



“Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies”

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PATH Intl. Announces Conference Sponsors

For the third consecutive year, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) announces that Purina Animal Nutrition is the title sponsor its conference and annual meeting, October 31-November 3 in Bellevue, WA. This year's PATH Intl. conference will draw more than 600 attendees from around the world. In addition to Purina Animal Nutrition, 15 other companies and organizations will sponsor the conference this year.

Platinum level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$15,000 to PATH Intl., include Bimeda/Equimax, AIM/Equine Network and Tekna Saddlery. Equimax, a product of Bimeda Inc., is the only combination ivermectin and praziquantel dewormer that is safe for all horses. Equine Network, of Active Interest Media, is a network of the most award-winning equine publications such as EQUUS and Dressage Today. Tekna manufactures quality equine products and donated over 1,000 saddles to PATH Intl.

Gold level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$10,000 to PATH Intl., include Bayer Healthcare Animal Health and Markel Insurance. Bayer Pharmaceuticals is on the forefront of preventative care in equine medications. Markel Insurance offers insurance tailored to the needs of PATH Intl. centers.

Silver level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$7,500 to PATH Intl., include Adequan and Equisure Inc. Adequan, a product of Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, is designed to improve equine joint health. Equisure Inc. provides comprehensive coverage and insurance premiums to horse enthusiasts.

Bronze level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$5,000 to PATH Intl., include the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation (AAEP), American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), Equus Foundation and Ariat. The AAEP Foundation is a professional association for equine veterinarians and veterinary students. 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. Ariat manufactures apparel and accessories for every kind of equestrian.

Pewter level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$2,500 to PATH Intl., include Breyer Animal Creations, Populous, Triple Crown Nutrition and the Western and English Sales Association (WESA). Breyer, maker of beloved model horses, has supported PATH Intl. and its programs for more than 15 years. The Populous Firm is the world's leading equestrian architectural firm and designed the equestrian stadium for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Triple Crown Nutrition offers equine feeds developed using research at the forefront of feeding technology. WESA is a nonprofit trade association that produces the largest trade shows specializing in equestrian lifestyle products.

Find more information about conference sessions, the conference hotel, the conference travel

deals and fun things to do in Washington on the [PATH Intl. conference page](#). If you would like information on donating to PATH Intl., contact Megan Ferry 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, more than 54,000 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 45,000 volunteers, 4,300 instructors, 6,300 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.