



## 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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## Rewards aplenty for Warrior's Reward LLC in 2024

By Nikki Sherman

It only took 20 minutes to change the lives of Pennsylvania breeders Donny Brown and Tom McClay. In 2018 they partnered together with a well-bred son of Medaglia d'Oro and named the partnership after him: Warrior's Reward LLC. The Grade 1-winning stallion soon catapulted them to second place on the leaderboard with his first 3-year-old crop of PA-Breds in 2023. Last year the partnership vaulted into the front and was crowned Pennsylvania's Leading Breeder of 2024 with breeder and stallion awards of \$927,518.75.

"We heard Warrior's Reward was for sale through friends Tom Reigle and Patrick Morrell at 11:45 AM on September 28, 2018, and had a contract signed at 12:05 PM," Brown remembered fondly. "We were not really looking for a stallion but it seemed right because we had just purchased some broodmares together."

Warrior's Reward had big numbers to back him up when he arrived – the sire of at least one stakes winner in each of his first five crops he landed atop Pennsylvania's leading general sires list with more than \$5.7 million in progeny earnings in 2018. He also ranked first among the state's 2-year-old sires that year.

The duo relocated Warrior's Reward from Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky to

WynOaks Farm in Pennsylvania for the 2019 breeding season and he was an immediate hit, covering 115 mares. That first crop has yielded the likes of stakes winners Stassi and Simply Stated, multiple stakes-placed Warrior's Ransom, as well as stakes-placed seven-time winner and Warrior's Reward LLC homebred Hot Fudge Warrior.

The crop of 2021 has been even better and the best were all homebreds. In 2024, Candy Reward captured three of five starts, including the H.B.P.A. Stakes at Presque Isle Downs in October to close out the year. Reigert Girls emphatically broke her maiden by 5 lengths at Presque Isle before she walloped an allowance field by 6¾ lengths at Penn National and was on the board in six of her nine starts. And Strider's Slider finished on the board in seven of 10 starts, three of them victories.

Warrior's Reward's 2-year-olds of 2024 surpassed them all. The Boy's Warrior sent out ripples of excitement every time he raced, capturing the \$100,000 Whistle Pig Stakes by 9 easy lengths in his second start and the \$100,000 Mark McDermott Stakes by 4 lengths next out. Stablemate Ballad of Warrior was second in the latter race during a campaign that also saw him win first time out and earn more black



Two-time stakes winner The Boy's Warrior had a sensational juvenile season in 2024 and ranked as Warrior Reward's leading earner of the year.

## A few words from the Executive Secretary

Congratulations to all our breeders as 2024 was another fantastic year for PA-Breds. Over \$26 million was paid out to owners and breeders in Awards, Owner Bonuses and Restricted Races! Thank you for your continued support.

I'd like to welcome G1-placed, million-dollar earner Ny Traffic, sired by Cross Traffic, who enters the ranks of Pennsylvania stallions. You can find stallions sired by Tapit, Curlin, Munnings, Street Sense, Speightstown, Medaglia d'Oro, Gun Runner, Good Magic and many more which includes 10 new sires to PA for 2025. Go to [pabred.com](http://pabred.com) and check out the PA Stallion & Boarding Farm Directory on the home page

and book your next, or first, PA-Bred.

The third and final leg of the 2024 Stallion Series will be run in 2025, with purses of \$100,000 for 3yos and 3yo fillies. A \$50,000 breeder bonus for horses that finish first, second and third in total points for the series will be paid at that time – \$25,000 for first, \$15,000 for second and \$10,000 for third.

We'll be having our first PA Yearling Show on June 21 at Brandywine Polo Club in Chester County. Four categories and a champion category will be offered with lots of prizes. You'll be receiving show information and a registration form in the mail and online. Only \$50 to enter.

type with a third in the \$100,000 Wait For It Stakes.

"After purchasing Warrior's Reward, we continued to acquire broodmares to support him," said Brown. "Foaling in Pennsylvania has been our priority because the PA program really increases your chance to get a return on a runner."

With his impressive stakes victories, The Boy's Warrior is currently tied for first place in the PA Stallion Series for his crop, with one more stakes in the series set for 2025. On top of that, in 2024 he earned a chart-topping \$64,880 in breeders' awards, \$16,220 in stallion awards, and an owner's bonus of \$5,400, bringing his total bankroll to \$225,800. Talk about a return on investment!

Brown gives credit to Susan Grove's Sapphire Equine in Carlisle, Pa., which



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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 will be transitioning to paperless this year. Wishing you a fantastic start to 2025, and remember, PA is the only place to Breed and Race! Go PA!!

has always foaled all of their mares. Randy Rentz in South Carolina and Betsy Houghton at Sylmar Farm break their babies. They also have trainers at all three Pennsylvania racetracks, including Tim Girten at Presque Isle Downs, Brandon Kulp at Penn National and Scott Lake at Parx Racing.

"We have found that investing in equine caretakers, as well as adding time and patience shows in your results," said Brown. "Having options when it's time to go to the track gives us the opportunity for success."

Warrior's Reward himself has given Brown and McClay a unique opportunity with breeding and racing their own PA-Breds based around using their own stallion. However, he isn't the only sire they have used. Not This Time's daughter Just One Time gave them the thrill of a lifetime in winning the \$500,000 Madison Stakes-G1 at Keeneland in 2022. Not This Time also sired One More Kelly, their winner of the 2023 Plum Pretty Stakes.

The Warrior's Reward LLC partnership is the owner of Twilight Dancer, a 2021 son of Tapiture who captured last year's \$100,000 Hard Spun Stakes at Presque Isle, part of a nine-race 2024 campaign that additionally included three more allowance wins. Twilight Dancer is out of Moonlight Basin, making him a full brother to seven-time winner Magicinthemoonlight, who has career earnings of over \$360,000.

