



Professional Association of Therapeutic
Horsemanship International

"Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies"

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October 2011 PATH Intl. Announces Conference Sponsors

Denver – For the second consecutive year, Purina is the title sponsor of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Conference and Annual Meeting, November 9-12 in Lexington, KY. The PATH Intl. Conference will draw more than 800 attendees from around the world. Sixteen other companies and organizations join Purina this year in sponsoring the conference.

Gold sponsors, those organizations or companies that donate at least \$7,500 to PATH Intl., include Equisure, Inc.; Equine Network; Adequan; Markel Insurance Company; and Platinum Performance. Equisure provides comprehensive coverage and insurance premiums to horse enthusiasts, and Markel offers insurance tailored to the needs of PATH Intl. centers. Equine Network provides online communities, services and information to people involved in all types of equine disciplines. Adequan, a product of Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, is designed to improve equine joint health. Platinum Performance is dedicated to researching and educating professionals and horse owners about the role of nutrition in equine health.

Silver sponsors, those organizations and companies that donated at least \$5,000, include the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Equus Foundation and the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) Foundation. AQHA supports PATH Intl. programs and provides funding assistance to riders with disabilities. The Equus Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life of horses and the people who care about them. AAEP also strives to improve the health and welfare of horses through research, education and support of the equine community.

Bronze sponsors, those organizations and companies that donated at least \$2,500, include Farnam, Breyer Animal Creations, Triple Crown, American Quarter Horse Foundation (AQHF) and the Western & English Sales Association (WESA). Breyer, maker of beloved model horses, has supported PATH Intl. and its programs for more than ten years. Making products such as the SuperMask II, Farnam produces high-quality products for horses, while Triple Crown offers equine feeds developed using research at the forefront of feeding technology. WESA is a non-profit trade association that produces the largest trade shows specializing in equestrian lifestyle products.

Pewter Sponsors, those organizations and companies that donated at least \$1,000, include the Racing Unified Network (RUN) Inc., Show-Me Animal Products and PATH Intl. Region Four. RUN publishes a bi-monthly web-based equine magazine focused on all horse racing disciplines. Show-Me Animal Products is a leader in equine and pet first aid kits, all of which are assembled in a workshop by individuals who are developmentally disabled.

Find more information about conference sessions, the conference hotel, the conference travel deals and fun things to do in Lexington on the PATH Intl. conference page at www.pathintl.org. If you would like information on donating to PATH Intl., contact Megan Ream at (800) 369-7433, ext. 107.

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About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly NARHA, was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At more than 800 member centers, a total of 42,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several certified instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to therapeutic equitation, a center may offer any number of equine-assisted activities including hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. There are more than 24,000 volunteers, 2,000 instructors, 5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.