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Richland Hills To Stand Cougar Cat for 2009 Season

Lexington, Ky.—Cougar Cat, a graded stakes performer on dirt and turf, will stand at Richland Hills for the 2009 breeding season, it was announced today. He will stand for a fee of \$5,000 live foal.

Cougar Cat raced on the dirt and turf in England, France and the United States from ages two to six, competing against top sprinters such as Benny the Bull, Oratorio and Fabulous Strike. He placed in the 2004 Dubai Duty Free Anglesey Stakes (gr. III) and the 2007 Aristides Stakes (gr. III)—in which he earned a 110 Beyer Speed Figure and was ranked among the top sprinters in the country—and finished third in the 2008 Icecapade Stakes and the 2008 Temperence Hill Stakes.

Bred by Brushwood Stable, Cougar Cat is by Storm Cat out of the General Meeting mare Excellent Meeting, a winner of more than \$1.4 million and one of the best fillies of the late 1990's. Between 1998 and 2000, Excellent Meeting won seven stakes races, including the Hollywood Starlet (gr. I), the Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I), the Oak Leaf (gr. I), the Las Virgenes (gr. I) and the Del Mar Debutante (gr. II). In 1998 she finished second to Silverbulletday in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Cougar Cat is Excellent Meeting's first foal. The mare died in 2004 after several episodes of colic.

"We enjoyed Cougar Cat's racing career where he showed his exceptional talent against the fastest horses in the country and look forward to his stud career at Richland Hills," said Richland Hills president Nathan Fox. "He is by sire of sires Storm Cat out of multiple grade one-winning millionaire Excellent Meeting. His one-of-a-kind pedigree out of a truly outstanding racemare, blazing fast speed on the track and value price will make him very appealing to breeders in 2009."

Richland Hills (formerly Wafare Farm) is a full-service Thoroughbred breeding and sales facility located in Midway, Ky. Stakes winners foaled and raised at Richland Hills include McDynamo (three-time champion and millionaire), Blumin Affair (graded stakes winner that placed in both the Kentucky Derby [gr. I] and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I) while earning more than \$850,000), Flying Glitter (graded stakes winner of just under \$600,000), Crowned King (graded stakes winner of over \$580,000), and Certifiably Crazy (multiple stakes winner of more than \$600,000).

Richland Hills has been the leading consignor at the Keeneland yearling sales by percentage of starters for horses sold over the past five years. A remarkable 96% of the yearlings sold by Richland Hills at Keeneland have made it to the races and started. The farm is home to 50 broodmares and (for the 2009 season) five stallions: Purim, Sightseeing, Storm Surge, Star Dabbler and Cougar Cat. Stud fees for Richland Hills' other stallions will be announced soon.

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