

Maryland Breeder GreenMount Farm: The Next Generation of Thoroughbred Breeding

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Moore's were hooked and began a steady breeding program.

"My mom can get super emotionally attached to our homebreds, which isn't always great for business," Moore explained. "So after a while she handed the reins over to me to manage the farm. My mom opened this door for me."

Moore's Model

While some breeding farms offer services for every aspect of the industry, Moore focuses on the broodmare and foals part. "Raising them to race became completely unrealistic," she said. Although GreenMount has kept some of their homebreds to race under their own banner, Moore finds selling the foals as weanlings and yearlings is the best business model for the farm.

Currently the farm owns three broodmares but also boards horses for clients. All the GreenMount horses are Maryland-bred, though Moore sends their mares to Kentucky to breed to stallions there. "As soon as they are confirmed pregnant, they come back to Maryland to foal," she explained.

"Sabrina has an outstanding work ethic and a lot of enthusiasm," said bloodstock agent Bill Reightler. "She's a pleasure to work with. Reightler first worked with GreenMount through Angie Moore, helping them navigate through those early years. Sabrina Moore then apprenticed with Reightler for many years before establishing her own consignment company out of GreenMount. "Sabrina works hard and deserves all the credit," Reightler added. "In a short time, she has done quite well."

At GreenMount, Moore does everything from foal watch to working with the youngsters prepping them for sales. "I love it all!" she said.

Reightler explained that Moore embraces the industry's lifestyle that demands a lot of time working under people and learning from those at the top before making a name for oneself. "We don't have enough young people dedicated to this sport right now," he said. "For Sabrina, it's more of a passion than a hobby."

Knicks Go

Knicks Go certainly has brought a lot of attention to GreenMount Farm, but to Moore, he's just one of many bright horses that have come from the farm. Angie Moore claimed Kosmo's Buddy, Knicks Go's dam, near the end of her racing career. "She's a sprinter and we wanted to breed her to a stallion with some speed of his own," Moore stated. "His sire [Paynter] had some buzz about him and really nice deep lines. Plus he was very fast."

At the time, Paynter was just getting started with his stud career, which is something Moore tends to look for when breeding their mares. "The freshman sires are always attractive," she said. "They tend to have a lot of buzz about them, which is good for future sales." Moore added, "Sometimes we have to pick the more trendy stallions from a consignment stand point."

Also important to Moore when making matches for her broodmares is finding physical conformation traits that match and/or enhance those of her broodmares.

As a foal, Knicks Go matured quickly and thus, Moore felt it would be better to sell him as weanling versus waiting till he was a yearling. GreenMount sold him through Reightler in 2016 for \$40,000 to Northface Bloodstock. The following year, Korea Racing Authority bought him for \$87,000. Since then, Knicks

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Breeding Thoroughbred racehorses in Maryland has a history spanning over four centuries. In more recent years, however, the industry has been marked by a dearth of new blood among the people producing these great Maryland-bred horses.

While Maryland-bred horses are never far from the national spotlight, one such horse this past season shone an even brighter light on Maryland's Thoroughbred racing industry. In 2020, Knicks Go raced into the headlines by winning the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and then in January of this year, won the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational.

Since then, breeder Sabrina Moore's cell phone seems to have never stopped ringing.

Establishing GreenMount

GreenMount Farm sits on 43-acres in Glyndon and was purchased by Moore's grandfather in 2006. "It really all got started as a hobby farm," Moore explained, adding, "My mom rode horses as a kid and tried her hardest to get all four of her kids into riding but I was the only one who really stuck with it."

Her mother, Angie Moore, first got involved with Thoroughbred racing through a few partnerships in some horses. This early experience was not what they were looking for and soon the Moores welcomed a broodmare in foal to Fantasciat to GreenMount. Since then, the



Maryland Horse Breeders' Association

GreenMount Farm's 2019 filly by Bernardini was named Grand Champion at the 2020 Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling Show.



Derbie Glass

GreenMount Farm-bred Knicks Go on his way to winning the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational this past January.