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Futurity set for Fort Worth, this year's event proves to be worth more than last...

With \$1 million added to the pay-outs, it is another record breaking year of cutting horse excitement at Will Rogers Coliseum

(Fort Worth, TX) –It is that time of year again, time for an event that thousands of people look forward to attending. The National Cutting Horse Association's most exciting cutting competition of the year, the 2007 NCI Building Systems NCHA World Championship Futurity that runs from November 25 through December 16, 2007 at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. This year proves to be another record breaking event with more than 1,700 entries competing for the largest payout to date, \$4.2 million. With the \$1 million in added money, it pushes the total payouts to another NCHA record.

For many, the NCHA Futurity represents the beginning of a successful career in the show ring. The 3 year-old equine competitors have been training rigorously for this show, and will join thousands of other hopefuls to make their professional debut over the course of this 22-day event. Trainers enter their young horses in hopes of having the highest scores over the course of several two-and-a half minute-run rounds. The Open Champion takes home \$250,000 and the title of NCHA Open Futurity Champion.

In addition to cash prizes, the Futurity champions will receive awards from sponsors including M.L. Leddy's, Murray Leather, Read's Jewelers, Teskey's, Trefethen Vineyards, Platinum Performance, Dennis Moreland Second Edition, Lucchese, Tioga Territory and trophy buckles from Gist Silversmiths.

Along with the Futurity cutting competition, there will be several events held in conjunction with the show, including: the Celebrity Cutting, The Charles Goodnight Gala, Western Bloodstock horse sales and the Western Mercantile Exhibit Hall.

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The 17th Annual Charles Goodnight Gala honoring the Green Family Ranches and introducing the NCHA Hall of Fame inductees will be held at The Renaissance-Worthington Hotel at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007. Entertainment will be provided by country music star, ACM and CMA Male Vocalist of the Year, Brad Paisley. For more information, visit www.charlesgoodnightgala.com.

In addition, the 13th Annual Celebrity Cutting Event will be held Friday, November 30, at 7 p.m. at the Will Rogers Coliseum. This event is presented by the Careity Foundation, proceeds from the cutting event provide funding for a variety of supportive clinical services for cancer patients in the local area. The event will feature twenty national and local celebrities in the cutting pen. Some of the celebrity cutters are Sunny Burgess, Tanya Tucker, Trent Willmon, Dan Roberts, Lynn Anderson, Dr. William (Bill) Jordan, Justin McBride and Betty Buckley. For more information, visit www.celebritycutting.org.

Western Bloodstock will host cutting horse sales beginning on Sunday, December 9 and continuing through the finals on Sunday, December 16. Several sessions will be broadcast live on RFD-TV. The Preferred Breeders Sale Session 1 and the Western Bloodstock Invitational Yearling Sale will be live at 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 12. On Saturday, December 15, XTO Energy's Million Dollar Stallion Parade will be live at 8 am. The NCHA Futurity Select 2-year-old sale live broadcast at 9:30 am. Horses for all levels of riders and cutting events will be available at this sale. Whether you are looking for two-year-olds, broodmares, or finished horses, your search for a great horse ends here. For more information, visit www.westernbloodstock.com.

The 2007 NCI Building Systems NCHA Futurity finals will also be broadcast live on RFD-TV Sunday, December 16, 2007, presented by David Mc David and Hes A Peptospoonful. This special three-hour live telecast of the Open Finals begins at 6:30 pm Central and will also feature highlights from the Non-Pro and Amateur Finals at the NCI Building Systems NCHA Futurity. RFD-TV is available through DirecTV, DISH Network, Mediacom and NCTC cable systems in all 50 states.

The Western Mercantile presented by Coors Light opens November 25 in the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall. This exhibit features over 150 merchants from all over the country selling the finest quality clothing, art, tack, jewelry, furniture and much more. Cowboy Santa will drop by in the afternoon to hear your wish list and to take holiday photos. He will be there on November 25 from 2 pm to 5 pm, November 30 from 4 pm to 9 pm, December 8 and 9 from 3 pm to 6 pm and December 14 and 15 from 5 pm to 9 pm, and December 16 from 2:30 pm to 9 pm. The exhibit hall will be open daily from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. during go-rounds, and will remain open with extended hours through the semi-finals and finals performances.

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Show and exhibit hall parking is free. Admission to the Western Mercantile is always free. Amateur and Non-Pro go-rounds are also free, admission starts at \$6 for the Open competition November 25 through December 3 and the Non-Pro and Open Semi-finals and Finals December 13 - 16.

For more information about the National Cutting Horse Association, the 2007 NCI Building Systems NCHA World Championship Futurity, or the long list of events and activities associated with this 22-day show, please call the NCHA at 817-244-6188 or visit www.nchacutting.com.

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of 17,000 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$42 million in prize money awarded. For more information about the NCHA or the sport of cutting, please call 817-244-6188 or log on to www.nchacutting.com.