


## OHIO PAINT HORSE CLUB EARNS TOP APHA HONOR

FORT WORTH, Texas—The Ohio Paint Horse Club was honored recently with the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) President's Club of Distinction Award for its outstanding contributions to the worldwide breed organization. The award was presented to the club, one of 111 affiliated with the association, during APHA's recent annual convention in Atlanta, Ga. Only four other clubs received APHA's highest club honor in 2005.



*APHA President Carl Parker, back, presented the President's Club of Distinction Award recently to the Ohio Paint Horse Club. Accepting the award on behalf of their club were, front row from left, Officer and APHA Director Roxann Rohrl of Grafton, Ohio and APHA Directors and club officers Glenn Bennett of Washington Court House, Ohio and Mike Wright of Williamsburg, Ohio. The club also received a product package featuring a \$200 Gist Silversmiths gift certificate and four APHA General Store gift certificates valued at \$750.*

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APHA annually recognizes outstanding clubs for their contributions to the Paint Horse industry and their 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 meet these requirements, the Ohio Paint Horse Club offered member and community activities and supported local causes. Among the many worthwhile activities

undertaken by the club were the hosting of trail rides, raising donations for APHA scholarships and local charities, creating a parade team and holding a stallion service auction.

Ohio Paint Horse club members Roxann Rohrl, Glenn Bennett and Mike Wright accepted an awards package for their club featuring a \$200 Gist Silversmiths gift certificate and four APHA General Store gift certificates valued at \$750.

### **More about APHA**

Since its founding 43 years ago, APHA has registered more than 842,000 horses. Currently, American Paint Horses are being registered at APHA's Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters at a rate of approximately 40,000 horses each year. The association serves nearly 106,000 members, who are located in every U.S. state, throughout Canada and in 38 other nations and territories around the world.

APHA employs 155 people and has an annual operating budget of \$15 million for activities worldwide.

Among the many qualities that make Paint Horses desirable are their sound conformation, versatile athletic ability, intelligence, calm temperament, willing disposition and beautiful coat color patterns.

For more information about the American Paint Horse and APHA, visit <http://www.apha.com> or call (817) 834-2742.