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Exhibit and Vendor Space is Still Available for the 2009 NARHA National Conference

Denver, CO—NARHA is still signing exhibitors and vendors for the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting celebrating NARHA's 40th anniversary November 18–21, 2009 in Fort Worth, Texas. A brochure with costs and other details is available on the conference page of the NARHA website www.narha.org.

Ahead of its percentage sold at this time last year, NARHA has signed the following organizations and businesses:

American Quarter Horse Association (Gold Sponsor/Exhibitor)

Markel Insurance Company (Gold Sponsor/Exhibitor)

American Paint Horse Association (Bronze Sponsor/ Exhibitor)

Triple Crown Nutrition (Pewter Sponsor/ Exhibitor)

Equine Network (Media Sponsor/ Exhibitor)

Purina Mills (Sponsor/Exhibitor)

Body Orbit (Exhibitor)

Driving Essentials (Exhibitor)

Freedom Riders (Exhibitor)

Horses & Humans Research Foundation (Exhibitor)

Independent Strides (Exhibitor)

Texas A & M University, Continuing Ed. and Prof. Studies (Exhibitor)

Thera-Horse Solutions (Exhibitor)

NARHA expects to draw 800 NARHA members and industry professionals from throughout the nation, in addition to a growing international contingent. The conference offers high-value exposure to a diverse and savvy audience of equine enthusiasts and health care professionals. At the same time exhibitors promote a growing profession that is engaged in helping thousands of challenged and disadvantaged individuals each year

Formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs, NARHA currently serves nearly 800 member centers that help more than



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38,000 children and adults with disabilities find a sense of strength and independence through involvement with horses each year.

Every day, NARHA centers offer opportunities for skill-building and achievement to individuals of all ages and situations, from stroke victims to children with autism. Through the work of NARHA member centers, a child challenged by a physical disability can build strength and confidence. A soldier returning from combat with physical and emotional wounds can begin to heal. A troubled teen that has been moved from foster home to foster home will learn trust and hope.

Conference attendees are NARHA center owners and administrators, instructors, therapists, board members, and other professionals who share a passion for equine assisted activities and therapies. Exhibiting at the NARHA National Conference is a fantastic way to reach a passionate and influential audience. A recent member survey shows that

- NARHA centers and members represent a \$90 million industry
- More than 90% are or have been horse owners

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About NARHA:

NARHA was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At almost 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 riding, 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 30,000 volunteers, 3,500 instructors, 6,300 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.