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**Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey and Take Charge Lady Top Winners at 29<sup>th</sup>  
Annual TOBA National Awards Dinner**

Lexington, Ky. – The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association honored Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey as its National Owner and National Breeder of the Year at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual TOBA National Awards Dinner on Friday, September 5. Take Charge Lady was named National Broodmare of the year and TOBA also recognized the achievements of Thoroughbred owners in the four major North American racing regions and breeders in 22 states and Canada.

The four finalists for National Owner of the Year included Phipps Stable (Eastern Region), Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey (Midwestern Region), Willis Horton (Southern Region) and Gary and Mary West (Western Region). Robert Meyerhoff was honored as the National Small Breeder of the Year.

The Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year award was presented to the owner of the ex-Thoroughbred racehorse that has accumulated the most points in competition, as tracked by the United States Equestrian Federation. Katie Ruppel's Houdini received the award. Also, Helen Alexander received the Robert N. Clay Award. In partnership with the Equine Land Conservation Resource, this award recognizes a member of the Thoroughbred community who has made an outstanding contribution to preserving land for equine use.

The evening's awards ceremony can be viewed at [www.bloodhorse.com/tobaawards](http://www.bloodhorse.com/tobaawards).

The State Breeders of the Year were honored at an awards luncheon at WinStar Farm on Friday prior to the awards dinner.

A complete list of winners is as follows:

**Regional Owners of the Year:**

Eastern Region: Phipps Stable

Midwestern Region: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey

Southern Region: Willis Horton

Western Region: Gary and Mary West

**State Breeders of the Year:**

Arizona: Richard Owens  
California: Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Williams  
Canada: Sam-Son Farm  
Florida: Gil and Marilyn Campbell  
Illinois: Darrell and Sadie Brommer  
Indiana: Deann and Greg Baer  
Iowa: William Hobbs  
Kansas: Lance and Valerie Gabriel  
Kentucky: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey  
Louisiana: Glen Warren  
Maryland: Robert Meyerhoff  
Michigan: Jerry and Lisa Campbell

Minnesota: Richard Bremer and Cheryl Sprick  
New Jersey: Quiet Winter Farm  
New Mexico: Mike Carson and Bill Carson  
New York: Patricia S. Purdy  
North Carolina: Elizabeth Muirhead  
North Dakota: Leigh Backhaus  
Oregon: George Hurliman  
South Carolina: Franklin G. Smith  
Texas: Sam Stevens and Sammy Stevens  
Virginia: Estate of Edward P. Evans  
Washington: Keith and Jan Swagerty

**National Broodmare of the Year:**

Take Charge Lady

**Rood & Riddle Thoroughbred Sport Horse of the Year:**

Houdini

**Robert N. Clay Award:**

Helen Alexander

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