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TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL HAS SPECIAL OFFER TO FIRST TIME BUYERS, TERMS FEATURE UNIQUE 4-PAYMENT PLAN FOR NEW OWNERS TO STABLE, ANNUAL OFFERING IS A TODD PLETCHER-EARMARKED MR. GREELEY COLT

In a scheme that has proved to be beneficial to both the stable and 17 brand new owners to the sport of Thoroughbred racing in the last two years, Team Valor International has decided to make an annual promotion of offering newcomers to the stable a chance to buy into a selected home-bred racing prospect under attractive terms and conditions.

The promotion, which is restricted to first-time participants with the Kentuckybased racing stable, allows newcomers an opportunity to buy an interest in one of the stable's prized home-bred colts and be able to pay on an installment basis.



Initiated two racing seasons ago, the newcomers promotion has to be termed an unqualified success. Two years ago, Team Valor offered newcomers home-bred Sailor's Cap, a colt that went on to win the Grade 2, \$600,000 Turf Cup at Colonial Downs at 3 and the Grade 3 Poker Handicap at 4 at Belmont Park.



Sailor's Cap won the \$600,000 Colonial Turf Cup at Colonial Downs racetrack in Virginia in the summer of his season as a 3-year-old

Last December, Team Valor made its home-bred second offering the yearling colt Pluck and last weekend he not only became a Graded stakes winner of the Summer \$250,000 Stakes at Woodbine. he garnered an invite to the Breeders' Cup because the race was part of the "Win and You're In" program.



Pluck won the \$250,000 Grade 2 Summer Stakes last weekend at Woodbine to earn a berth in the Breeder' Cup Juvenile Turf at Churchill Downs



Four newcomers to Team Valor International were among celebrants last Saturday at Woodbine after the group's 2-year-old colt Pluck won the \$250,000 Summer Stakes to guarantee himself s berth in the starting gate for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf to be contested November 6 for a purse of \$1 million dollars going a mile and a sixteenth on grass at Churchill Downs.

Both Graded stakes winners afforded the newcomers a chance to enter the ranks of ownership at a high level and at a reasonable dollar figure, as well as being able to pay on attractive terms.

Seven newcomers availed themselves of the opportunity to participate in the ownership group that raced Sailor's Cap and 10 newcomers came on board with Pluck.

Among the 7 newcomers in Sailor's Cap were a surgeon from Tampa and a physician from Phoenix, who went on from their participation in their initial TVI venture to become partners in the English colt Gitano Hernando (winner of the \$350,000 Grade 1 Goodwood Stakes over Colonel John and Mine That Bird at Santa Anita), Hull (who won the Grade 3 Derby Trial at Churchill Downs) and Junia Tepzia (who won the Premio Coolmore in Italy and was third choice in a Breeders' Cup stakes).

Irwin said "Our reasons for doing the newcomer promotion are twofold. First, as an accommodation to our loyal client base, Team Valor offers a 48-hour window of opportunity to existing clients on every new horse bought to race in our stable. After the 48 hours elapses, if there are any unsold interests, they are at that point offered to our 450 list of prospective partners.

"So for some of our prime and most popular offerings, newcomers never get an opportunity to join in the fun. That is why once a year I want to let our newcomers have first chance at a top prospect.



"Secondly, since a first horse bought by a newcomer could be the owner's last if it doesn't work out well, it behooves Team Valor International to offer the very finest prospect to newcomers in order to get them off on the right foot. So we have been extremely selective in choosing young horses in which we have the most confidence."

This year's offering is Thursby, the chestnut colt whose photograph graces the first page of this new story. Thursby is by Mr. Greeley out of the German mare Dalicia, by Acatenango. He is in training with Randy Bradshaw at Adena Springs South near Ocala, Florida.



Thursby derives his name from a character in the Classic 1941 motion picture "<u>The Maltese Falcon</u>."

Interests totaling 50 percent are being offered in Thursby in increments of 10 and 5 percent based on a total valuation of \$250,000, payable in 4 installments. If a newcomer buys a 5-percent interest, the cost will be \$12,500, payable \$3,500 at time of purchase and 3 payments of \$3,000 each payable on December 1, then on February 1 and May 1. For a 10-percent interest, the figures double.

