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## 2009 NARHA Equine of the Year Recognition Award Nomination Information

Help us identify the equine participating in a NARHA Center program who best defines the heart and soul of equine assisted activities and therapies. Nominate the horse, pony, donkey, mule or burro that you feel personifies the willingness, attitude and diversity of talents that these hard-working partners bring to EAAT and all it stands for.

Each Regional Equine of the Year will receive a portrait that memorializes their contributions to the NARHA Center program where they work. Recent NARHA Regional and NARHA National Equine of the Year Award winners have received gift certifications from Purina for supplies of Equine Senior. And the National Equine of the Year will be recognized and celebrated at the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting at the Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 21.

### Join us again in celebrating the 2008 Equine of the Year!



Region 11

Cocoa

Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center, Orinda, CA

Cocoa is a 21 year old mare of Arabian and Morgan ancestry. When she is ridden by an able-bodied person, she shows the fiery personality of an Arabian, however she adjusts her energy level according to the extent of the challenges of her young disabled riders, slowing her pace when her rider is unbalanced or unable to sit up straight. With a background in shows and parades, Cocoa is tolerant with excited, spontaneously noisy children. Although she is by nature wary and undemonstrative, she lovingly nuzzles children who come to feed her a treat after a lesson. It is clear that she has all the patience in the world for these young charges and she stands quietly with soft eyes when they bestow their hugs and kisses. Cocoa is majestic and beautiful inside and out.

### Equine Award Criteria:

- Please make sure the NARHA center nominating the equine has an up-to-date center membership. (2009 center renewal and payment returned to NARHA office or new center application and payment complete.)
- The equine nominated must have been active in the NARHA center's program for the entire award year (November 2008 through present) and must still be active at the time of nomination.
- Only one nomination per center, please.
- NARHA centers are not eligible for the NARHA Equine of the Year Award two years in a row.
- Any equine who has won horse/equine of the year must wait five years before being nominated again.
- 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 by email no later than June 15, 2009.
- Nominations for NARHA Equine of the Year must include two clear, electronic headshot photos, preferably 300 dpi.