

Non-profit Tranquility Farm plays a unique role in California's Thoroughbred farm community. Situated in the cool mountain air of Tehachapi, California, this 40-acre, 75-stall facility is dedicated solely to the welfare of the Thoroughbred horse. Its 80-horse population is comprised entirely of retired runners and broodmares, as well as horses donated to prepare for second careers.

The farm has been in operation since 1998, when Cobra Farm owner



Gary Bizantz dedicated the purchase of the facility to the memory of his late father, Harry, who was also an ardent horseman. Since day one, the facility has been under the direction of Thoroughbred welfare advocate Priscilla Clark, who oversees the farm and the adoption program.

Tranquility Farm's Board of Directors, which includes John Amerman, Rollin Baugh, Gary Bizantz, Trevor Denman, Jay Hovdey, Trudy McCaffery, John Russell and Jenine Sahadi, represent many varied roles in the world of racing, but all share a common passion for humane treatment of the Thoroughbred.

The transformation of Tranquility Farm from an abandoned property to a thriving horse haven in four



Tranquility Farm

The Harry A. Bizantz Memorial Center

Providing Thoroughbred Retirees with the Serenity they Deserve

short years has been accomplished with wonderful support from California's racing community. Spacious pasture shelters were a gift from the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) to Tranquility Farm's retirees. To aid in the adoption program, TOC also furnished the farm with the 60-foot covered round pen that serves as the basic retraining classroom for former runners.

The Glide Foundation contributed a well and irrigation system to bring water to the dry pastures, and also built the riding arena used to finish the education of adoptable horses. The Amerman Family Foundation provided the farm with a tractor and implements for pasture development, along with additional pasture shelters and much needed cross fencing. The Bizantz Foundation takes an active role in both developing the farm and supporting its mission. Funding from California racetracks and Thoroughbred Char-

ties of America help to sustain the program.

Of special interest to CTBA members is Tranquility's acceptance of former broodmares for retirement, and of young Thoroughbreds unsuitable for racing as adoption candidates. Tranquility Farm serves the industry as a whole and is committed to the welfare of Thoroughbreds wherever they may need assistance.

As Tranquility Farm looks to its future there are plans to seek sponsor-



ship to develop vocational education programs at the farm. The wonderful facility and varied equine population present a perfect opportunity to provide job skills and experience to young people seeking employment in the Thoroughbred industry. Educational programs at the farm will give Tranquility's horses more of the personal attention they so much enjoy, and give something back to the industry whose generosity insures their future.

To visit Tranquility Farm, or to inquire about Thoroughbred retirement and/or adoption, contact Priscilla Clark at: (661) 823-0307; P.O. Box 210, Tehachapi, CA 93581; www.tranquility-farmtbs.org; or info@tranquilityfarmtbs.org

