

Hopes for Barbaro

Dear Michael Matz, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, Edgar Prado, and Dr. Dean Richardson (Team Barbaro),

Thank you all for your noble efforts with Barbaro. Even though his chances of survival are still 50-50 as of this moment, you have all done an incredible job trying to save his life.

With any luck, Barbaro will continue to heal and be retired for stud. For four years, I was the proud owner of an ex-racehorse, Regal Destroyer (we called him Puppy), who also suffered a terrible track injury (a false bell caused him to run into and through a starting gate, damaging his neck and back). While the odds were stacked against him as well, Puppy went on to show over 4-foot fences and second level dressage for many years.

He was later a school horse when I bought him, as mainly a pleasure mount and companion. After 15 years of beating the odds, Puppy was humanely euthanized in 2002. Still, he overcame the obstacles all those years, and lived out the last part of his life loved and happy, as I hope and believe Barbaro will.

Barbaro is an incredible champion.

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