

TEAM VALOR ENCOURAGES SUPPORT OF MISSOURI RETIREMENT FARM RENAISSANCE RESCUE RANCH IS HOME TO TRIO OF FORMER TVI RUNNERS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION PROVIDES SAFE PLACE FOR EX-RACEHORSES

In the last year, Team Valor has donated three horses to Renaissance Rescue Ranch in Farmington, Missouri. Barry Irwin has been impressed in working with the mom-and-pop non-profit, and he would like to invite horse owners and lovers to join him this holiday season in supporting the organization.



Barb Hutchinson approaches a waiting line of horses at feed time.

Renaissance carries federal nonprofit status as a 501c3 charitable organization and currently is home to 60 horses. Almost all of them are retired Thoroughbreds. They had just 2 horses in 2007 when Barb and Laurence Hutchinson began their mission, starting with a horse who would have been sold for slaughter after fracturing his knee in a race at nearby Fairmount Park.

“Barb bought the horse, paid for the surgery, and as they say - the rest is history,” the Hutchinsons said on the Renaissance Facebook page, accessible [here](#). “Many of our horses are available for

adoption, many are here forever, and as we refer to them—yard ornaments.”

For those horses who are healthy and capable, Barb Hutchinson strives to re-train them for something new, from riding trails to competing as hunter/jumpers. Eventually they could be adopted out.

Renaissance also is one of the few facilities for retired racehorses that take on male horses who have not been gelded, and former Team Valor runner Corredor dela Isla is one of them.

Renaissance also is home to Team Valor alumni Forward Harch and Halefellow Wellmet. The 75-acre spread features a new main barn that was completed this year.



Corredor dela Isla soon after arriving at Renaissance Rescue Ranch last month from Hawthorne Race Course in Chicago.

Donations can be sent to Renaissance Rescue Ranch, 4305 Highway O, Farmington, Missouri, 63640, or contact Barb Hutchinson at renaissancerescue@yahoo.com or 314-479-8858.

Renaissance Rescue Ranch

