

Nite Train

Nite Train is a 16-year-old grey pacing gelding, sired by Noble Return out of the mare Profilo Macho. Nite Train was a top 3-year-old pacer in Ohio before coming to New Jersey to be trained by Kevin McDermott. Nite Train raced 36 times over three years, with 11 wins, 8 seconds, and 5 thirds, earning \$105,462. Nite Train's fastest mark was set as a 3-year-old, when he won in 1:53.2. In 2009, Nite Train had just won two races in a row at the Meadowlands when he suffered an atrial fibrillation, a condition that affects a horse's heart. After consultations with veterinarians, McDermott made the decision to retire Nite Train. After a year of rehabilitation, McDermott decided to put his daughter, rider Mary McDermott, on Nite Train. Mary described it as a connection like no other and she and Nite Train have been teaching each other at the McDermott farm New Jersey. They've had many friends help them along the way and have gone on to compete in gymkhanas, English pleasure, Western pleasure, pole bending, barrel racing and hunter paces. They've also been on plenty of trail rides and have helped Girl Scouts receive badges, offered their services for wedding photo shoots and even led the post parade for the Breeders Crown. With an aim to have fun, McDermott says their favorite pastime remains barrel racing, where Nite Train can show off his speed as he competes against horses of all breeds.



LOMASI

Standardbred Lomasi is an unraced trotter sired by SJ's Caviar out of the mare Proper Incentive. He was a 2009 foal who was bred at the world famous Hanover Shoe Farms in Pennsylvania. Lomasi came to the Hinline Family three years ago, and has participated in numerous parades throughout Luzerne County. Lomasi is an excellent 4-H horse for 10-year-old Ryan Hinline. Ryan and Lomasi make a good team riding western and gaming.

SEVRUGA

World champion trotter Sevruga, a winner of more than \$1.2 million in earnings with a win record of 1.50.3, in his seven seasons of racing he won 39 times. He is the son of Standardbred SJ's Caviar out of the mare Stunning Lindsey. He came to his current owner Sabine Spring when he retired from racing in the fall of 2017. Sabine who works as a harness racing official at Harrah's Philadelphia racetrack fell in love with Sevruga during his 3-year-old racing season. She admired his determination on the track and his friendly demeanor toward people. Today Sevruga is a champion trail riding horse who fearlessly and professionally encounters all obstacles he comes upon. He is a complete class act to be around and to work with.



INVESTOR

Investor, is a 17-year-old gelded Standardbred, foaled in Ontario, sired by Angus Hall and out of the mare Seductive. He enjoyed a 12-year racing career totaling 34 wins and \$362,930 in earnings in his 247 starts. He took his lifetime mark as a 3-year-old in a time of 1:56. In 2011 he was purchased by his current owner, Julie Allison-Goodell and started doing double duty as both a racehorse and a show horse, before his retirement from racing in 2016. He was a “busy guy” often competing at local dressage shows, Mini Trials or Hunter Paces on the weekends and racing during the week. Due to his unconventional dual careers, he was able to compete and earn the “Fresh off the Track” division Champion or Reserve every year between 2012 and 2016 at the National Standardbred Horse Show in NJ. He has also several times earned the Champion title in the War Horse Division. At the shows he also competes in the In-hand, showmanship, over fences, dressage, and driving divisions – an example of the versatility of the Standardbred. Investor has been honored to represent the Standardbred breed at such events as Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio, Breyerfest in Lexington, Ky., and now here at the PA Horse World Expo!



Slippery Slope

Standardbred Slippery Slope (Dino) who was known as the track run-away, and had been banned from multiple Ohio tracks. This renegade Standardbred would make an incredible transition into a great pleasure horse. Sired by Glidemaster and out of the mare Miss Blizzard, with three wins to his credit. He would be found by his previous owners at the Blooded Horse Sale where they knew that he had much more potential for a better life as a riding horse. They would buy him back for \$7,500 and then donate him to New Vocations Race Horse Adoption in Ohio. Current owner Shannon Wilson saw his ad on Facebook and she fell in love with him, In her words, “he was the tall dark and handsome horse that I’ve been looking for. I sent his adoption fee of \$1,000, sight unseen.” A few weeks later she and her boyfriend, James, went to Ohio to pick him up. Two and a half years later, they have accomplished so much together. They have shown in both Standardbred classes and open breed classes. In true Standardbred nature, Dino is so very versatile, in dressage, hunters, western pleasure, in-hand, showmanship, gymkhana, trail riding, fox hunting, pony rides, parades, advertisements, lake swimming, beach, Halloween costumes, and flag ceremonies -- he does it all. He absolutely loves children and has a heart of gold. The possibilities with him are endless.



Shift Into Glide

Standardbred Shift Into Glide was a \$250,000 yearling purchase and is also known as “Stinky.” He is a 9-year-old bay gelding with lifetime earnings of \$94,327 and a win record of 1:57.4. He is owned by Rob Pennington and trained and ridden by Destiny Sheard. During his racing career, his owner, Rob Pennington was his caretaker and after his racing career ended at the age of 4, Rob adopted him.

He was then retrained as a show horse where he would win multiple National Championships as well as numerous SPHO NJ year end honors. In 2019 he was the parade Marshal for the Hambletonian and the Yonkers International Trot. He excels in English and Western Pleasure, Hunters, Jumpers, Driving and Barrel Racing. He has worked cows and has added Fox Hunting to his resume. He is a solid trail horse and is an easy ride for beginners. Shift Into Glide’s rider, Destiny Sheard, is a 22-year-old marketing major from Rowan University from Jackson, N.J. Destiny is the president of the Rowan University Equestrian Team. She was the 2019 National Equitation Challenge winner. Destiny believes in being 100% prepared when entering the show ring, all tack, equipment, clothing and horse will be cleaned and polished before she enters the gait. She is a 3-time winner of the Sportsmanship award at the National Standardbred Horse Show.



