

SAFE CONDUCT

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Own: WellSpring Stables



B. c. 3 (Feb) KEENOV18 \$45,000
 Sire: Bodemeister (Empire Maker) \$15,000
 Dam: Duchess Dancer (Congrats)
 Br: Mitchell H. Kursner (Ont-C)
 Tr: Serpe Philip M(0 0 0 0 .00) 2021:(43 1 .02)

Life	6	2	1	0	\$135,250	87	D.Fst	1	0	0	0	\$3,600	46
2021	4	1	1	0	\$92,050	87	Wet(363)	1	0	0	0	\$12,000	64
2020	2	1	0	0	\$43,200	67	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wo	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(286)	4	2	1	0	\$119,650	87
							Dst(274)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

10Jly21-9Bel gd 1 1/4 511 1:17 1:41 2:042 BelDby-G1 76 3/9 3 1 1/2 52 72 8 1/2 Lezcano J 122 19.20 62-29 Bolshoi Ballet 1 1/4 Tokyo Goldnk Cellist 3/4 Rated ins,ask1/4,empty
 29May21-9Bel sly 5 1 1/8 482 1:12 1:37 1:502 PnninRdg-G3 64 4/5 3 3/4 31 43 411 413 Lezcano J 118 3.55 67-24 Sainthood 1 The Reds 5 Shawdyslawdyslawdy7 Outside,4w turn,tired
 2May21-7Bel fm 1 1/8 234 :48 1:12 1:40 3 OC 80k/n1x-N 87 8/8 2 1 1/2 23 21 1 1/2 12 1/2 Lezcano J L123 38.50 95-04 Safe Conduct 2 1/2 Public Sector nk Space Launch 1 3/4 2w 1/4p, edged away
 14Mar21-7GP fm 1 1/8 50 1:14 1:37 1:48 3 OC 75k/n1x-N 75 3/7 2 1 2nd 2 1/2 22 23 Saez L L120 3.20 84-17 Raison d'Air 3 Safe Conduct nk Bugle of War 3/4 Bump st, rated 2wd
 30Aug20-10Sar gd 1 1/8 242 :50 2 1:16 1:45 4 Md Sp Wt 72k 67 9/10 1 1/2 1 1/2 12 1 1/2 Lezcano J 119 16.50 66-34 Safe Conduct 1 1/4 Modern Science 1 1/4 Shirelle 5/4 Well ratd 2p,responded
 13Aug20-2Sar fst 5 1/8 224 :46 2 :58 3 1:05 M d Sp Wt 60k 46 4/7 5 5 5 43 45 Lezcano J 120 7.70 84-14 Nutsie 2 Malibu Luna 2 Lutescoot N Boogie 1 Force in st,2w,lug in

WORKS: Aug1 Sar tr.t 5f fm 1:00 4 B 4/25 Jly24 Sar tr.t 5f fm 1:02 1 B(d) 9/17 Jly5 Bel 5f fm 1:02 B(d) 4/9 Jun27 Bel 5f fm 1:01 B(d) 5/15 May23 Bel 5f fm :59 1 B(d) 1/15 May15 Bel 5f fm 1:00 2 B(d) 1/6

TRAINER: 31-60Days(35.11 \$5.17) Routes(66.09 \$3.61) Stakes(7.00 \$0.00)

- Safe Conduct is a big horse (standing just shy of 17 hands) with the energy to match. “He has an exceptional amount of energy all the time and he just loves to train,” said his trainer Philip Serpe. “The headlights are always on and he’s ready to go.”
- A son of Bodemeister out of the Congrats mare Duchess Dancer, Safe Conduct’s first and virtually only ordeal came the first time he had a workout on a turf course in Oklahoma as a 2-year-old. “He came around a turn and I think he saw this more white than gray looking pony and he ducked in and stepped on a cone and the guy that rides him fell off him and (Safe Conduct) stepped on him and he cracked his ribs. But, other than that, he doesn’t do anything wrong,” Serpe said. “He never went anywhere. He just stood right there while the rider grabbed him.”
- Safe Conduct broke his maiden at Saratoga in his second career start as a 2-year-old on Aug. 30. After that start Safe Conduct was scheduled to race at Woodbine when he came down with a serious virus and ended up in the equine hospital. “As it turned out, he never really needed any additional care that we weren’t giving him at the track, but we wanted to be careful, because those things can turn into nasty lung infections, which can turn into career-ending issues,” Serpe said.
- The colt was fourth in the Grade 3 Pennine Ridge Stakes that was moved off the turf onto the sloppy dirt track. In his most recent start he finished eighth on a soft track in the Grade 1 Belmont Derby. “I’m one of these guys that believes in the theory of, ‘Okay, if he doesn’t like soft turf and he doesn’t like slop he may like Polytrack (at Woodbine) because he likes turf and the turf doesn’t have to be firm’.”

Owner – WellSpring Stables

Dr. Robert Vukovich is the owner of WellSpring Stables in Colts Neck, NJ and is also the founder of WellSpring Pharmaceutical Corporation, which he started in 1999. He sold the company in 2011. WellSpring Stables is a multiple stakes winning owner with 87 career wins from 780 starts and earnings just shy of \$4 million since it began operations in 2006.

Trainer – Philip Serpe

A multiple graded stakes winning trainer, Philip Serpe began his career as a groom at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey in 1975. He became a trainer in 1984. Serpe spent the early part of his career at Monmouth Park where he was the leading trainer in 1988. In the early 1990s, he moved to the New York circuit. He recorded his 1,000th career training victory on Nov. 9, 2017 at Aqueduct. He now has 1,050 lifetime wins and career earnings exceeding \$31.6 million.

Jockey – Irad Ortiz, Jr

Originally from Trujillo Alto in Puerto Rico, Ortiz is a graduate of that country’s Escuela Vocacional Hípica, a school for prospective jockeys. Ortiz won the Eclipse Award as Outstanding Jockey in 2018, 2019, 2020 and led North America in wins and earnings in each of those years. He is an 11-time Breeders’ Cup winner and won the 2016 Belmont with Creator.

Groom – Julia Carey