As is Team Valor's policy, shares in Thursby will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties are invited to contact Megan Jones (859) 533-8545 or <u>teamvalor3@aol.com</u> to sign up or Aron Wellman (310) 968-9559 or <u>teamvalornews@aol.com</u> to ask questions about the colt or the offering.

The \$250,000 syndication value was arrived at by a) comparing Thursby with his younger weanling full brother, who was sold this year in Japan for \$250,000; b) taking into consideration the sales history of his dam, who twice sold for \$400,000 at public auction; c) considering the \$125,000 stud fee paid to breed Mr. Greeley to his dam; and d) taking into consideration the promise of his 2-year-old half-brother Animal Kingdom, who is the first foal of the mare.

Next spring, after the strapping colt has learned his lessons, he will be sent to Todd Pletcher, who has been Team Valor International's go-to trainer for the past 5 seasons. Pletcher is the trainer of the stable's Breeders' Cup bound 2-year-olds Pluck (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf) and Valiant Passion (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies).

Although Pletcher has struck pay dirt for Team Valor International in stakes with such winners as Fairbanks (Grade 2), Pluck (Grade 3), Audacious Chloe (4 stakes wins), King of the Roxy (Grade 2), River Belle (Grade 2), Warning Zone and Fantastico Roberto, perhaps the best runner he trained for the stable was the ill-fated Kinsella, a \$2.2-million Saratoga yearling sale topper that won his first 2 races at Gulfstream and Saratoga, was a valiant third in the Grade 3 Bryan Station Stakes at Keeneland and was euthanized after breaking down in a workout at Santa Anita.

Kinsella, like Thursby, was sired by Mr. Greeley. Kinsella excelled on the grass, but trained like a freak on synthetics. Thursby has the same type of physical look and pedigree attributes as Kinsella.



Thursby will be trained by Todd Pletcher

Thursby is the second foal from the near German Champion Dalicia, who was the second high-rated older filly or mare of her crop at 4, the season she took a notable scalp in Soldier Hollow, a horse that was beaten in a photo for the Arlington Million and was Horse of the Year in Germany. Dalicia beat the Horse of the Year going a mile and a quarter on turf at Baden-Baden in the autumn of the year. Her own sire Acatenango was a German legend, voted Horse of the Year 3 times, winning 7 Group 1 fixtures in France and Germany, and 4 times being leading sire. He won 16 of 24 races in Europe.

Dalicia was bred twice to Mr. Greeley. The result of the second mating produced a foal (right) of 2010 that was sold in July in Japan for \$250,000. The first foal, bought back by its breeders, is 2-year-old colt Animal Kingdom, a son of Eclipse Award-wining turf horse Leroidesanimaux.

(When Barry Irwin bought Dalicia for \$400,000, it constituted a record price for a broodmare prospect sold at public auction in Germany. He also bought as agent Leroidesanimaux, who went on to be voted Champion American Turf horse.)

Dalicia is no longer owned by Team Valor, as she was sold to dissolve a partnership last year, when she was sold at Tattersalls December Sale in Newmarket, England on a bid of \$400,000.



Animal Kingdom (below) made his racing debut last Saturday at Arlington Park, where he has trained in brilliant fashion, turning in a pair of 1:00-flat breezes for 5 furlongs in two of his last four workouts. Such was his reputation that he was sent off as the 5 to 2 favorite, in spite of having to break from the next-to-the-outside post position in a full field in a race that was switched from turf to Polytrack and lengthened from a mile to a mile and a sixteenth. Not to mention that his trainer Wayne Catalano in 10 previous attempts at the meeting had failed to win a single race with a first-time starter going long.



Recounting the details of Animal Kingdom's race is a lengthy exercise in storytelling and post-race analysis. To read a full account of the race, please click here. But in short, here is a summary:

Animal Kingdom finished second, beaten 2 ³/₄ lengths. The colt walked out of the gate, trailed early, was forced to check when the eventual winner moved over to the rail and cut him off at the 3-furlong pole and was manhandled by his rider to maneuver outside for a clear run down the

lane. His loss of ground and momentum as a result of these three incidents cost him several lengths, definitely more than he was beaten by.

The important thing most observers took away from the race, as they witnessed the colt cut into the winner's margin down the lane with a long, ground-devouring stride, is that Animal Kingdom is an exciting racing prospect with unlimited potential.

