



## 2009 NARHA Adult Equestrian of the Year Recognition Award Nomination Information

All participants at NARHA centers are unique and deserve recognition. But every once in a while an equestrian comes along who is simply outstanding. She may be a star at horse show competitions, or he may still be relying on two sidewalkers and a horse leader to get around the area at a walk. But whenever this person appears the hearts and spirits of everyone are transformed. Who will you nominate for NARHA 's 2009 Adult Equestrian of the Year Award?

This year NARHA will award an individual membership to the NARHA 2009 Adult Equestrian of the Year. Your nominees don't need to be a NARHA member or join. It is our honor to recognize this individual by welcoming him or her into the community that appreciates the power of the horse to change lives. And of course, we hope he or she will be able to join us at the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting Awards banquet on Saturday, November 21.

### Join us in recognizing again the 2008 Adult Equestrian of the Year!



Greta Rose Thompson embodies every aspect of the NARHA Adult Equestrian of the Year. As a dedicated rider for more than 22 years, she always greets her instructor, volunteers and horse with a measure of love that would melt the coldest heart.

Greta is nonverbal, but her body language and sounds are understood perfectly by her equine partners. Her joyful smile and infectious giggle are also perfectly understandable.

Rain, snow, sleet or shine, Greta expects to ride on her lesson day, enduring illness, stiffness, pain or anything else life throws at her as long as she can ride. Trotting is Greta's favorite thing to do, and she is working hard with her drill team, which recently won a gold metal at the State Special Olympics competition.

NARHA is proud to present the 2008 Adult Equestrian of the Year Award to Greta Rose Thompson who rides at EQUEST in Dallas, TX.

#### NARHA Adult Equestrian of the Year Criteria:

- The nominee must be at least 18 years old by January 1, 2009.
- The nominee must participate in an equestrian activity at a NARHA center in good standing and must have a disability.
- The nominee does not need to ride independently.
- Please submit two (2) letters of nomination. Letters should not exceed 500 words and should be double-spaced and postmarked by June 15, 2009.
- Include names, addresses and phone numbers of the nominee's local newspaper, equine magazine and other appropriate publications. Press releases will be sent for all award recipients.
- Nominations must be received via email no later than June 15, 2009.
- Please do not send any photographs at this time. The NARHA office will contact you if photos are needed.