Non-Black-Type	3YO fillies, PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs
\$75,000 PRINCE LUCKY	3YO, PA-Sired, PA-Bred, 7 furlongs



Friday, Sept. 18

\$75,000 POWER BY FAR STAKES	3 & up, 6 1/2 furlongs
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Tuesday, Nov. 10

\$75,000 JUMP START STAKES	3 & up, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs
\$75,000 DISCO CHICK STAKES *Non-Black-Type	3 & up, f&m, PA-Sired PA-Breds, 7 furlongs



Wednesday, Nov. 25

\$100,000 PENNSYLVANIA NURSERY STAKES	2YO, 7 furlongs
\$100,000 SHAMROCK ROSE STAKES	2YO fillies, 6 furlongs



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# PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through January 31, 2026

## LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	26,400	8,293	34,693	Best A Luck Farm LLC	5,844	0	5,844
Warriors Reward	23,863	10,377	34,240	Forgotten Land Investments Inc.	5,662	0	5,662
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	18,503	5,659	24,162	Robert G. Rutherford	5,600	0	5,600
Glenn E. Brok LLC	10,752	2,688	13,440	William J. Solomon VMD	3,584	1,484	5,068
St. Omer's Farm	11,648	0	11,648	Teresa Lynn Beste	5,040	0	5,040
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	10,841	0	10,841	Equivine Farm LLC	4,816	0	4,816
Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	7,520	0	7,520	Joan Amick Wilson	4,704	0	4,704
Brown Dog Racing Stable	7,056	0	7,056	Joseph Imbesi	4,704	0	4,704
Linda Merritt	7,056	0	7,056	Maria M. Haire	4,608	0	4,608
Shirley A. Lojeski	6,384	0	6,384	Amber Rodriguez	4,368	0	4,368

## LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	No. of Races	Award Total
Warrior's Reward	16	10,377	Smarty Jones	3	1,596
Weigelia	10	8,293	Wicked Strong	2	1,484
Uptowncharlybrown	14	5,659	Peace and Justice	3	1,359
Talent Search	2	5,376	Tight Ten	5	1,123
Hoppertunity	8	2,551	Rowayton	6	774
Jump Start	4	1,764	Uncle Benny	1	532
			Il Villano	3	504

## 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
TARA'S TALENT*	Talent Search-Graemy	Glenn E. Brok LLC	2	0	21,504	5,376	15,360	42,240
QUASI WARRIOR*	Weigelia-Awesome Angie	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	1	0	16,800	4,200	12,000	33,000
UP N RUNNIN*	Uptowncharlybrown-Runnin On Sunshine	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	1	0	14,112	3,528	10,080	27,720
PERIDOT PENDANT	Mucho Macho Man-Emerald Bracelet	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	1	0	8,400	0	12,000	20,400
PREACH IT WARRIOR*	Warrior's Reward-Moonlight Basin	Warriors Reward	1	0	9,072	2,268	6,480	17,820
BROWNEYEDVALENTINE*	Warrior's Reward-Stay West	Brown Dog Racing Stable	1	0	7,056	1,764	5,040	13,860
WILD GIRL*	Jump Start-Wisenbossy	Linda Merritt	1	0	7,056	1,764	5,040	13,860
DESIGNED BY SMARTY*	Smarty Jones-Made by Design	Shirley A. Lojeski	1	0	6,384	1,596	4,560	12,540
ROSIE WARRIOR*	Warrior's Reward-Blushing Humor	Warriors Reward	2	0	6,384	1,596	4,560	12,540
SAMS AFTER PARTY*	Weigelia-More Party Girl	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	1	0	9,600	2,400	0	12,000
WARRIOR'S VENDETTA*	Warrior's Reward-Mischief Music	St. Omer's Farm	1	0	6,048	1,512	4,320	11,880
GET SET	Awesome of Course-Enthusiastic Gal	Joseph Imbesi	1	0	4,704	0	6,720	11,424
MO SAYS	Mo Town-Restless Angel	Joan Amick Wilson	1	0	4,704	0	6,720	11,424
HARP'S HOT CORNER*	Weigelia-Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	1	0	5,600	1,400	4,000	11,000
MISSY SIXTYSIX*	Hoppertunity-Sixtysix Margaux	Robert G. Rutherford	1	0	5,600	1,400	4,000	11,000
LERETHA	Leofric-Jurere	Amber Rodriguez	1	0	4,368	0	6,240	10,608
BACK EAST	West Coast-Artesian	Equivine Farm LLC	2	0	3,528	0	5,040	8,568
BIAGIO	Tapiture-True Yankee	Joseph DiEgidio	1	0	3,528	0	5,040	8,568
HOLY SYNERGY	Holy Boss-What Am I Gonna Do	Steven E. Long	1	0	3,528	0	5,040	8,568
MISSION FIRST	Army Mule-Propero	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	1	0	3,528	0	5,040	8,568

\*Denotes PA-sired