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The 2009 Borden Milk/ NCHA Super Stakes and Super Stakes Classic set to begin March 30 in Fort Worth, Texas.

(Fort Worth, TX)- The thrill of cutting horse action returns to the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum March 30 through April 19 with the Borden Milk/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 1,500 entries vying for \$3 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.

The cutting begins each day at 8 a.m. with free admission to the public through the finals weekend. Admission starts at \$8 on April 18 and 19. A complete daily schedule and list of classes are available on the NCHA Web site at www.nchacutting.com.

The Western Mercantile presented by Coors Light featuring exhibitors with Western clothing, tack, jewelry, home décor, and more will open to the public on Monday, March 30. It opens daily at 9 a.m. with free admission throughout the course of the Super Stakes and is located 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.

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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 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 more than 21,000 people and oversees more than 2,200 NCHA-approved shows with more than \$43 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.