



Thoroughbred Aftercare:
For the love of the horse, and the future of the sport.

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WILD HEARTS
Thoroughbred Adoption Society

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025

Healing Takes Time — and a Community: Carla's Rehabilitation Journey

Carla (JC Carla's Honor) arrived at Wild Hearts in late August 2024 after sustaining a lower sesamoid fracture — an injury that requires extensive time, strict management, and hands-on care, and one that initially carried a carefully guarded prognosis.

Because Wild Hearts generally accepts horses with a clearer prognosis for a ridden second career, cases of this intensity are not part of our standard intake. But her loving connections approached us early, the timing aligned, and — thanks to the generosity and trust of our supporters — we were able to say yes.

Under the close guidance of our veterinarian, Carla entered a carefully structured rehabilitation plan including stall rest, controlled hand-walking, and scheduled imaging to monitor bone and soft-tissue healing. She has been treated with patience, consistency, and deep care from our team.

At her most recent ultrasound and X-rays, our veterinarian shared encouraging news: *"She might be the miracle of the year — her healing is surpassing expectations."*



Carla will continue with controlled rest for another two months before undergoing final imaging and a full veterinary reassessment. If her healing continues on this trajectory, she will begin her foundation retraining in the spring, followed by placement into a highly specific, approved home suited to her needs.

Carla's journey reflects the very best of aftercare — a partnership of compassion, expertise, and consistency that allows a horse with a guarded prognosis the time and structure needed to heal.

This kind of outcome is only possible because of the community that stands with us. Your support empowers Wild Hearts to say "yes" when timing, space, and responsible connections align — ensuring horses like Carla receive the patient, thoughtful care that gives them every opportunity for a supported and meaningful next chapter.

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Thank you 2026 Organizational Donors Sneak Peek

A first look at the organizations already committed to standing with Wild Hearts in 2026 — leaders who are shaping the future of Thoroughbred aftercare. We are now welcoming additional 2026 organizational partners through the end of 2025. To request the organizational donor package or secure your place in this high-impact circle, please email info@wildheartsthoroughbredadoption.com. Organizational donors receive full tax receipts and premium, year-round recognition.



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Alumni Spotlight: Maverick's Story Shines Bright

Maverick (JC My Man Stan) is thriving in his happily-ever-after — so much so that it's hard to keep up with everything he and his adopter have been up to. Many will remember that Maverick was adopted alongside his best friend Goose (JC Whitershadeofpale) into a wonderful home just minutes from the Wild Hearts ranch.

Their adopter, Charlee, comes from a family with deep rodeo roots, and Maverick has stepped into that world with the same heart and presence he showed on the track. What began as relaxed bonding rides has grown into something special — this handsome gelding is now turning heads as rodeo royalty himself.

Seeing Maverick and Goose flourish in a life filled with purpose, partnership, and joy is everything aftercare strives for. Their journey is a beautiful example of how thoughtful retirement and the right match can open doors to a bright, meaningful future. Our heartfelt thanks to Charlee, Kim, Steve, and William for giving both boys such a wonderful next chapter.



Why Aftercare?

Aftercare is more than a moment — it's a promise. It's how we honour the horses who make this sport possible and ensure they step confidently into their next chapters. At Wild Hearts, responsible transition means more than a sale.

Every horse receives:

- *A complete veterinary reassessment*
- *Professional transitioning, from diet to daily care*
- *Quality retraining suited to their abilities*
- *Placement only into rigorously approved homes, with required follow-up so no horse ever slips through the cracks*

We currently accept both sound horses and those needing rehabilitation, provided they have a prognosis for a ridden career. This approach allows us to support horses at different stages while ensuring every horse has a clear, responsible path forward.

Our adoption fees remain below market value because approved homes meet far higher standards than the open market: applications, references, facility tours, and ongoing check-ins. These safeguards create a lifelong safety net—something made possible only through structured, accountable aftercare.

Looking ahead, our long-term vision is Aftercare for All, including eventually developing a sanctuary arm so horses who are not suited to ridden work still receive lifelong dignity, safety, and peace.

This work reflects the very best of our sport — leadership, accountability, and love for the horse long after the finish line.

And it exists because of people who choose to champion that standard.

If this mission aligns with your values and your hopes for the future of Thoroughbreds in Canada, we invite you to consider supporting Wild Hearts through your annual giving or legacy plans. Together, we can expand what's possible.

To make a year-end gift: You can donate securely through our website

www.wildheartsthoroughbredadoption.com (with an automatic tax receipt), or e-transfer your contribution to info@wildheartsthoroughbredadoption.com and receive your tax receipt within 24 hours.



Wild Hearts newest intake is 'EXTRA INNINGS', a handsome California bred 2020 gelding who's currently in his letdown period at the ranch.