

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International

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October 2013 PATH Intl. Announces Conference Sponsors

Denver—For the fourth consecutive year, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) announces that **Purina Animal Nutrition** is the title sponsor of its conference and annual meeting in Orlando. This year's PATH Intl. conference will draw nearly 800 attendees from around the world. In addition to Purina Animal Nutrition, 18 other companies and organizations will sponsor the conference this year.

AIM/Equine Network is a Platinum level sponsor by donating at least \$15,000 to PATH Intl. Equine Network, of Active Interest Media, is a network of the most award-winning equine publications such as *EQUUS* and *Dressage Today*.

Gold level sponsors, those companies or organizations that donate at least \$10,000 to PATH Intl., include Bayer Animal Health, Kentucky Performance Products and Markel Insurance. **Bayer Pharmaceuticals** is on the forefront of preventative care in equine medications. The mission of **Kentucky Performance Products, LLC**, is to simplify your search for research-proven nutrition supplements that meet the challenges facing today's horses. **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, Bimeda/Equimax and Equisure Inc. **Adequan, a product of Luitpold Pharmaceuticals**, is designed to improve equine joint health. **Equimax, a product of Bimeda Inc.**, is the only combination invermectin and praziquantel dewormer that is safe for all horses. 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., the American Quarter Horse Association, Equus Foundation, Platinum Performance and Ariat. American Quarter Horse Association (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. Platinum Performance® products are developed and manufactured in their state-of-the-art California facility by a seasoned team of experts, maintaining strict quality controls from start to finish. 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, Equicizer, HandiRamp, Populous, RevitaVet. 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 **Equicizer™** allows riders to exercise, improve fitness, rehab from an injury, and train for "riding

real horses." **Handi-Ramp** has developed a safe and effective way to allow people with mobility issues to mount a horse. The **Populous Firm** is the world's leading equestrian architectural firm and designed the equestrian stadium for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. As an industry leader of equine preventative maintenance and rehabilitation devices, the mission at **RevitaVet**™ is to educate competitors and horse owners of all disciplines on the benefits of infrared therapy. **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.

Read more about conference sessions on the <u>PATH Intl. conference page</u>. If you would like information on donating to PATH Intl., contact <u>Megan Ferry</u> at (800) 369-7433, ext. 107.

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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 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.