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The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund to Host New Standardbred Owner Seminar at Tioga Downs

NICHOLS, N.Y. — The [Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund](#) is hosting a seminar for new and prospective Standardbred horse owners at the Tioga Downs on **Sunday, June 16**. Participants are invited to gather at 9 a.m. for a backstretch tour and informational panel discussions, followed by lunch and live racing. **There is no cost to this program, but reservations are requested by close of business on Friday, June 14 to ensure sufficient materials are available.**

9:00 a.m. – Backstretch Tour
10:15 a.m. – Seminar
12:30 p.m. – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Live Racing

Panel discussions will be led by industry veterans and cover a variety of topics relating to Standardbred ownership, including types of ownership, the risks and rewards of owning a Standardbred racehorse, training costs, vet bills, tax issues/incentives, racehorse aftercare, and other financial considerations.

"We are excited to offer this opportunity to introduce and educate potential new owners on the ins-and-outs of owning a Standardbred racehorse in a qualified environment with experienced Standardbred professionals," said M. Kelly Young, executive director, Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. "Owning a horse can be fun and rewarding, but it is a big step and no one should go in blind. We want to serve as a resource for first-time Standardbred owners and make the process of getting involved in this industry as easy as possible."

For additional information and to RSVP, please contact Angie McGrath at amcgrath@caphill.com or call Sarah Buck at 518-463-8644.

Tioga Downs is located at 2384 West River Rd, Nichols, NY 13812.

About the Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund:

The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine research within the state. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races.

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