

**Saved from Slaughter: Brennan Equine Welfare Fund Offering  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Matching Gift to Help Horses like "Reign Girl"**

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Imagine your heritage...being a descendant of famous and notable lineage, but having retired from a career due to injury. What is your future?

"Reign Girl", a Thoroughbred mare born in 1996, is a descendant of a notably famous stallion named Exceller, who raced in four countries and earned more than \$1.6 million. He defeated two Triple Crown winners and was elected to the National Racing Hall of Fame. Ultimately, after his racing and stud career ended, he was deemed "worthless" after all he achieved and was ingloriously slaughtered in a Swedish packing plant in April of 1997.

"Reign Girl" was born to follow in her great-grandsire's hoof prints...by running on the track and earning money for her owners. Indeed, she ran what she could in 86 Starts, earning \$181,260. When her career on the track ended after injury, she became a broodmare, producing winners on the track. When a final difficult delivery ended her ability to continue producing, what was to become of her to protect her from the same fate of slaughter as her famous ancestor?

Luckily, she was accepted by a rescue organization with the mission to help thoroughbreds not meet the fate of slaughter. This organization, which was formed after its namesake, Exceller, was the initial saving grace for this noble mare. The fact that "Reign Girl" was a direct descendant of Exceller made protecting her even more important. She resided at a wonderful foster farm in Indiana until a veterinarian cleared her to be retrained for a second career as a riding and sport horse.

In May of this year, Brennan Equine Welfare Fund provided grant funding to transport "Reign Girl" to a veterinarian-trainer in Missouri where she has been learning the basics in the style of riding known as Dressage. She has participated in Dressage clinics and is progressing well in her new career. Her health and fitness levels have been monitored closely while in training. "Reign Girl" will soon be ready to be placed with an adopter who can enjoy her in her second career and she can continue to be forever secure from the same fate that met her great-grandsire.

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established

in 2000 at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation by Linda Pavey in honor and memory of her horse, "Brennan". Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country that provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation. Brennan Equine Welfare Fund supports registered, 501(c)(3) organizations that specialize in retirement and rehabilitation services and offer a peaceful and permanent sanctuary for these beautiful animals.

Shelters that offer carefully scrutinized adoption or re-placement services are also supported. If you would like to honor a special person or equine that has touched your life, or are interested in year-end giving ideas, a charitable donation to The Brennan Equine Welfare Fund would be honored. You can be assured that any gift you make will help provide services for special equines in need just like "Reign Girl" for years to come. Any contribution to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is tax deductible. Linda, who is also the Donor/Account Advisor to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund, will be personally matching all donations, dollar-to-dollar, through December 31, 2010. Checks may be made out to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (make sure to write "Brennan Equine Welfare Fund" on the memo line) and mailed to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, P.O. Box 5200, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5200. For more information or to donate online, please visit <http://www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com> or call Linda Pavey at (513) 561-5251.



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