BEANS BROTHER

Beans Brother is a Standardbred trotter that was sired by the great Deweycheatumhowe. His dam is Lily V by Angus Hall. Beans is a bay gelding who never made it to the races and was retired by his owner to her farm in Pennsylvania. His rider, Leslie McLaren adopted Beans after meeting him in 2018 and the rest is history as he found his forever home and true calling with Leslie.

After acquiring Bean in March of 2018 the two went to their first horse show. At that show they placed in the English classes and it was discovered that Beans loves to participate in shows. He showed in his first national Standardbred show that was held in New Jersey. He would then travel to Frederick, Maryland to the Great Frederick Fair and there he competed in all of the Standardbred classes, and won his first walk jog lope class. At the Standardbred Pleasure Horse-NJ Association awards banquet Beans would win 3 gate western pleasure Championship for his first 2018 show season. In 2019 Beans season started with the New Jersey Classic and the Keystone Classic. At the Great Frederick Fair in Frederick, Maryland, Beans championed the English Division and was reserve champion of the western division.

At the 2019 Standardbred Pleasure Horse Associations awards banquet, Beans was

Reserve Champion Green Division,
Champion of the 3 Gate English
Pleasure,

Champion of the 3 gate Western
Pleasure, and Reserve Champion in
Western

Horsemanship. Beans a true
champion shows the true versatility
of the Standardbred.



Artomatic Pilot

Standardbred Artomatic Pilot retired from racing at the end of 2018, just before his 15th birthday. He earned an official retirement after competing in 374 races and earning over \$388,000 in purse money. After retiring, Artie found his way to Ashley Francese. Ashley is a dressage and competitive trail rider, who loves working with retired racehorses of all breeds. She has participated in the Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover since 2016 and is an Ambassador for The Western Thoroughbred with her horses Harper Valley and Chase Lane. Ashley originally planned to train Artie for her stepson to take on trail rides, but this talented war horse had different goals. In addition to trail riding, Artie enjoys jumping, dressage, obstacle work and roping. He is used in beginner lessons in Ashley's lesson program, and at 16 he shows that he's still got that competitive drive that made him so successful on the track. Ashley and Artie are 2020 ROC the Standardbred Ambassadors for Team Light Pink. When she's not in the saddle, Ashley is a freelance writer for Horse Nation. So, if the Standardbreds you see here today perk your interest in these wonderful horses, check out Stories of Standardbreds on Horse Nation for more tales of Standardbreds who have made incredible riding partners.



Gypsy

Gypsy, aka Mark's Favorite, is an 11 year old grey Standardbred trotting mare who was born in Quebec, Canada. She was unraced and brought to the United States. Gypsy had been through several owners and auctions and was in poor physical condition and underfed when she found her way to Begin Again Horse Rescue late spring of 2015. Through dedicated rehab protocols, Gypsy began her journey to a healthy recovery and a special bond with owner and rider, Elee Ecklund. Gypsy was successfully treated for hindgut ulcers with the Basic Equine Health protocol the summer of 2017. Gypsy and Elee began a training journey August 2017 when rider, Elee, asked to foster her. Gypsy learned about body space, accepting treats, and being respectfully handled. Gypsy's personality began to emerge. Eventually, Gypsy showed Elee her love for jumping and enjoyment of cantering. Gypsy was adopted in 2018. Today, Elee continues to support Gypsy with her balance and muscle development and they enjoy trail riding, beginning dressage work, and have been showing on the jumper circuit. Gypsy is a testament to the Standardbred's intelligence, loyalty, and work ethic. In 2019 Elee applied to be a ROC the Standardbred Breed Ambassador. Elee and Gypsy are now Team Burgundy 2020 Breed Ambassadors. Elee promotes Standardbreds at shows, events and in the horse community and is excited to be an ambassador for the Standardbred. She continues to be impressed with their intelligence and with their work ethic.



Lightning Moon

Lightning Moon, a 14-year-old son of Western Hanover and Schoolofcardknocks, won 34 races in his nine-year racing career. The pacer competed at tracks in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York. He took a record of 1:50.2 as a 5-year-old at Pocono Downs and earned \$358,000 over the course of his career. Upon retiring at the age of 10, Lightning Moon launched a new career as a riding horse. He competed for the first time at the National Standardbred Show in New Jersey last year, where he won the rookie walk-trot class and was declared reserve champion in the rookie division. The pacer is currently showing in 2'6"-2'9" jumpers and is also used by trainer Michaela Schock as a lesson horse. Schock says he provides new riders with a steady mount and acts as if he's been doing it for years. As for Schock, she began her career with horses at the age of 4 at Hidden Meadow Farm in Delaware where she continues to train and give riding lessons today. At the age of 10 she purchased her first pony and competed locally at the hunter/jumper show circuits. In college she competed on the IHSA Western Team for Lake Erie College. Following college she was introduced to harness racing, working as a groom until her career as an equine dentist took off. She was given an opportunity to retrain an off-the-track Standardbred as a riding horse where she competed at the National Standardbred Show in 2018 a few months later earning Reserve Champion in the Rookie Division. Since then, she and Lightning Moon continue to showcase the versatility of the breed competing in hunter/jumpers and dressage.

