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The 2008 Ford / NCHA Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic set to begin April 1 in Fort Worth, Texas

(Fort Worth, TX)- The thrill of cutting horse action returns to the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum April 1 through April 20 with the Ford/National Cutting Horse Association Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic. This is the second leg of the prestigious Triple Crown of Cutting events held annually in Fort Worth. There are more than 1,900 entries vying for \$3.2 million in prize money.

The Super Stakes is an event for four-year old horses while the Super Stakes Classic is for five and six year old horses. Each day the cutting begins at 8 a.m. with free admission to the public through the finals weekend. Admission will begin at \$8 on April 19 and 20. A complete daily schedule and list of classes are available on the NCHA website at www.nchacutting.com.

The Western Mercantile presented by Coors Light will be open to the public beginning on Thursday, April 3 and remain open throughout the entire span of the event. The Western Mercantile opens 9 a.m. daily, is free to enter and will feature many exhibitors with Western clothing, tack, jewelry, art and much more in the Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall.

The Super Stakes is a show for only the offspring of nominated stallions. However, with more than 125 of the industry's top sires on the list of nominees, the show is far from exclusive. Each stallion owner paid a minimum \$3,500 to subscribe, the vast majority of which is added directly to the event's purse.

The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. The National Cutting Horse

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Association was formed in 1946 by a group of cowboys and ranchers, who wanted to promote cutting competition, standardize rules and preserve the cutting horses' Western heritage. Today, the Fort Worth-based NCHA represents over 17,500 people and oversees more than 2,200 NCHA-approved shows with more than \$42 million in total prize money awarded annually.

For more information about the NCHA, the NCHA Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic, or the sport of cutting, please call 817-244-6188 or log-on to www.nchacutting.com.

