

Bandit's Pinto, a 3-year-old black-and-white tobiano stallion, was the first horse registered by the organization that evolved into today's APHA.

## Happy Birthday, APHA!

The Fort Worth, Texas-based American Paint Horse Association celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, marking the milestone with the creation of a Hall of Fame that will honor its first 25 inductees at the association's annual convention in October.

The breed registry, which began as the brainchild of Texas horsewoman Rebecca Tyler Lockhart, has also created a commemorative Gist Silversmith belt buckle and a calendar detailing the history of the association.

Both are available at APHA's General Store ([apha.com](http://apha.com)).

## Racing for a Cause

**The scoop:** Rookie barrel racer Jackie Harris of Hookstown, Pennsylvania, is donating her 2012 winnings to organizations fighting cancer and heart disease.

**Bonuses:** The 43-year-old mother of two and assistant to Pittsburgh Steeler Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris (no relation) is also taking an ill child and his/her family along to the rodeos she attends this year. Seven-year-old cancer survivor Amy LeClaire (pictured) attended the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo in Denver in January; 6-year-old Trenton Noll, battling a brain tumor, will accompany Jackie to a rodeo in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the 28th of this month.

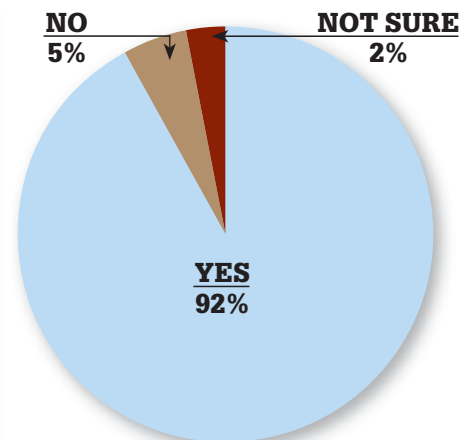
**Join in:** Those with friends or family fighting cancer or heart disease can have their loved ones' initials placed on Jackie's saddle crosses.

**Quote:** "I've always admired the concept of 'paying it forward,' and I was tired of feeling helpless when friends or family were struck with terrible illness," says the horsewoman, who lost her father, stepfather, and two uncles to cancer and heart disease.

**Learn more:** [dreamingofthree.com](http://dreamingofthree.com).



Barrel racer Jackie Harris and Amy LeClaire.



### GALLOP POLL

## Hard-Luck Horses

We asked if you had personally noticed an increase in unwanted and/or neglected horses over the past few years. Here's a breakdown of the responses we received. (To learn more about this problem and what's being done about it, see page XX in this issue and the related item on this page. To participate in future polls, "like" us at our Facebook page.)

## Linking Horses With Homes

**The dilemma:** Growing numbers of unwanted horses that equine rescues need to place as quickly and easily as possible.

**A solution:** *A Home for Every Horse* on [Equine.com](http://Equine.com), which seeks to aid equine rescues in adopting-out, sponsoring, and fostering as

many of America's 170,000+ surplus horses as possible. Approved rescues can place ads for free; each

organization is provided with its own "landing site" in the online network. More than 80 rescues and 400 horses were in the network at press time.

**Sponsored by:** The American Horse Council's Unwanted Horse Coalition; the Equine Network (publishers of *H&R*); and a growing number of companies, including Tractor Supply and Purina Mills.

**Check it out:** (866) 467-7323, ext.100; [Equine.com/Rescue-Horses.html](http://Equine.com/Rescue-Horses.html).

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