



Professional Association of Therapeutic
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PATH Intl. Partners With ACTHA

Denver – The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) is pleased to announce that it is partnering with the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA). ACTHA's goal is to fully support PATH Intl. Centers across North America, their owners, managers, PATH Intl. Certified Professionals and volunteers who wish to put on ACTHA events. By doing so, ACTHA hopes to assist centers in raising needed funds for both their needs and for PATH Intl.

"PATH Intl. touches thousands of lives in a way that ACTHA appreciates more deeply than most," said Tom Scrima of ACTHA. "We know the extreme challenges of hosting and running charitable services but also having to honor the reality of capital demands to remain viable as long as there is a need. We couldn't be more proud to serve a small role in such a worthy cause."

"A wonderful dovetail is PATH Intl. also assists ACTHA's cause of full equine employment," Scrima continued. "We believe the horses that serve those with special needs are aware of the important service they are providing to these individuals."

Like PATH Intl., ACTHA depends on volunteers. "We know firsthand the large number of wonderful people who want to help and just need to know where there is need." ACTHA will do its part to promote public awareness of the wonderful work being done at PATH Intl. Centers and strive to increase volunteer support on all levels for PATH Intl.

"We are very pleased to partner with ACTHA," said Kay Green, PATH Intl. CEO. "We look forward to this partnership being a win-win-win for PATH Intl., for our member centers, and for ACTHA."

About ACTHA

The American Competitive Trail Horse Association is based near Austin, Texas, and is one of most popular purveyors of equine events. Its 56,000 subscriber and membership base is responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars in charity given annually. ACTHA will have over 1,000 events in the next 12 months, and like PATH Intl. is proud of the many thousands of volunteers who make its mission complete as stated:

- To create an enjoyable venue showcasing the wonderful attributes of the great American trail horse and granting them the recognition they so richly deserve.
- To create a registry open to all breeds and a point designation system that will stay with each horse for its lifetime, thereby adding to their value and distinction.
- To create and enable humane treatment options and employment for horses in need

About PATH Intl.:

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) was formed in 1969 to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At nearly 850 member centers, more than 56,000 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 nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. centers.