

## AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE

An American Quarter Horse possesses acceptable pedigree, color and markings, and has been issued a registration certificate by the American Quarter Horse Association. This horse has been bred and developed to have a kind and willing disposition, well-balanced conformation and agile speed. The American Quarter Horse is the world's most versatile breed and is suited for a variety of purposes - from working cattle ranches to international reining competition. There is an American Quarter Horse for every purpose.

### AQHA MISSION STATEMENT

- To record and preserve the pedigrees of the American Quarter Horse while maintaining the integrity of the breed.
- To provide beneficial services for its members which enhance and encourage American Quarter Horse ownership and participation.
- To develop diverse educational programs, material and curriculum that will position AQHA as the leading resource organization in the equine industry.
- To generate growth of AQHA membership via the marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the American Quarter Horse.

### FOREWORD

The American Quarter Horse Association was organized in 1940 to collect, record and preserve the pedigrees of American Quarter Horses. AQHA also serves as an information center for its members and the general public on matters pertaining to shows, races and projects designed to improve the breed and aid the industry, including seeking beneficial legislation for its breeders and all horse owners. AQHA also works to promote horse ownership and to grow markets for American Quarter Horses.

Shows, races and performance events give breeders and exhibitors opportunities to compete for awards and prize money, providing opportunities for breeders to continually strive to improve the breed.

AQHA also publishes *The American Quarter Horse Journal* and *America's Horse* that highlight information about horses, horsemen, shows, sales, racing and histories of all-time great horses and the men and women who bred them, along with ways for breeders, trainers, exhibitors and trail riders to improve their business operations, horsemanship and enjoyment of the horse.

No horse breed registry in the world has come so far, so fast, as AQHA, and no other horses in the world are used by so many people for so many things as are American Quarter Horses.

This handbook represents Corporation Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Registration, Rules and Regulations of Racing, Rules and Regulations of Shows, Amateur and Youth Division Rules and Regulations, Horseback Riding Program Rules, and the Constitution of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.

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