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To All California Thoroughbred Owners:

On December 14, 2007, the California Horse Racing Board voted to adopt an amendment to CHRB Rule 1467, to authorize the paymaster to deduct three tenths of one percent of the net purse earned by any thoroughbred horse at a thoroughbred race meeting or racing fair for deposit into the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA) to be used to benefit retired racehorses.

Last summer the TOC formed an "Equine Retirement Committee", and was tasked by the CHRB to come up with a plan to provide money for the retraining and/or proper retirement of our race horses. That plan, now approved by the CHRB, is expected to take effect with the beginning of the Del Mar meet on July 16, 2008.

CARMA is a charitable 501c3 organization that has been established by the TOC under the auspices of the CHRB. Beginning with the Del Mar meet, .3% will be deducted from purses to help fund CARMA. To put it in simpler terms, that's \$3.00 for every \$1,000.00 earned in purse money. This money will be distributed to farms and facilities that qualify under the CARMA program for funding. Grants will be limited to the care and retraining of horses that raced in California. This program has been put into effect by the CHRB on an "opt out" basis. Those owners wishing to abstain from participation in this program can sign a form instructing the paymaster to not withhold these funds. We sincerely hope that most owners, even though they may always care for their animals, will help care for those animals that have been neglected and have no voice or advocate to fight for them. CARMA intends to raise other money, besides that collected from purses, to supplement its horse retirement program. Fundraising events are being planned, and donations from the rest of the industry including tracks, jockeys, trainers, etc. will be solicited.

In advance, the TOC would like to thank all of the thoroughbred owners throughout the state of California for their support for this important program. We hope CARMA will set an important precedent for the rest of the country.

Sincerely,

TOC Board of Directors