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National Clydesdale Sale Features Over 200 Entries

Great American Clydesdales dispersal among the highlights.

February 17, 2009, Pectonica, IL - The 2009 National Clydesdale Sale, sponsored by the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A., has consigned over 200 Clydesdale mares, geldings and stallions. This event is the largest offering of purebred Clydesdales in the world, and this year will include the dispersal of National and World Clydesdale Champions from Great American Clydesdales, Orland, IN.

“Our National Clydesdale Sale is the annual highlight for our breed and our breeders ,” says Cathy Behn of the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A. “Over 200 Clydesdale mares, geldings and stallions will be available. It is an awesome showcase for the Clydesdale breed – and a wonderful opportunity for existing breeders to pick up quality stock, and new breeders to get involved.”

Great American Clydesdales has been a mainstay on the show circuit for several years, exhibiting the champion 6-horse hitch at the most recent National Clydesdale Show (2008) and World Clydesdale Show (2007). Their dispersal at the National Clydesdale Sale includes thirteen Clydesdales and top end tack/equipment.

“Although the dispersal of Great American Clydesdales is unfortunate, we are proud to have them as an integral part of our sale,” says Behn. “The quality of stock they bring to our event is unmatched, adding to what we think will be an awesome sale, full of a wide variety of Clydesdales to meet just about any breeder’s needs.”

Aside from the sale itself, a full schedule of events is planned for the National Clydesdale Sale including vendor displays, a tack sale, a pre-sale competition of sale horses (held April 23rd), and a Clydesdale Association banquet held the evening of April 24th. Attendees will also have a chance to win their very own Clydesdale filly, raffled off to entrants (need not be present to win). The winner will have the choice of taking her home or entering her in the sale.

For more information, visit www.clydesusa.com or phone (815) 247-8780.

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About the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A.

The Clydesdale Breeders of the United States, incorporated in 1879, is the member organization for the Clydesdale horse and is open to all people interested in the well being and advancement of the breed. The purpose of the Association is to collect, revise, preserve, and publish the history and pedigrees of purebred Clydesdale horses. It is also responsible for all registrations and the transfer of ownership of all eligible horses within the United States.

Schedule of Events at 2009 National Sale & Annual Meeting:

Thursday, April 23, 2009:

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast at the Illinois State Fairgrounds

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Free Education Seminar, featuring a round table discussion on many topics!

1:30 p.m. - Voluntary Halter Show of sale horses & Breeder Futurity Cup Classes

Following Halter Show - Hitching and Riding to be done - location to be announced.

Friday, April 24, 2009:

8:00 a.m. - **Mandatory Preview of Sale Horses.**

Immediately following Preview- **TACK SALE - Including the dispersal of Great American Clydesdale Tack and Equipment – Visit the website at www.clydesusa.com for complete updated list of Tack Sale Items.**

Immediately following Tack Sale - Gelding Sale begins. Sale Office will close one hour following the sale of final gelding.

Friday Evening - Social hour, meal, & Annual Meeting of Clydesdale Breeders of USA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please pre-purchase or reserve your tickets through the Clydesdale Office prior to the Sale or at the registration table at the sale by noon on Friday, April 24th - tickets are \$30.

Saturday, April 25, 2009:

8:00 a.m. - Sale begins with Stallions followed by the National Clydesdale Breeders Futurity Yearlings being sold, and then the Mares.

Announcement of Filly Raffle Winner mid-afternoon.

9:00 a.m.. - 3:00 p.m. - Silent Auction - Proceeds benefit the Clydesdale Education Foundation.

Catalogs for this sale will be available by March 1st from the Clydesdale Association office for \$5.00 (free to active members of the CBUSA) and will list all horses consigned to the sale.

******* Win a Registered Clydesdale Filly *******

There will again be a raffle for a fine registered yearling Clydesdale filly and the winner will be announced on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the National Sale. The winner can either keep the filly or put her through the Sale as his or her own horse. See a photo of this years filly on the website: www.clydeusa.com.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of six tickets.

You need not be present to win. Visa and Mastercard Accepted.

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