His trainer Wayne Catalano said "This colt ran like a potential Champion!"

His manager Barry Irwin said "He just might make his next start in a stakes!"

Wilcox Inn, the colt that beat Animal Kingdom, reportedly is the subject of a \$500,000 offer. Seasoned Chicago racegoers gave higher praise for Animal Kingdom, as he closed a gap in the short stretch run of the 1 1/16-mile race and did so after going wide and losing important momentum.

Barry Irwin, who knows both colts like the back of his hand, said "Animal Kingdom is every bit as promising a colt as Pluck and actually may have a better future, because he will be able to run farther than Pluck. It is not very often that one sees a colt this big with a stride that long who is so explosive."



Leroidesanimaux, sire of Animal Kingdom, was bought by Barry Irwin, for whose client he won an Eclipse Award as Champion Turf Horse.

Having known Animal Kingdom and Thursby since birth and watched both of them develop over the years, Irwin said "Animal Kingdom was backward and gangly as a yearling. He really didn't start into his own until Wayne breezed him a half at Arlington just a couple of months ago.

"Thursby is a different sort. He was a spectacular foal, with a great shape, not atypical of the best of the Mr. Greeley offspring. He has that wide and fully packed hip that is the hallmark of Mr. Greeley foals. And, as he moved into his yearling season, he continued to grow into his frame. I consider him to be a superior individual to Animal Kingdom at this stage of his development."



Unbeknownst to most outside the stable, Team Valor and Irwin maintain a select band of about 30 broodmares boarded in Kentucky, England, France and South Africa. Most of the offspring are marketed at Keeneland, Tattersalls in England, Deauville in France and Germiston in South Africa. Over the past 2 years, horses offered in these various locales have sold for a lot of money.

Pluck wins Grade 3 Summer Stakes in hand.

Occasionally, Team Valor will retain a few of the offspring to race. Fillies are usually the ones kept to race, but every once in awhile a colt is retained. Team Valor has a history of retaining for racing purposes the initial offspring of some of its mares. When the stable kept Hot Option back in the late 1980s in order to prove her, her first foal, named Valor Lady, became a stakes horse right off the bat.

Hot Option and Valor Lady were sold as a package and she went on to become a Graded stakes winner of nearly \$500,000. Hot Option's daughter Wave On also was placed in the broodmare band by Team Valor and the stable retained her son Sailor's Cap to race. He earned more than \$619,000. "

Additional home-breds to race that won stakes include the aforementioned Sailor's Cap (4 wins, \$619,282, Grade 2 winner), Valor Lady (8 wins, \$479,391, Grade 3 winner at Saratoga) and Pluck (2 wins at 2, \$184,341).

This season in France, a Team Valor partnership is represented by its star homebred Brigantin, who may be the best staying French 3year-old, having finished first or second in 8 of 9 starts, including finishing first in his last 3 starts, all stakes, among



Home-bred 3-year-old Brigantin has finished first or second in 8 of 9 starts at 2 and 3 and recently added the Group 3 Prix de Lutece at Longchamp in France to his cache of wins. He has finished first in 3 stakes races in a row in France and Switzerland.

them the Group 2 Prix de Lutece last time. He will point for the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup next June and the \$6-million Melbourne Cup the following year.

Champions bred and sold by Team Valor partnerships include Sonrisa (Champion Filly in Mexico at 2, in 2008), Cuentmelotoo (Champion Colt at 3, Champion Stayer in Panama at 4, 2009) and Devil Wears Prado (Grade 1 winner in Russia at 2, in 2008).

Stakes winners bred by Team Valor or Barry Irwin that were sold *in utero* (mare was owned by TVI or Irwin, mated, bred and sold carrying the stakes winner) include such illustrious horses as King Kamehameha (Champion Colt at 3 in Japan, 8 starts, 7 wins, \$3.9-million, Grade 1 Japan Derby, syndicated for more than \$22 million, leading sire, pictured at right), Golden Missile (7 wins, \$2.1 million, Grade 1 winner of the Pimlico Special, sire), Oczy Czarnie (Group 1 Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp and Grade 3 Pucker Up Stakes at Arlington Park) and Rock and Roll (10 wins, \$708,387, Grade 2 Churchill Downs Handicap, Grade 3 Pennsylvania Derby).



