



# American Paint Horse Association

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## **Indiana Paint Horse Club earns top APHA honors for community service**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—The Indiana Paint Horse Club was recently honored with the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA's) President's Club of Distinction Award for the eighth time for its outstanding contributions to the worldwide breed organization. The award was presented to the club, one of more than 100 affiliated with the association, during APHA's recent annual convention in Colorado Springs, Colo. Only four other clubs received APHA's highest club honor for their accomplishments last year.

Annually, APHA recognizes outstanding clubs for their contributions to the Paint Horse industry and their respective communities by honoring them with Gold Star Club status. From among these clubs, the President's Club of Distinction award winners are chosen. The selected clubs exemplify the qualities of a premier regional club through services to their members, their community and APHA.

To earn the honor, the Indiana Paint Horse Club submitted materials that detailed community service and other worthwhile activities taken on by the APHA local affiliate during the previous year to a panel of three judges. For example, the club holds fundraisers to benefit their local humane society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, their local food pantry by holding a benefit trail ride, a charity walk-trot class and cash donations. The club cut costs by designing a web site and supporting it with a quarterly newsletter. They changed their awards dinner to a carry-in type dinner with meat and drinks provided thus costing attendees less to purchase a ticket and also less cost on the club finances. They also raised money for their youth team to compete in the horse judging contest through a dog and horse treats sale. Their stallion service auction features 100% payback of collected fees to the exhibitors and the entire stud fee paid back at their futurity.

## **More About APHA**

Currently, American Paint Horses are being registered at APHA's Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters at a rate of more than 35,000 horses each year. APHA has registered more than 958,000 horses in 59 nations and territories since it was founded 47 years ago, and now serves approximately 85,000 active members around the world. APHA, a non-profit organization, prides itself on community involvement and educating the public about the beauty and talent of the breed. Among its many activities, APHA works to preserve bloodlines and maintain the outstanding characteristics of Paint Horses. For more information, visit the Association's Web site at [apha.com](http://apha.com) or call (817) 834-2742.



**PHOTO**

Cutline: Indiana Paint Horse Club members Robin Robinett Morse (left) and Larry Morse (right) accept an awards package for the club that featured a Gist Silversmiths gift certificate and APHA General Store gift certificates. Presenting the award is President-Elect Linda Vance.