



American Paint Horse Association

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Ultimate Bonanza, an Atherton, California, horse wins APHA World Championships

FORT WORTH, Texas—Locally owned Paint Horse Ultimate Bonanza, owned by Meredith Landy of Atherton, Calif., captured two World Championship titles recently at the 2008 World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 21 through July 5, is the premier event of the American Paint Horse Association (APHA).

Ultimate Bonanza, an 8-year-old gelding, captured the Championships in Senior Pleasure Driving and Senior Hunter Under Saddle, shown by Karen Qualls. In Senior Pleasure Driving, horses are judged on their ability to provide a smooth, pleasurable drive at a walk, park gait (trot) and road gait (extended trot) while pulling a two-wheeled, single-horse cart. Ultimate Bonanza bested a field of 12 for the win. Ultimate Bonanza bested a field of 31 to win Senior Hunter Under Saddle, where horses are evaluated by a panel of judges on their smoothness of gait and response to the rider at a flat-footed walk, brisk trot and smooth canter under traditional English tack.

Open competitors may be youth, amateurs, or professional trainers, and they can compete on their own horses or horses owned by 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 187 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 46 years ago and has since registered nearly 1 million American Paint Horses. The association currently serves more than 93,000 active members. APHA works not only to record Paint Horse pedigrees, but also 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.