

As 2015 draws to a close, we at Equine Encore Performance at Charles Town are happy to report that we have continued to successfully place retired racehorses that have raced at Charles Town. We have continued our partnership with Aiken Equine Rescue, and have sent 27 horses there to be used for a variety of new careers, including the Saratoga War Horse program, the polo field, and for use in embryo transfer. In addition, we are excited to be working with AER to provide one or more horses for the Retired Racehorse Project, and will provide updates on this as they are available.

We also placed 5 horses with the MARE center at Virginia Tech's Leesburg campus. These horses are being used in a pasture study, and we are sure they are enjoying their new job of eating grass all day long!

In addition, we provided some financial assistance to Jefferson County Animal Control for a horse they had seized which had raced at Charles Town and ended up in a bad situation where he was neglected and starved. We were happy to help support JCAC for all the good work that they do.

Since our inception in January 2014, we have placed a total of 87 horses (54 in 2014 and 33 in 2015). While our numbers may be lower this year, we are confident that we have found appropriate new careers for all that have been placed. Being an all-volunteer organization, we are able to spend over 90% of our funds directly on the horses, while keeping administrative expenses to a minimum.

We look forward to another successful year in 2016!