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### Suzanna Nelson wins APHA World Championship

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Paint Horse youth competitor Suzanna Nelson of Atherton, Calif., captured a World Championship title on June 26 at the 2006 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 25 – July 8, was the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) premier event.

Nelson captured the Championship in Youth 14-18 Hunter Under Saddle showing Ultimate Bonanza, a 6-year-old gelding. In the class, horses are evaluated by a panel of judges on their smoothness of gait and response to the rider under traditional English tack similar to what one might find in the hunt field. Nelson bested a field of 99 for the win.

The World Championship Paint Horse Show is the largest Paint Horse event in the world, attracting competitors competing for more than \$250,000 in prize money, along with valuable awards and coveted trophies. Approximately 2,000 horses are competing at this year's show, with more than 4,500 entries including about 1,300 youth entries, 1,500 amateur/novice entries and 1,700 open entries. Youth are classified as competitors aged 18 and under, who earn points by riding their own horse or a horse owned by a family member.

The show attracts competitors 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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