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Meredith Landy Wins APHA World Championship

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Paint Horse amateur competitor Meredith Landy of Atherton, Calif., captured a World Championship title on July 4 at the 2006 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held June 25–July 8 in Fort Worth, Texas, was the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) premier event.

Landy captured the Championship in Amateur Pleasure Driving showing Ultimate Bonanza, a 6-year-old gelding. In the class, horses are judged on their ability to quietly pull a small cart and driver at three gaits, the walk, park gait and road gait. Landy bested a field of 20 for the win.

The largest Paint Horse event in the world, the World Championship Paint Horse Show attracts competitors competing for more than \$250,000 in prize money, along with valuable awards and coveted trophies. Approximately 2,000 horses compete each year, with more than 4,500 entries including about 1,300 youth entries, 1,500 amateur/novice entries and 1,700 open entries.

Amateurs are competitors aged 19 and older who do not compete or train horses professionally. The show attracts competitors and visitors from the United States, Canada and several other nations. Exhibitors demonstrate their skills in 179 classes including halter, Western, English, cattle, driving and speed events.

In addition to exciting competition, the World Show offers seminars, horse sales and a trade show featuring more than 100 commercial exhibitors.

More about APHA

APHA was founded in 1962. By that year's end, early association members had recruited 150 fellow Paint Horse enthusiasts and registered 250 horses. Today, APHA has registered more than 860,000 horses and has nearly 100,000 members around the world.

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