"Our plan is simply to breed mares with some pedigree or ability to the best sires we can," Brown said.

Warrior's Reward LLC-breeds by other stallions include 2024 winners Cici Unified (Unified), Cloud in the Wind



Warrior's Reward receives plenty of attention at Old Friends in Kentucky.

(Cloud Computing), Dweller (Mshawish), Lost in Newyork (Verrazano), More Ransom (Run Away and Hide), Motito (Kantharos) and Shy Da Runner (Competitive Edge).

Foals born in 2024 are by such sires Cairo Prince, Connect, Golden-cents, Mandaloun, Maximum Security, Maximus Mischief, Midshipman, Mitole, Practical Joke and Yaupon.

After their massive 2024, the sky has no limit for Brown and McClay in 2025 and beyond. Looking at their crop of newly-minted yearlings, the future should be fun, rewarding and exciting. Warrior's Reward LLC has retained several mares by their stallion to continue his legacy into the next generation.

"Princess Brie, [stakes-placed] My Girl Corey and Went With the Wind will have foals this year," Brown said. "We just added [stakes-placed] Pretti Xtreme. We are going to race Candy Reward this summer and breed her next year. We do not own our favorite mare by Warrior's Reward. Her name is Strong Incentive. But at one time we owned her mother G G's Dolly."

Strong Incentive, bred by Spendthrift Farm, was a stakes winner for Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence who has turned into a blue hen broodmare. She is the dam of three consecutive graded stakes winners, the first the Into Mischief colt Highly Motivated, who contested the 2021 Kentucky Derby-G1 after finishing second in the Blue Grass Stakes-G2. Highly Motivated is now a stallion at Airdrie Stud in Kentucky.

Flintshire (GB) sired Strong Incentive's next stakes winner, Surge Capacity, who went on to win the Grade 1 Matriarch Stakes at Del Mar in 2023. Surge Capacity was then sold for \$3.6 million to Grand Stud at last fall's Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale. She is expecting a foal by Into Mischief this spring.

Strong Incentive's third stakes winner has been the most impressive: Ways and Means, by Practical Joke, captured the Grade 1 Test Stakes and Grade 2 Gallant Bloom Stakes last summer, was second in the Spinaway Stakes-G1 at 2 and last year's Gulfstream Park Oaks-G2, as well as



fourth in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 and fifth in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint-G1.

After such an eye-popping produce record, Strong Incentive has sold twice for more than a million. She brought \$2,150,000 at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale in foal to Good Magic, and was at the same select sale last fall, selling for \$2,750,000

to M.V. Magnier and White Birch Farm while carrying a full sibling to Highly Motivated.

Warrior's Reward was pensioned, at the age of 19, following the 2024 breeding season in which he covered 10 mares. Brown is a huge proponent of responsible racehorse retirement and he wanted to make sure that their prized stallion would be appreciated. In

July, Warrior's Reward was shipped to Old Friends in Georgetown, Ky., where fans can visit by scheduling a tour.

"The mission and staff at Old Friends make us proud to be a part of horse racing," said Brown. "It has been important to retire all of our horses like a loved family pet."

## PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through December 31, 2024

### LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Warriors Reward	727,855	199,664	927,519	Glenn E. Brok LLC	240,454	69,649	310,103
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	509,355	225,116	734,471	Pewter Stable	227,275	63,827	291,102
Steven W. Young Racing LLC	306,806	104,305	411,111	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	226,394	0	226,394
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	381,782	381,782	Joseph Imbesi	202,127	0	202,127
Blackstone Farm LLC	327,656	0	327,656	St. Omer's Farm	199,378	0	199,378
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	128,860	185,583	314,443	Sylmar Farm Inc.	173,058	0	173,058

### LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	505	225,116	Peace and Justice	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	213	104,305
Warrior's Reward	Warriors Reward	469	199,664	Winchill	Pewter Stable	151	63,827
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	328	179,054	Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	194	48,614
Hoppertunity	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	393	158,015	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	127	41,021
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	287	133,799	Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	64	38,129
Social Inclusion	Social Inclusion Partners LLC	209	116,547	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	85	32,519

### LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments. \*Denotes PA-sired

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
The Boy's Warrior *	Warrior's Reward - Inciarte	Warriors Reward	4	138,800	64,880	16,220	5,400	225,300
Honorable Win *	Winchill - Honorable Partner	Pewter Stable	3	131,600	52,640	13,160	0	197,400
Smooth B *	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	5	60,000	84,000	21,000	0	165,000
Confirmed Star *	Uptowncharlybrown - Its My Town	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	11	9,800	96,152	24,038	26,680	156,670
Fierce and Strong *	Hoppertunity - Doubleclickdamouse	Ultra Championship Racing LLC	6	81,020	50,068	12,517	10,570	154,175
Traders Luck *	Weigelia - Deanies Dancer	Sylmar Farm Inc.	11	20,000	75,096	18,774	35,640	149,510
Pachelbel *	Hoppertunity - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	13	19,600	74,742	18,685	33,644	146,671
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	3	119,880	22,800	0	0	142,680
Capo *	Peace and Justice - Seven Dreams	Steven W. Young Racing LLC	10	43,640	47,643	11,911	21,088	124,282
Veeson *	Il Villano - Springingintherein	Chuck Russo	8	9,800	65,417	16,344	28,012	119,573
Party At Sam's *	Weigelia - More Party Girl	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	14	0	62,565	15,641	35,633	113,840
Foxy Junior	Cuba - Foxy Drummer	Dianne L. Stern	5	64,500	25,680	0	9,600	99,780

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