

# LONGRUN



THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT SOCIETY

FALL/WINTER 2022



Joe, Ellen Roxy and Dakota



Roxy and his ribbons

## ROXY ROCKS!

**ROXY'S VISION**, a 2013 Ellie Boje homebred by Court Vision, was good enough at the track to be stakes placed, winning 6 of 22 starts and earning \$187,486 for Joe and Ellen MacLellan and trainer Ian Black. He is now happily retired and living with loving adopter, Dakota Shoup, her mum Kate, and fellow LongRun graduate, Pumpkin Rumble. Dakota recently took Roxy, now showing under the name "Hold That Thought", to the Trillium

Championships in Ottawa, which they earned entry to by winning their divisional championship in the Southwest region for Long Stirrups. This super pair did very well, placing in every one of their classes, and both Kate and Dakota are very happy that Roxy's extended family, the MacLellans and friends, took the time to come and see them perform.

## EXTRA, EXTRA...READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**MILLIONAIRE RESIDENT** Something Extra a.k.a. Charlie has happily allowed himself to be decked out as an equine billboard, advertising our Open House held on October 22nd. Hope you didn't miss it! A wonderful ambassador and camera ham, Charlie has been with us since 2017, enjoying his retirement from an extremely successful racing career while being lovingly supported by owners Gail Cox and John Menary.



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# WE STILL LIKE MIKE!

**JIM PHILLIPS AND HIS OTTB, MIKE**, spearheaded a very lucrative fundraising campaign for us a few years ago.... "I Like Mike" garnered LongRun over \$60,000 with Jim's very generous match donations pledge and we will be forever grateful to him and his talented steed. Mike, a 2013 gelded son of Philanthropist ex Uproar, and thus a full brother to champion and millionaire, Pender Harbour, topped the 2014 CTHS (Ontario) yearling sale but never did live up to his promise while racing, winning once in 8 lifetime starts for owners Paradox Farm, Mardon Stable and Hugh Sutherland.

But it seems that Mike has found his true calling in the show ring, under the tutelage of Olympian, Jessica Phoenix. This year Mike has won an Open Intermediate in Florida, had three other top three finishes including in a Three Star event, and enjoyed success in 1.2 meter jumpers! And Jim's other OTTB, Wabbit, has had a terrific campaign this year as well.

Jessica Phoenix also has a connection with LongRun through graduate War Buckaroo and other LR retirees. Jessica tells us "Thoroughbred horses have always been close to my heart. I started my international competitive career aboard two ex-racehorses, Exploring and Expotential (War Buckaroo). These geldings took me to the highest level of sport, including multiple 5\* competitions, Olympics, World Equestrian Games and Pan American Games. The heart and athletic ability of a thoroughbred is unrivaled and unmatched and will always be a staple in my competitive program".



*Jessica Pheonix competing on Mike*

## OUR NEWEST ADDITION....

**THIS HANDSOME LAD** is Reconfigure, a 10-year-old son of Classic winner Lemon Drop Kid and Grade 2 stakes placed in his own right.



Bred in Kentucky, Reconfigure has a well-spaced but very successful early start to his career in Florida before coming to Woodbine and has now won 10 times in 41 lifetime starts, banking over \$400,000 U.S. He has been kindly retired by owner Deborah Fletcher and trainer Martin Drexler and will be enjoying a little downtime prior to looking for a second career. Everyone associated with him at the racetrack tells us what a gentle soul he is and how wonderful he was to ride.



**THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE YOUR FRIENDS OUR 2023 CALENDAR WITH A MIN. DONATION OF \$25.**

# OUR LONGTIME EXEC ADMINISTRATOR, WENDY MUIR, RETIRES!

**LONGRUN AND OUR HORSES** have been extremely fortunate and thankful to have Wendy working with us for over eight years. . . .Wendy has made this more than a job – it's been a personal mission and she has been a terrific boon to us. We are in the process of searching for a successor who will literally have big shoes to fill and everyone is sad to see Wendy go, but our sadness is tempered by her promise to keep in touch, volunteer and help with events. Wendy and her husband, John, will now have free time to travel and see more of



the world! But, before she goes, Wendy would like to tell everyone about her voyage with LongRun:

“When the silhouette of Vicki Pappas, founder and chairperson of LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society, was cast in my stall doorway, I thought she was there to see one of our horses heading into their program. No, she was there to offer me the position of Executive Administrator for LongRun. A visit to the humble office over the backstretch kitchen was enough for me to start my eight-and-one-half year journey with LongRun.

There have been highs, lows, frustrations and a lot of paperwork. I've talked with people excited about adopting a thoroughbred and others who have sad stories of losing a dear pet and partner. I spent a couple of months in 2016 practicing working from home due to a fractured femur when a horse fell on me. I was often on the phone with a foster farm operator or potential adopter while doing my physiotherapy. It was during this time LongRun finally found the perfect farm in Hillsburgh, ON. I first saw it while being pushed in a wheelchair by my husband; a beautiful, serene 100 acres that had so much potential to consolidate our operation and offer even more horses a chance for a dignified retirement. After much discussion by our committed board and with a generous bequest from Lana Hershelle Sniderman, it was ours.

Now, six years later, I am proud to say I have been

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# OLG VISITS LONGRUN

**LONGRUN** was contacted by Julie Wolak of the OLG asking about volunteer opportunities on our farm for her department. Being “non-horsey” people, the LongRun staff creatively came up with a great idea.



On a beautiful sunny day at the beginning of October, the group came to the farm and, arming themselves with scrapers and paint brushes, proceeded to paint as much fence line as possible. They also had a chance to meet a number of the resident horses, who always enjoy visitors. Thank you so much to these wonderful people from the OLG for helping out with one of the many maintenance projects on the farm. We appreciate it so much!!



THE LONGRUN BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOT TOGETHER AUGUST 3RD TO CELEBRATE THE INDUCTION OF CHAIRPERSON VICKI PAPPAS & DIRECTOR SUE LESLIE INTO THE CANADIAN HORSE RACING HALL OF FAME.

## WENDY MUIR RETIRES! (CONTINUED)

part of a group of people dedicated to the rehabilitation, retraining and rehoming of many worthy ex-racehorses. I've helped with successful galas and fundraisers, negotiated for donations and discounts, often dropping the "charity card" on to the table to squeeze out as much extra as possible. I've had long days and nights worrying about sick horses, trying to complete endless pages of grant applications and keeping up with the needs of a busy charity. I got to work with an amazing staff on the farm, have proudly shown off the property to many visitors and fallen in love with many of our horses, both sanctuary and those just passing through. But now it's time to pull on the reins and ease my workload. I've spent almost 50 years involved in the thoroughbred racing industry and now want to spend some time with my family, friends and do some of those things I've put aside for so many years. I will miss LongRun greatly but plan on still helping with events and volunteering. As everyone I've worked with knows, you can never totally leave the horses."

## A WELCOME VISIT FROM COPS AND KIDS!

**ON OCTOBER 16TH**, LongRun was happy to host a very enthusiastic group of youngsters from the ProAction Cops & Kids funded program, Bonnie's HorsePower. This is a free equine program for female and self-identifying female youth between the ages of 10 and 15 years of age. Its focus is on membership, developing a growth mindset, interpersonal skills, nurturing self-worth and confidence, as well as positive interaction with police officers. Many of the participants expressed interest in volunteering and perhaps adopting one of our retired thoroughbreds down the road!



## MYRACEHORSE VISITS LONGRUN

**ON THE EVE** of the 2022 Queen's Plate, arguably Canada's most prestigious horse race, LongRun welcomed a group of owners from MyRacehorse, an organization which offers affordable shares in thoroughbreds to racing aficionados and then makes sure their multiple owners enjoy the varied perks of racehorse ownership, including their raceday experience, backstretch visits and tours of aftercare facilities.



