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Meredith Landy wins APHA World Championship

FORT WORTH, Texas—Local Paint Horse amateur competitor Meredith Landy of Atherton, Calif., captured a World Championship title on June 30 at the 2007 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held June 24 through July 7 in Fort Worth, Texas, is the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) premier event.

Landy captured the Championship in Amateur Pleasure Driving showing Ultimate Bonanza, a 7-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 12 for the win.

Ultimate Bonanza, owned by Landy, also earned a World Championship title in Senior Hunter Under Saddle and was shown by Karen Qualls. In the class, horses aged six and older are judged on their ability to move through three gaits, the walk, trot and canter under English tack. Ultimate Bonanza bested a field of 27 for the win. Senior Hunter Under Saddle is an open class which means youth, amateurs, or professional trainers can compete on horses owned by either them or another individual.

About the World Show and the American Paint Horse Association

The World Championship Paint Horse Show is the largest gathering of Paint Horses on the planet. For two weeks, competitors and spectators witnessed nearly 2,000 horses competing in a total of 183 events that showcased the talents of each horse and rider. The event is held annually at Will Rogers Memorial Center located in Fort Worth's cultural district.

Winning a World Championship means a particular horse and rider are the best Paint Horse team in the world in a particular event. Total prizes and payouts totaled more than \$400,000.

APHA was founded 45 years ago and has since registered nearly 1 million American Paint Horses. The association currently serves about 100,000 active members. APHA works not only to record Paint Horse pedigrees, but to preserve and promote the history, breeding, training, racing, showing, sales and enjoyment of American Paint Horses.

For more information about the World Show, including entry details, results and a list of competitors, visit aphaworldshow.com or call APHA at (817) 834-2742.