Mr. Greeley should require very little introduction to seasoned racing folk, as his \$125,000 fee last year was tops at Gainesway Farm, one of the top Thoroughbred stud farms and nurseries in all of the bluegrass.

The son of Gone West by Mr. Prospector is the sire of El Corredor, a Grade 1 winner on dirt of the Cigar Mile and a successful young sire in his own right, already producing the Grade 1-winning fillies Crisp, Backseat Rhythm and Adieu.

Mr. Greeley also is the sire of such Group 1 winners in Great Britain as Finsceal Beo (Champion 6 times in 3 different countries, twice a Group 1 Classic Guineas heroine), Saoirse (2 Group 1 sprints) and Buddy Reel (Group 1 Sussex Stakes, one of England's top mile fixtures).

Other runners of note in the United States sired by Mr. Greeley include Del Mar Futurity hero Horse Greeley; Illinois Derby hero Greeley's Galaxy; Grade 1 Humana Distaff hero Celtic Melody; Grade 1 Mother Goose Stakes winner Nonsuch Bay; Grade 1 Belmont Futurity Stakes hero Whywhywhy, also a decent sire; Group 1 Australian winner Miss Kournikova; and Jim Dandy Stakes winner Kensei; American Derby winner Fan Club's Mister.



Mr. Greeley imparts size, scope and depth to his foals.



Dalicia (left and below) was a Group 3 winner at Germany's best race course and when she won her Group 3 she beat the top-ranked older male runner in the country in Soldier Hollow, the Arlington Million runner-up and multiple Group 1 winner. She also placed in Group company in Germany and was stakes-placed in France.

The mare hails from a very productive German family and Team Valor shared in the spoils as it raced Daveron, who was produced by Dalicia's half-sister. Barry Irwin bought Daveron as a yearling at the German national sale and won a Listed race with her last season at Baden-Baden before she came to the United States and earned a 95 Beyer number and 8 Ragozin Sheet figure in taking her debut by 5 lengths at Belmont Park for trainer Cristophe Clement.



Dalicia's own dam was produced by Diasprina, who won the best 2-year-old filly race run in Germany and her half-sister Desidera was the Champion Filly at 2 and the dam of two major German winners. one of whom was second in the Group 1 German Derby. A particularly "live" female family. 5 of the stakes winners earned their stakes brackets in the last 4 on the vears German Turf.

ANIMAL KINGDOM FASHIONS STUNNING EFFORT IN DEBUT AT ARLINGTON, EXPLOSIVE COLT WITH LONG STRIDE IMPRESSIVE FINISHING BIG SECOND

Nothing went particularly well for Animal Kingdom from the moment Saturday's ninth race at Arlington Park was drawn until the Team Valor International colorbearer finished second in his racing But would debut. it be disingenuous to say that any of the 2-year-old colt's partners were disappointed by what they witnessed.

When the race was drawn for a mile on grass, Animal Kingdom drew next to the outside post in a field of 11 juveniles. Rain forced racing officials to transfer the big field from the wet grass to the Polytrack. Unlike most racing associations that would have reverted to a one-turn mile because of the presence of a



one-mile chute, Arlington instead lengthened the distance of the race from 8 to 8 ½ furlongs, so that the event would retain its condition book promise to horsemen and owners as a 2-turn affair.

"Fork me," said Barry Irwin as he was dining in front of his television set in Kentucky. "If they had kept the distance at a mile and run out of the chute, it would have eliminated any problems our colt might have experienced with his wide draw on the main track. I would have been able to squeal 'How sweet it is!' Instead I was forced to make reference to a dining utensil!" Irwin's worst fears proved well founded, as the tall chestnut waltzed out of the gate absolutely last and was taken directly to the rail by leading rider Junior Alvarado. The Leroidesanimaux colt raced along the rail around the clubhouse turn and down the entire length of the backstretch.

As the field reached the end of the backstretch, Alvarado had room inside and signaled to Animal Kingdom to start to pick up his pace. Eventual winner Wilcox Inn, who was a clear body width off the fence at that point, dropped down along the rail, forcing Alvarado to check sharply. Wilcox Inn, who was adjacent to Animal Kingdom in the gate and would run a powerful race to win by 2 ³/₄ lengths, seemed to be just ahead of Animal Kingdom at all times and avoided trouble, while his eventual runner-up was forced to deal with traffic.

