

Retired Race Horse Thrives on Love, Massages and Brooks Feed

Hello Laurie. Here's an update on Ryan's Court who we first talked about back in the winter.

Ryan's Court is a Standardbred gelding by Hampton's Court. He was a very successful race horse, having won races every year. He recently celebrated his 30th birthday at The Walkerton Equine Clinic where he has been stabled for the last 7 years.

In 2000 I had just finished equine massage school and did some massages on him. He was sore jogging with the cart, so I sometimes ran with him around the track for 4 miles as part of my training as a competitive runner. By October of 2002, Ryan had found a home as a riding horse. Years later when I was looking for an older companion horse for my aging mare, Ryan became a riding horse at my parent's place. Eventually I moved Ryan to the Walkerton Equine Clinic where he is well looked after by Rebecca Geisel. I rode him for the first few years, but he doesn't enjoy it so now he walks and runs with me on the track, around the property, and does ground exercises in the arena. He likes to pace home like he's in the last quarter of a race so that's a good sign he's still feeling great. I give Ryan massages and infra-red and magnetic therapy several times a week to keep him healthy.

He has been on Brooks feed for at least the past 15 years. Now he's on a Fibre O Plus and hay cubes. I'm thankful to Brooks Feed for providing a great quality product that my horse loves and thrives on in his old age.

This horse is my best buddy. He worked hard as a racehorse and I'm glad to be able to give him a happy, well deserved life after racing.

Thanks Laurie,

Shelly May

