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ANIMAL KINGDOM ADJUSTING WELL TO EXERCISE ON WATER TREADMILL KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER HAS BEHAVED WELL IN NEW DAILY REGIMEN COLT IS TAKING UP TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN MOTION'S OWN BARN

Animal Kingdom has done well in his first few days of exercise on the water treadmill at Bruce Jackson's Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center, adjacent to the Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, Maryland.

The Kentucky Derby hero has taken up temporary residence in trainer Graham Motion's own barn at Fair Hill, which is within an easy walk to Jackson's place, rather than have him vanned from his usual home in Team Valor's barn a few furlongs away. "We don't want the added risk or expense," Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin said.

Animal Kingdom is recovery from surgery performed on June 30 to stabilize a hairline fracture of the left hock, detected in the wake of his troubled trip in the Belmont Stakes. Until last week, Team Valor International's home-bred colt has been limited to hand-walking for 10 or 15 minutes each day.

Trainer Graham Motion has devised an initial schedule to prepare Animal Kingdom for

the Dubai World Cup next March. He will exercise on the treadmill through the entire month of September. In October, Animal Kingdom will jog on the track at Fair Hill, and then start galloping in November. Motion ran the regimen past Richardson, who said it made good sense.

As Animal Kingdom progresses, Motion and Irwin will come up with a specific plan to get him ready for the World Cup.



Animal Kingdom on the Aquapacer treadmill at Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center.