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## NILE TO HOST AQHA VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE EVENT

Billings, Mont. -- An American Quarter Horse Association-approved Versatility Ranch Horse competition will be held during the Horse Extravaganza of the NILE Stock Show in October. The event will take place on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the Buckaroo Businesses Arena at MetraPark in Billings, MT.

The AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse competition salutes the versatility of the ranch horse in five different classes – ranch riding, ranch trail, ranch cutting, working ranch horse and ranch conformation.

“We welcome all American Quarter Horse owners as well as anyone who has a passion for horses,” said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. “The Versatility Ranch Horse competition is a great competition for exhibitors as well as spectators.”

Ward Fenton, NILE Horse Events Co-Chairman, says, “with the World Finals in Denver (Jan. 2009), we believe the NILE will provide a great opportunity for those wishing to qualify for that event.”

Born at the request of AQHA members and others who wished for an AQHA-approved event which centered on the talents of a working stock horse, the Versatility Ranch classes represent daily work on ranches. More than 75 events have been held across the country, from California to North Carolina, since the event was approved in 2002.

The competition is unlike a typical show in several ways. In addition to emphasis on the versatility of the horse, the equipment is different. A good working outfit is encouraged and counts over silver-inlaid equipment. Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged as is trimming the inside of ears. Hoof polish, braided or banded manes, and tail extensions are not allowed.

Each year, AQHA approves more than 2,700 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the NILE AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse competition, please contact the NILE office at (406) 256.2495 or at [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org).

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