

New "at Home" Licensing a Hit in Indiana

The first year of "at home" license renewals has proven popular with owners racing at Hoosier Park in Indiana. Joe Gorajec, Executive Director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission reports that 574 photo ID license badges were mailed to owners renewing licenses in 1999.

"That's over 500 owners who did not have to visit the Commission office to complete the licensing process and receive their credentials," comments Gorajec. "As you would suspect, the feedback has been quite positive. The owners really appreciate the convenience."

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission charges no license fees. Faxed applications are accepted. Once the commission receives a completed application via fax or mail, a new photo ID badge is mailed to owners that have a digitized photo in the Commission's database. Indiana is the only state in the nation to offer such a stream-lined licensing process.

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission began digitizing the photographs of licensees in the fall of 1997. Since that time, the Commission has accumulated an inventory of 8128 digitized photographs in its database, of which approximately 30% are owners. The Commission has not charged licensing fees since 1996.

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