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February 2011 NARHA 2011 National Conference Call for Papers

Denver—Each year the NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting provides the equineassisted activities and therapies industry the most valuable and comprehensive education opportunities available. A broad spectrum of session content is needed each year to offer a rich and invigorating experience for all attendees.

The 2011 NARHA National Conference is November 9-12 in Lexington, KY. **At this time NARHA is conducting a call for papers**. Come present at the 2011 National Conference and share how you, your organization or your research can help improve the equine-assisted activities and therapies field.

This year, abstract submission will be handled electronically only:

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Abstracts must be submitted to NARHA by **April 5, 2011**. No submissions will be accepted after April 5.

As always, keeping conference fees and expenses at a minimum has been a primary factor in the continued success of the conference. NARHA is very excited to again offer **two discount options** for presenters:

1) Presenters who will only attend on the day they are presenting and who DO NOT plan to attend any other educational offering, meal or event are not required to register or pay a fee;

2) EAAT industry professionals who plan to participate in the full conference, i.e., attend any sessions, partake in any meals or functions, etc., may deduct \$200 from the registration fee (doubled from last year).

For information on the 2011 NARHA National Conference, visit <u>www.narha.org</u> and click on conferences.



About NARHA:

NARHA, formerly North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. At over 700 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, 2000 instructors, 5,700 therapy horses and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.