



Thoroughbred<sup>®</sup>  
AFTERCARE ALLIANCE

*Sharing Responsibility. Ensuring Accountability.*



# INDUSTRY-UNITED INITIATIVE

The non-profit 501(c)(3) Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredits, inspects, and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations to retrain, retire and rehome Thoroughbreds using industry-wide funding.





# WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

## ACCREDIT

We provide a professional and rigorous accreditation process for aftercare organizations.

## AWARD

We provide financial assistance through grants earmarked for equine care.

## INSPECT

We diligently and annually inspect our organizations and their approach to aftercare.

# LIFE AFTER RACING

Thoroughbreds are versatile horses that can excel in any discipline. Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organizations have transitioned former racehorses into five-star eventers, champions in the show ring, mounts for equine-assisted therapy programs, living tourism destinations, teachers of equine welfare in educational programs, and more.

Out of 86 Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organizations:

- 71 offer adoption programs
- 59 offer sanctuary
- 74 offer rehabilitation
- 17 offer equine-assisted programs\*

*\*therapy programs, inmate programs, veteran programs, etc.*

To reward individuals and Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organizations that help Thoroughbreds find success in competition, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance offers:

- The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program's Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Accredited Organization Adoptee Award



# ACCREDITATION APPLICATION & SITE REVIEWS

The accreditation application is a comprehensive review of the organization, medical and husbandry procedures, and the organization's plans to prove sustainability of operations.



This review focuses on many areas including:

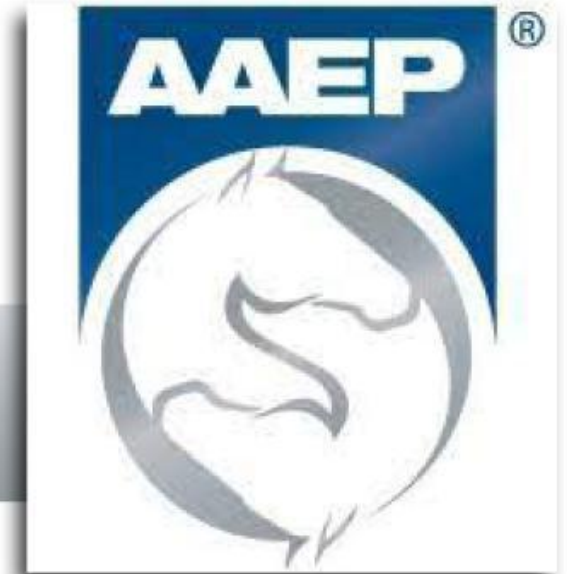
- Non-profit status
- Length of time an organization has been operating as an aftercare organization
- Financial stability
- History of caring for, retraining and placing of Thoroughbreds in adoptive homes
- Experience of managerial staff
- Insurance compliance
- Euthanasia and adoption policy and procedures

# ACCREDITATION APPLICATION & SITE REVIEWS

The accreditation site review is conducted by a veterinarian or Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance representative and focuses on the following areas per the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Code of Standards:

- Operations
- Education
- Horse health care management
- Facility standards and services
- Adoption policies and protocols

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's Code of Standards and accreditation process has been approved by the AAEP.



# HISTORY & PURPOSE

## *Why was Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance formed?*

- To serve as both the accrediting body for aftercare facilities that care for Thoroughbreds upon retirement from racing and as a fundraising and grant allocation body to support these approved facilities.
- To provide guidelines and standards to organizations and give them the opportunity to obtain formal recognition (validate) in the horse industry.



# CODE OF STANDARDS

## *Code of Standards for Thoroughbred Aftercare Organizations*

It is the responsibility of all participants in the Thoroughbred industry to ensure the humane care of horses when their racing careers are over.

To that end, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has established an accreditation program for aftercare organizations that handle Thoroughbred racehorses as a part of their core competencies, recognizing that the Thoroughbred is a unique breed and requires specialized knowledge and skills for their care. Organizations wishing to be accredited by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance must complete a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Accreditation Application, must meet Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's Code of Standards, and must agree to both scheduled and random site inspections as part of the Accreditation process. Initially, organizations will be re-accredited every other year, with intervening random inspections to ensure that the Code of Standards is consistently upheld. Organizations may be accredited by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance or a nationally recognized sanctioning body in the horse industry that is approved by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance in lieu of its own accreditation. In the latter case, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance reserves the right to conduct its own site inspections.





# CODE OF STANDARDS

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance recognizes that the formal field and body of knowledge for the operation of aftercare organizations are fluid and growing. Furthermore, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance recognizes that aftercare organizations are constantly improving to optimize their care of Thoroughbreds. Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance in partnership with providers and supporters intends to offer consultation to aftercare organizations in their efforts to improve and to bring innovative practices to all providers. As “best practices” emerge and change for aftercare, so too will Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance’s Code of Standards.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Code of Standards covers the following areas:

1. Operations
2. Education
3. Horse health care management
4. Facility standards and services
5. Adoption policies and protocols



# MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

It is the intent of Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance to accredit all sizes and types of organizations. When going through the process, keep this in mind. Some standards and/or questions in the application may not be applicable to an organization of your size or type.