Alvarado was able to reposition Animal Kingdom in a good spot in the middle of the far turn. He knew he had a lot of horse and he learned the colt was capable of an explosive move. So turning for home, instead of remaining in the middle of the field and hoping something opened up, Alvarado decided to take matters squarely into his own hands by yanking the colt's head and jumping him two lanes to the outside in an effort to gain some running room. "Classic error on turf or synthetics," noted Irwin. "What separates the top riders on grass and carpet fuzz is the smart guy's understanding that going wide is a formula for disaster. The choice is to go wide or stay inside. If one chooses to go wide, they are going to lose. If they stay inside and a hole opens up, their chances to win increase dramatically. If a hole doesn't materialize, no biggie, because they were not going to win anyway. All the sharp riders and trainers realize this."



So while Alvarado was making his maneuvers, Wilcox Inn stole off to an insurmountable lead. Animal Kingdom flew home, as well, and made up 1 ¼ lengths in the final furlong, but the winner is no joke and he was gone.

Aron Wellman said "The winner is a freak. I know that his trainer Mike Stidham considers him to be a very special colt and I would not be surprised to see him change hands for a very large figure very soon after this effort. Everybody was talking about him afterwards."

Irwin said "And they were talking about our colt, too. I never received more e-mails and text messages about a first-time starter than this guy. If given a choice between Animal Kingdom and Wilcox Inn right now, I am certain that Animal Kingdom would be the overwhelming choice. The two aspects of his performance that stood out are the length of his stride. He covers an enormous amount of ground. Secondly, he is very explosive for such a tall colt that is bred to run long on grass.

"Wayne Catalano (above) told me after the race that this colt could be a Champion in the making. I am not about to make reservations for the Eclipse Award dinner in January, but his point is well taken. This colt has an inordinate amount of natural ability, a desire to compete and a fantastic temperament. There is absolutely no telling where this colt might level off."

In what is bound to be a key race and one that is talked about for months to come, Animal Kingdom was sent off as the mild 5 to 2 favorite. He is likely to make his second start at Keeneland, either on Polytrack or turf.

Barry Irwin said "I wouldn't be adverse to running him back in a stakes race off of this run. I'm not saying we are going to do it, but I wouldn't rule it out. Catalano just got finished winning the Grade 3 Arlington-Washington Futurity with a maiden. Look, Animal Kingdom figures to move up a ton off of this race. Keep in mind that Wayne Catalano has been zero for 10 at the meet trying to win a maiden route race with a first-time starter. That's got to say a lot about the race our boy ran today."

Animal Kingdom is the first foal from the near German Champion mare Dalicia, who beat Arlington Million photo-finish runner-up and German Horse of the Year Soldier Hollow in a Group 3 race. Her two subsequent foals, both by Mr. Greeley, are a yearling colt that Team Valor will offer to newcomers, and a weanling that was sold in Japan in July as a foal alongside Dalicia for \$250,000.

Closely related to Animal Kingdom is Daveron, a stakes winner bought as a yearling in Germany by Barry Irwin and currently training with Graham Motion at Fair Hill training center.

"Animal Kingdom's second career outing will be one of the most anticipated races of the season for Team Valor and partners," Irwin said. "Personally, I cannot wait!"

THURSBY

Half-brother to Animal Kingdom (second in 1 start at 2, 2010). Out of **DALICIA** (\$195,483,Preis der Sparkassen-Finanztgruppe-**G3**, etc.), half-sister to Darwina (4 wins, dam of **DAVERON**, 3 wins U. S. and Germany, to 5, 2010, Preis der Hotellerie Baden-Baden-L, etc.). Second dam half-sister to **DESIDERA** (Champion Filly at 2 in Germany, \$222,864, Grosser Preis von Berlin-**G3**, etc.; produced **DICKENS**, **DARESSALAM**, **Desirao**), **DIACADA** (German One Thousand Guineas-**G2**, etc.).

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By MR. GREELEY (1988). 5 wins, \$474,452, Swale S.-G3, etc. Sire of 48 stakes winners, 2 Champions, Finsceal Beo (Champion 6 times in Great Britain and Europe, \$1,478,232, One Thousand Guineas-G1 in England, etc.), Saoirse Abu (Champion Filly at 2 in Ireland, \$683,068, Phoenix S-G1, etc.), El Corredor (Cigar Mile-G1, sire), Nonsuch Bay (\$747,078, Mother Goose S.-G1) Whywhywhy (Belmont Futurity-G1. sire), Reel Buddy (Sussex S.-G1 in England, sire), Celtic Melody (Humana Distaff S.-G1), Miss Kournikova (G1 Australia).

