

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **RIDERS COMPETE IN RODEO AUSTIN AQHA/APHA HORSE SHOW**

Austin, Texas, March 16, 2016 – Rodeo Austin kicked off Spring Break with an American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) and American Paint Horse Association (APHA) Youth Show. Double judged and doubled pointed, youth exhibitors competed for points, \$6,000 in cash premiums and other prizes.

The AQHA and APHA are two of the largest equine breed associations in the nation. Headquartered in Amarillo and Fort Worth respectively, these associations partner with Rodeo Austin to give youth the opportunity to compete in halter, showmanship and performance classes during the annual fair and rodeo. Local exhibitors and youth from across Texas come to compete for prizes and points.

Gracie Moreland and her American Paint Horse, Sunny, are Austin natives. Although she is new to the horse show world, Gracie enjoys the experience.

“I started riding seriously when I was eight, but started showing just a year and a half ago,” Moreland said. “I like the atmosphere of the shows, and I love getting to see all the types of horses.”

This was Moreland’s first time showing at Rodeo Austin and at a large show in general.

“I really like how it is super open here and there is such a big range of competitors from different levels,” Moreland said.

Overall, Moreland competed in showmanship, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, horsemanship, trail and western pleasure.

Moreland is currently at Covington Middle School, and one day wants to attend Texas A&M University to pursue her dream of being a veterinarian.

The results from the Rodeo Austin AQHA/APHA Youth Show are as follows:

**AQHA Novice Youth**

High Point – Breighanna Urdahl and Gucci on Time (\$750)

Reserve High Point – Paige Ogle and Invite the Magic (\$500)

**APHA Novice Youth**

High Point – Gracie Mallett and Reds Dual Image (\$750)

Reserve High Point – Reagan Jennings and Cadets Honor (\$500)

**AQHA 18 & Under**

High Point – Breighanna Urdahl and Gucci On Time (\$1,000)

Reserve High Point – Reanna Santos and Take a Good Sip (\$750)

**APHA 18 & Under**

High Point – Julie Hill and The Ultimate Attitude (\$1,000)

Reserve High Point – Sabine Lazo and Chexs Blue Eyedaffair (\$750)



*Grace Moreland poses with her American Paint Horse, Sunny, before competing on Monday.*