According to Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance's Code of Standards, accreditation status is determined after a complete review of five areas: operations; education; horse health care management; facility standards and services; adoption policies and protocols.



# MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

At a minimum, organizations applying for Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accreditation must fulfill the following five requirements:

- Organization must have a current status as a 501(c)(3) federal not-for-profit (U.S.) or must be a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- Organization must have been in operation for at least three years. Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will confirm operation information, including with the secretary of state or provincial business registry.
- At time of application, organization must either (1) currently exclusively own and provide care for a minimum of 5 registered Thoroughbreds, or (2) currently exclusively own and provide care for at least 3-4 registered Thoroughbreds AND must have exclusively owned and provided care for at least 10 registered Thoroughbreds over the previous 12 months. Registered Thoroughbreds leased by the organization or owned by third parties at the same facility should not be included.
- Organization must have a written euthanasia policy consistent with the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). View the AAEP's euthanasia guidelines.
- Organization, or a principal of the organization or individual directly related to the organization, shall not have any current legal proceedings pending against them which adversely impact the aftercare operations, the organization's standards of care, or the 501(c)(3) status of the organization.

Once the application is completed and reviewed, you may be contacted to schedule a site inspection for each of your facilities. This inspection will be conducted by representatives of Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Upon completion of the application, and site inspection(s), a review of your organization will be conducted to determine the awarding of accreditation.

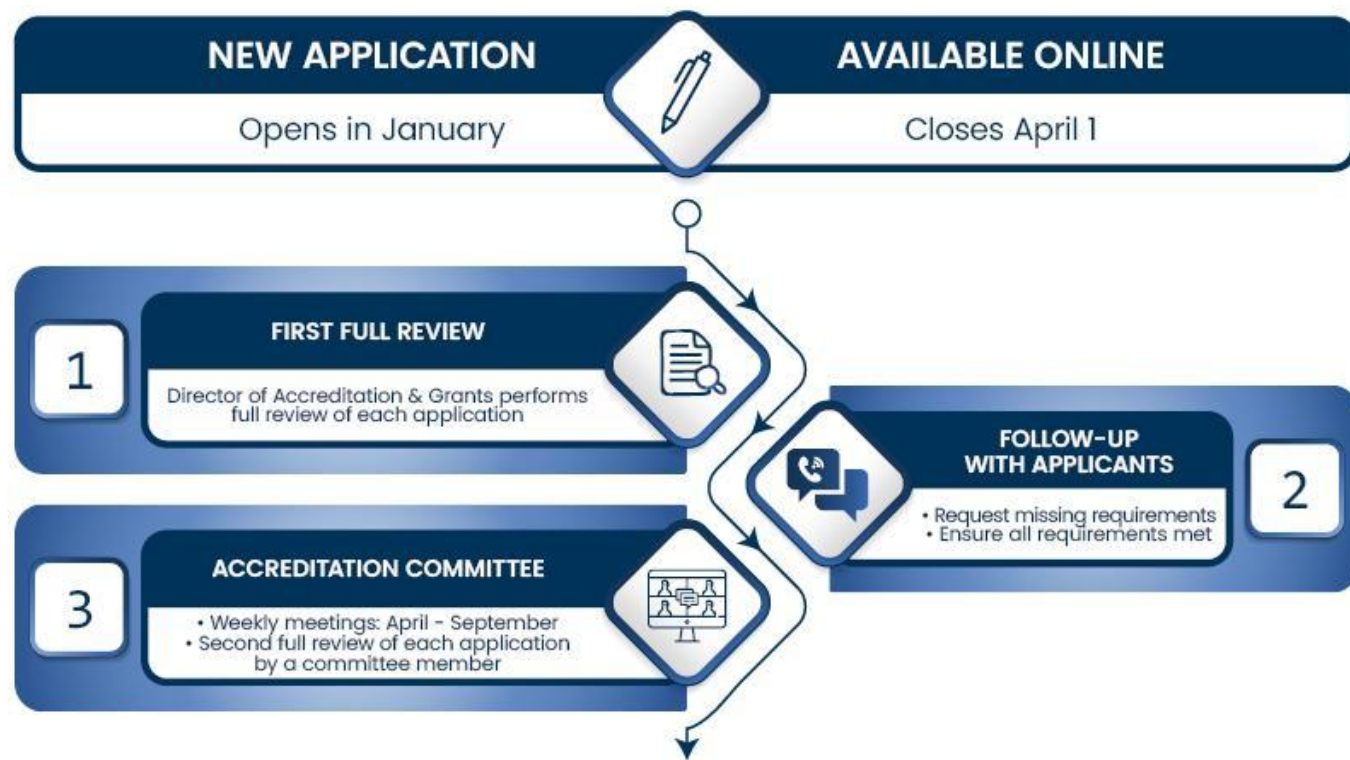


# THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

- Accreditation application (January - April 1)
- Review Process (April 1 - August 1)
- Accreditation Committee
- Inspections
- Recommendation/Approval for accreditation
- Application Assessment/RFIs and BPs



