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TOBA TO OFFER CLINIC AND SEMINAR IN SARATOGA SPRINGS

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced today that it will conduct a Pedigree and Conformation Clinic on Monday, August 8 and a Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar on Thursday, August 11 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The Pedigree and Conformation Clinic, sponsored by Blood-Horse Publications, will feature conformation presentations and live evaluations as well as pedigree discussions that will include nicking, linebreeding, outcrossing and inbreeding. Clinic speakers include Suzi Shoemaker, Al Stall, Brian Graves, Dr. Scott Pierce, Bob Feld and Dan Hall. The clinic will begin at 8 a.m. at the Fasig-Tipton Sales Pavilion. The registration fee for the clinic is \$93.75 for TOBA members and \$175 for non-members and includes all support materials, breakfast and lunch. The TOBA member rate reflects a significantly discounted rate in honor of the 50th anniversary of the organization. Throughout 2011 TOBA will extend discounted rates on seminars and clinics to its members.

The Thoroughbred Ownership Seminar, also sponsored by Blood-Horse Publications, will feature discussions on industry business issues, options for acquiring horses including partnerships, auctions and claiming as well as a discussion about veterinary topics. Speakers include Jeff Cannizzo, John Hess, Roger Locks, Jeff Schwartz, John Fort, Mike Ryan, Eric Friedman, Sasha Sanan of Padua Stables, Thoroughbred trainer Ian Wilkes, Wezo Pierson of the Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program and Dr. Michael Hore. The seminar will begin at 8 a.m. at Saratoga Race Course and will include breakfast, lunch and an afternoon of racing. The registration fee for the Ownership Seminar is \$56.25 for TOBA members and \$100 for non-members and includes all support materials, admission to the track and meals. Complete agendas for both events can be found on www.toba.org.

TOBA's next educational event is a Pedigree and Conformation Clinic, October 10-11 in Lexington, Ky. The seminar will include farm tours, a pedigree workshop and conformation evaluations. For a complete list of TOBA seminars and clinics visit www.toba.org or for more information, please contact Erin Crady at 859-276-2291 or ecrady@toba.org.

TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to "*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*" Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, The Racing Game, Sales Integrity Program and Claiming Crown. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member.

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