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## **PENSIONED STALLION WEKIVA SPRINGS EUTHANIZED**

**OCALA, Fla.**—Double Diamond Farm reported that pensioned stallion and former Florida champion Wekiva Springs was euthanized on June 2 as a result of cancerous melanoma tumors.

The 23-year-old Florida-bred son of Runaway Groom—Jetting Angle, by Tri Jet, earned more than \$1.5 million in an exceptional racing career. Campaigned in the famed red, white and blue colors of his breeder Donald Dizney, Wekiva Springs was a graded stakes winner for three consecutive seasons.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss,” said Roger Brand, general manager of Double Diamond Farm. “He was a brilliant horse and he delivered many memorable performances on the racetrack that made all of us proud. He will be missed.”

Wekiva Springs enjoyed his best season on the track with Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott as a 5-year-old in 1996. Despite sharing the limelight that year with stablemate Cigar, Wekiva Springs generated headlines of his own, winning the Gulfstream Park Handicap (gr.I), the Brooklyn Handicap (gr.I) and Suburban Handicap (gr.I) en route to year-end honors as Florida’s Champion Handicap Horse.

Additional stakes victories included the 1995 San Fernando Stakes (gr.II) at Santa Anita, the 1994 Vernon O. Underwood Breeders’ Cup Stakes (gr.III) at Hollywood Park and that year’s Santa Catalina Stakes at Santa Anita. He also placed in the 1996 Oaklawn Handicap (gr.I), Donn Handicap (gr.I), NYRA Mile Handicap (gr.I), Broward Handicap (gr.I), and the Strub Stakes (gr.I).

All told, Wekiva Springs posted 10 wins in 21 career starts, capturing six stakes, and earning \$1,512,575.

As a stallion, Wekiva Springs sired winners of more than \$13 million. He is the sire of 27 stakes horses, including Uremic, a champion sprinter and champion imported older horse in Panama, multiple stakes winner Silversider and stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Apalachian Thunder.

Wekiva Springs is also the broodmare sire of multiple grade I winner Turallure, an earner of more than \$1.3 million and second in the 2011 TVG Breeders’ Cup Mile (gr.I).

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