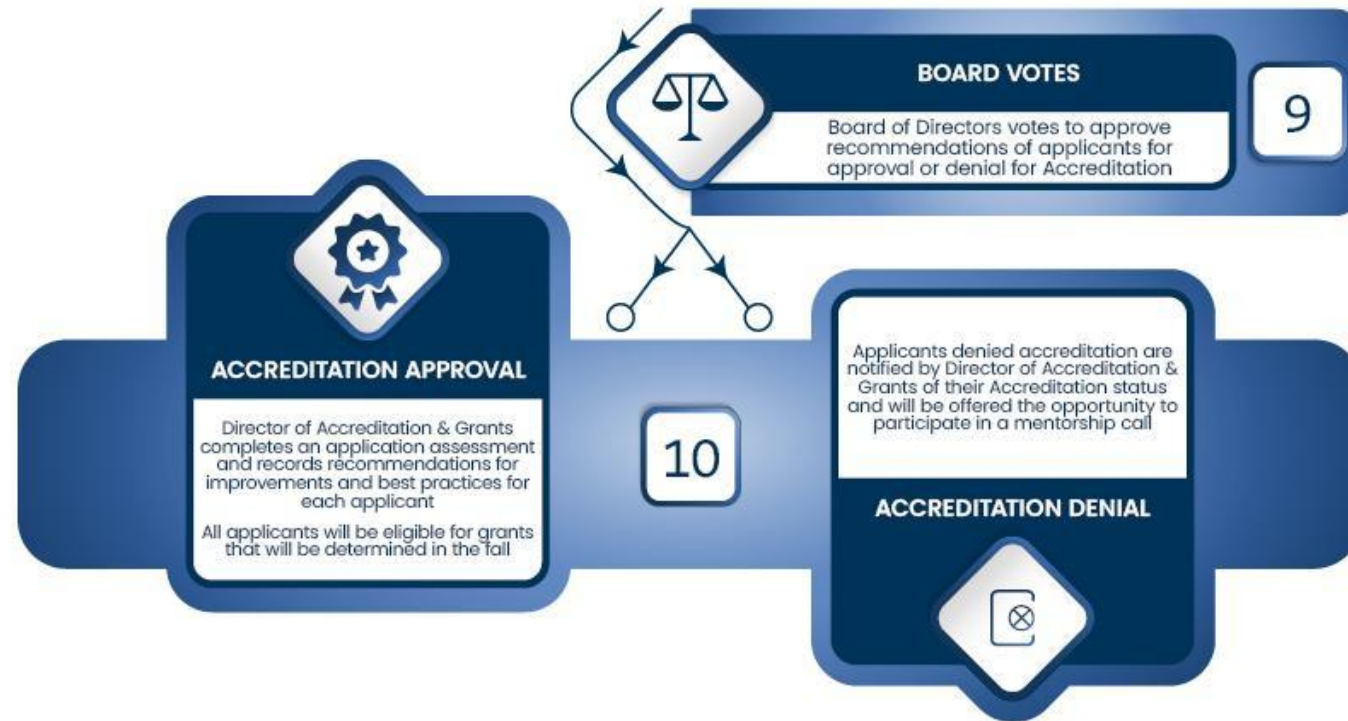
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# AFTERCARE IMPACT

*How has Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance improved organizations / aftercare?*

- Complaints
- Mentorship Calls
- Success Stories
- Unique Identifier (Gold Seal)





# IMPACT



**86 Accredited  
Organizations**

*make an infrastructure of  
nonprofits that operate  
with the highest standards*

# IMPACT

**\$31.9 Million  
Awarded**

*to support accredited organizations'  
efforts to retrain, rehome, and  
retire Thoroughbreds*



## IMPACT



**16,500+ Thoroughbreds  
Assisted**

*and found new homes or careers  
in competition, pleasure riding,  
equine-assisted programs,  
and as companions*

# STATISTICS

**33** States & Puerto Rico  
**2** Provinces




Number of Accredited Organizations by Year

2013	23
2014	42
2015	56
2016	64
2017	64
2018	70
2019	74
2020	81
2022	82
2023	81


**86** ORGANIZATIONS 

**180+** FACILITIES 

**71** ADOPTION PROGRAMS 

**17** EQUINE-ASSISTED PROGRAMS 

**74** REHAB PROGRAMS 

**59** SANCTUARIES 

**16,500+** THOROUGHBREDS 



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