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## **NARHA Announces Purina Mills Sponsorship**

**Denver**—Purina Mills, LLC has renewed their NARHA Corporate Sponsorship through July 31, 2011, according to NARHA Marketing Director Kaye Marks.

As a part of the sponsorship, Purina Mills will support NARHA's Instructor of the Year program and the publication of the NARHA activities booklet for children. In addition the sponsorship will support scholarships for the 2010 NARHA National Conference, NARHA's premier educational opportunity for member centers and instructors who attend from all across the USA and internationally, and who provide equine assisted activities and therapies for people with physical, mental, emotional and learning challenges. NARHA's next National Conference will take place next November in Denver, Colorado.

"Most NARHA instructors are not doing what they do with the hope of getting rich," said Kaye Marks. "A scholarship can often be the catalyst that enables a member to attend the annual conference and receive the excellent training and networking offered there. "Purina Mills has been such a good friend to NARHA over the years," said Kaye Marks. "We are thrilled and thankful that they have signed on again!"

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### About NARHA:

*NARHA 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*



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*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.*