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California Chrome's Deepening Legend

California-breds continue to prove dominant in graded stakes company by recently winning two of the featured events on the prestigious Pacific Classic card at Del Mar. California Chrome romped to win the \$1 million TVG Pacific Classic (gr. I) and Ashleyluvssugar held on to take the \$250,000, grade II Del Mar Handicap. Both horses received Beyer speed figures over 100.

California Chrome's legend deepens as he improves upon an already stellar career. He continues to carry the banner for the California-bred racing and incentive program and has given not only the rest of the country but the entire world, notice as to the quality of horses that can be bred, raised, and raced in the Golden State.

The resurgence in the breeding trends over the last few years, both with the number of mares bred and resulting foal crops, can be attributed to Chrome's success and popularity. He has given many breeders the inspiration and confidence that a champion can come from anywhere.

As I've mentioned previously in this publication, California Chrome's accomplishments continue to accentuate and validate the benefits and importance of the California-bred program. As the dependence on Cal-breds has become more significant for supplying racing inventory in the state, the support and cooperation by all industry stake-holders have created a solid incentive and rac-

ing program. As a result, the overall quality of horses bred continues to improve, as evidenced by California Chrome and the many other Cal-bred graded stakes winners over the past several years.

With the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita only a couple months away, we are expecting substantial participation from Cal-breds. We are confident and optimistic that they will continue to perform at the highest levels for their owners, breeders, and the state. **CTB**



Highlighting the success of the Cal-bred program, Ashleyluvssugar took the grade II Del Mar Handicap



A fan favorite around the globe, California Chrome is the poster boy for the California breeding program

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