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DRF Partners with Penn National to Raise Money for Equine Aftercare on Penn Mile Day

Grantville, PA (Tuesday, May 21, 2013) – The Daily Racing Form is pitching in to help raise money and awareness for equine aftercare on Penn Mile Day, Saturday, June 1, at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course.

The DRF has donated black and red hats with the DRF logo and copies of Brad Free's book, "Handicapping 101: An Introduction to Betting on Horses." The hat and book will be available for \$15 each at on-track informational kiosks for three equine aftercare organizations: [CANTER of Pennsylvania](#), [New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program](#), and [ReRun, Inc.](#), with all proceeds going to benefit those organizations. Penn National will be also donating a total of \$10,000 to the three organizations.

The DRF items and donations are part of the biggest night in the track's 40-year history, with the live racing card headlined by the inaugural running of the \$500,000 Penn Mile, the richest race ever run in Central Pennsylvania. The one-mile turf stakes for three-year olds is expected to attract some of the best sophomore grass runners in the nation.

Additionally on June 1, Metro Meteor, known as the Painting Racehorse, will take residence in a portable stall on the Penn National apron area, and 50 of his "Metro Mini" paintings will be available for purchase, with all the proceeds going to benefit New Vocations. Fans will be able to see him, and it is also possible that he will put paintbrush to canvas and display his artistic flair at some point during the evening.

Metro Meteor is an amazing 10-year-old gelding who has become a sensation by virtue of his artistic prowess. After earning nearly \$300,000 on the track and finishing his racing career in 2009 at Penn National for Renpher Stables, Metro was adopted by Ron and Wendy Krajewski.

After two years as a riding horse, knee problems surfaced for Metro that ended his career as a riding horse. However, Ron was amazingly able to teach Metro to paint by holding a brush in his mouth, and the rest was history.

To date, Metro's paintings have sold for more than \$32,000, with half of the proceeds going to benefit New Vocations. Metro has developed a huge fan following and was recently the focus of a TV story that appeared on the TODAY Show. More information on Metro is available at [his official website](#).

The racing action on June 1 features the inaugural running of the \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds on the turf anchoring a card that will also include the \$250,000 Mountainview Handicap for 3-year-olds & up going 1 1/8 miles on the main track, the \$150,000 Pennsylvania Governor's Cup for 3-year-olds & up going five furlongs on the turf, the \$50,000 Penn Dash for 3-year-olds and up going five furlongs, and a pair of \$60,000 six furlong dirt sprints for Pennsylvania-bred or Pennsylvania-sired horses. It will be the richest day of racing in the 40-year history of Penn National.

HRTV, The Network for Horse Sports, will be providing race day coverage of the Penn Mile, including in-studio commentary and analysis by network talent TV and online features and promotion during the week leading up to the events.

Post time will be 6 p.m. Eastern with an All Stakes Early Pick 4 and the Penn Mile scheduled as the fourth race on the card with an approximate 7:22 p.m. post.

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course is a Penn National Gaming property that offers guests the most exciting and unique entertainment experience in Central Pennsylvania. The venue features more than 2,463 slot machines, 53 banked gaming tables, and a 16-table Poker room. Live thoroughbred and simulcast horse racing is offered year-round. An array of dining options are available including the award-winning Final Cut Steakhouse, winner of three consecutive Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence; Mountainview Dining, a 500-seat restaurant overlooking the one-mile racetrack; SkyBox Sports Bar, and the popular 350-seat Epic Buffet.

Penn National Race Course, located minutes from Hershey and Harrisburg, PA., opened on August 30, 1972, and has presented top-class live thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The original track was taken down in 2006 and the new Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, a fully-integrated gaming and racing facility, opened on February 12, 2008.

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