

Inmates Care for Retired Racehorses

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SYKESVILLE, Md. (AP) -- Maryland's prison agency says it has partnered with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation to provide a home for retired racehorses tended by inmates.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services plans to dedicate the Second Chances Farm near Sykesville on Thursday.

The agency says the first three horses arrived Monday at the 27-acre farm, which is on state property next to the Police and Correctional Training Commissions.

Thirty to 40 horses eventually will live on the property, tended by minimum-security inmates and those nearing release from prison.

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation is based in Saratoga, N.Y. It has similar arrangements in New York, Kentucky, Florida, Florida, Indiana, Virginia and South Carolina.