



MINNESOTA

THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

Dear Friend of the MTA:

It was an exciting year for Canterbury Park and the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association is looking forward to carrying that excitement into the 2015 breeding season and beyond! Our Minnesota-breds will be running for more money than ever and this is the perfect time for your stallion to sire Minnesota-breds that will have tremendous opportunities on the track!

Canterbury Park concluded its 2014 racing season September 13th, and though handle was down slightly year over year, there were many indicators of a healthy race meet. There was increase in the number of barns shipping in this season, a tremendous amount of claiming activity, and the record Minnesota Thoroughbred Association sale this year all point to a thriving and rebounding Thoroughbred industry. Minnesota looks forward to building on this in 2015 and beyond

Total purses for the meet were up 5.4 percent over 2013 with the track paying out \$13,120,706 over the 68-day season. Field size, which was a decade-best 8.36 horses per race in 2013, remained steady with 2014 fields averaging 8.22 starters per race. Claiming activity at the Shakopee oval was up sharply year over year, with the number of horses claimed nearly doubled from 2013, 165 compared to 65, with a total value of more than \$1,000,000, an increase of 79.3 percent year over year. While the track still enjoyed robust average attendance, averaging 6,419 fans per race day, on-track handle slipped 7.5 percent year over year. Out-of-state handle, however, remained strong, essentially flat after the giant 31.8 percent increase from 2012 to 2013.

To be certified as a Minnesota-bred, in-foal mares need to be in Minnesota and registered with the Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) prior to foaling or by March 15th at the latest. Stallions must be registered with the MRC by January 31st. Full details on Minnesota's Breeders' Fund Program and registration forms are available at <https://www.mrc.state.mn.us>. Won't you consider donating a season to your stallion and be a part of the excitement?

The MTA is proud to announce that its' Stallion Service Auction will be held online, through www.thoroughlybred.com, December 1-5, 2015. Seasons not selling on December 5th may be offered in a Second Chance Auction with the owners permission.

Enclosed you will find a Stallion Service Auction donation form. As an association supporting the breeding and racing of Thoroughbreds in Minnesota and around the country, we are respectfully requesting that you consider donating a season to our 2014 MTA Stallion Auction. This is a terrific opportunity for you to market your stallion to breeders throughout the upper mid-west and around the country. To show our appreciation for your generosity, we would be happy to provide you with a mailing list of our owners and breeders for use as you advertise your stallions for the 2015 breeding season.

Conducting our auction through www.thoroughlybred.com provides the MTA with the opportunity to market your stallion throughout the country. To make the most of this opportunity, we ask that you include a pedigree, photos and/or links to your farm or the stallion's website for use in the MTA's advertising efforts. We are also pleased to offer advertising opportunities in our newsletter as another option for spreading the word about your stallion and farm. Contact our office for further information.

After reviewing the enclosed form, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the MTA office at 952-233-4802 or kay@minnesotabred.com. The MTA looks forward to your generous donation and anticipates many trips to the winners' circle as a result of the 2014 breeding season!

Sincerely,

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