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American Association of Equine Practitioners Joins Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Partners' Program

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) is pleased to announce that American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) is supporting our mission of saving land for horses by becoming an Equestrian Partner, joining an exclusive list of national organizations who have become members. AAEP is the 97th Equestrian Partner as ELCR approaches its 100th member milestone.

The AAEP, based in Lexington, Kentucky, strives to improve the health and welfare of the horse, to further the professional development of its members, and to provide resources and leadership for the benefit of the equine industry. Executive Director David Foley said, "As an organization with members in all facets of the equine industry, the AAEP is pleased to be a supporter of the work being accomplished by the ELCR. Proper stewardship of our land is critical for growth in the recreational horse industry."

Each of ELCR's Equestrian Partners has made a spiritual and financial commitment to assist with educating and supporting horsemen on issues of land protection for horses. Our Equestrian Partners recognize that, regardless of breed, discipline or product specialty, the U.S. land development rate of 250 acres per hour jeopardizes the future of equestrian recreation, sport and lifestyle. If your organization would like to join our national efforts to save land for horses, visit www.elcr.org, or feel free to call us at 859-455-8383 for more information.

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About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):

ELCR, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horses and horse-related activity, serves as a clearinghouse and educational resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands. For more information, visit <http://www.elcr.org>

About American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP):

AAEP represents an educated group of men and women who cover a broad range of equine disciplines, breeds and associations. As of 2008, over 8,000 veterinarians and veterinary students in 57 countries are members of the AAEP. Visit <http://www.aaep.org> to learn more about the organization.