The group was noticeably on edge, and who wouldn't be, as their charge, Duke of Love, was competing in the Plate the next day. Although Duke didn't hit the board in the Queen's Plate, he redeemed himself nicely by capturing the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown, the Prince of Wales Stakes, in Fort Erie three weeks later.



## WILL WONG



BLOGGER AND SOCIAL INFLUENCER, **WILL WONG**, IS ALREADY THE APPLE OF OUR EYE, AS EVERY OCTOBER HE UNSELFISHLY ASKS HIS

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS TO DONATE TO LONGRUN VIA A FUNDRAISER HE HOSTS RATHER THAN BUY HIM A BIRTHDAY GIFT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, WONDERFUL WILL.... YOU ARE A GREAT FRIEND OF HORSES AND THE RACING INDUSTRY AND WE HOPE YOU STAY FOREVER YOUNG.

## QUEEN'S PLATE DATE

### WHEN WE HELD

our Queen's Plate Graduate Race as a fund-raiser mid-pandemic in 2021, one of the draw prizes being offered to anyone who sponsored a horse in the "race" was tickets for two to this year's Queen's Plate. The winner was Pam Sinclair who enjoyed herself thoroughly that hot summer's day this past August. She was given a tour of the grandstand, had a chance to be in the walking ring for one of the races and had great seats to watch the fabulous filly Moira win the big race. Glad you enjoyed your day Pam!



## THESE ARE THE HORSES WE HELP.....

**LONGRUN IS GRATEFUL** to the owners and trainers who entrust their retiring racehorses to us and, while many of these horses are able to go on to a second career after rest, rehab and retraining, there are others who, due to physical limitation, are offered a safety net and sanctuary at our Hillsburgh farm.



*Wild JJ at Bronte Creek*

We are proud to be able to care for horses like 24 year old **WILD JJ**, who retired in 2004 and has been with us ever since - JJ spent to one summer as our ambassador to the public at Bronte Creek Provincial Park and did us proud.

**SHE GOES WEST**, now also 24, who came back to us after a brief stint at cross breeding when an adopter's reversal of fortune dictated her return, is now a part of Main Executive's "harem".



*She Goes West looking beautiful*



*Even in his twenties, Rare Friends is a true beauty*

**RARE FRIENDS**, Canada's 2001 Champion two year old, spent many happy years with adopter John Lethangue but, when his equine companion died and John had to sell his farm, Rare Friends came back to LongRun to live out his twilight years. Unfortunately, space is limited for horses who can't move on like JJ, She Goes West and Rare Friends.....but we try our very best to assist as many as we can. Your sponsorship is always helpful!

# AFTERCARE DAY AT WOODBINE!

AND MAKE SURE TO VISIT US ON LONGRUN DAY AT THE RACES  
Saturday, November 12th  
2nd floor Woodbine

# SAY THANK YOU!

LONGRUN WAS GRATEFUL to be made a part of Woodbine's Aftercare Day on October 8th, which featured a super card of racing and \$5,000 cheque presentations to both LongRun and the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. Our friend, Catherine Martin-Vella of Exclusively Equine, along with cohort, Dr. Vicky Banks, set up a display of Catherine's merchandise with a portion

of the proceeds of her sales going to benefit our horses. If you weren't able to be there, start your Christmas shopping by visiting the Exclusively Equine website...www.exclusivelyequine.ca.



✓ Yes, I want to make sure Ontario's racehorses get an appropriate retirement. I know my donation will help care for retired thoroughbreds.

You can also donate online at:  
**www.longrunretirement.com**

Here is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am also interested in:  
 Adopting    Volunteering

Please make your cheque payable to:  
**LONGRUN THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT SOCIETY**

If you would like more information about the group and be placed on the LongRun mailing list, or to find out how to adopt or foster a retired thoroughbred, send in the following information:

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