1ST Dam

DALICIA, by Acatenango. 3 wins in United States and Germany, \$195,483, Preis der Sparkassen-Finanztgruppe-G3, 2nd Jean Harzheim-Rennen-L, 3rd Lotto Hessen-Pokal-G3, Grand Prix de Compiegne-L in France. Dam of 3 foals, 1 to race.

Animal Kingdom (c. by Leroidesanimaux). Second in 1 start at 2, 2010.

2nd Dam

DYNAMIS, by Dancing Brave. Placed in England. Dam of 5 foals, 4 to race, all winners.

DALICIA (See above.)

Darwina. 4 wins, 3 and 4, in Germany. Producer.

DAVERON. 4 wins in Germany and U. S. to 5, 2010, Preis der Hotellerie Baden-Baden-L, 3rd Credit Suisse SIEMENS-Rennen Hanshin Cup-L.

3rd Dam

- DIASPRINA, by Aspros. 2 wins at 2 in Germany, Preis der Winterkonigin-G3, 2nd Oppenheim-Rennen-L, 3rd Preis von Koln-L. Half-sister to DUKE OF WINDSOR, Dollar Star, Danae, Dolce Vita, Dorophina. Producer.
 - DESIDERA. Champion Filly at 2 in Germany, 3 wins, 2 and 3, \$222,864, Grosser Preis von Berlin-G3, Dusseldorfer BMW-Preis-L, 2nd Moet & Chandon-Rennen-G2, Holsten-Trophy-G3. Producer.
 - **DICKENS**. \$324,430, Grosser Frieberger Premium Preis-L, 2nd BMW German Derby-G1, Gerling Preis-G2, 3rd Baden-Wurttenburg Trophy-G3, etc.

DARESSALAM. Grosser Preis der Hannoverschien Vosbank-L.

Desirao. Winner, 2nd Premio Carlo d''Alessio-**G2** in Italy.

DIACADA. 2 wins, 2 and 3, \$171,895, German One Thousand Guineas-**G2**, 3rd Grosse Europa Meile-**G2**.

DIATRIBE. Kronimus-Rennen-L, 3rd Preis des Union Gestuts-L.

DIABLE. 7 wins, 3 to 5, \$119,918, Siberine-Peitsche der Sparkasse Koln Bonn-L, Euopa-Sprint-L, 2nd Flieger-Preis-L, etc.

FACT SHEET

Name	Thursby
Sex	colt
Color	chestnut
Born	March 24, 2009
Bred	Kentucky
Height at Maturity	16 hands 1 inch
Farm Trainer	Randy Bradshaw
Trainer	Todd Pletcher
Current Location	Adena Springs South, Ocala, Florida
Sire	Mr. Greeley
Dam	Dalicia
Broodmare Sire	Acatenango
Sire Line	Gone West Mr. Prospector Raise a Native
Dam Sire Line	Surumu Literat Birkhahn
Inbreeding	4 x 5 Bold Ruler 5 x 5 Native Dancer
Half-brother	Animal Kingdom
Family	Champion 2yo Filly Desidera, German One Thousand Guineas winner Diacada and German Derby runner-up Dickens, GSW Dalicia, SWs Daveron, Diasprina, Diable, and etc.
Dosage Profile	7 2 7 0 0
Dosage Index	3.57
Center of Distribution	1.00
Total Valuation	\$250,000
10 %	\$25,000 (\$7,000 now 3 remaining payments of \$6,000 spread between now and May, 2011)
5 %	\$12,500 (\$3,500 now 3 remaining payments of \$3,000 spread between now and May, 2011)

Photo Gallery of Thursby and Family



Clockwise, Thursby at 3 weeks of age; wooly boy in January of this year; Thursby starting to look like a racehorse in May at Kentucky Derby time of year; close relative Daveron romping in American debut at Belmont Park, where she won by 5 lengths and got a 95 Beyer speed figure; Animal Kingdom getting set to enter the starting gate last Saturday at Arlington.







