



### **2020 AQHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**AQHA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** – Craig Huffhines

### **AQHA**

- Established March 1940 – Fort Worth, Texas
- AQHA International Headquarters – Amarillo, Texas

### **Membership**

- 2019 AQHA Membership – 221,251
- 2019 American Quarter Horse Youth Association Membership – 18,223

### **Transfers & Registrations**

- Horses registered by AQHA since 1940 – nearly 6 million worldwide
- 2019 Registrations – 68,655
- 2019 Transfers – 93,352

### **Programs**

Horseback Riding Program – members log hours spent horseback and earn awards.

- American Quarter Horse Division:
  - 2019 Enrollment – 13,808
  - 2019 Awards Presented – 1,813
  - Total Hours Ridden – 377,854
- All-Breeds Division:
  - 2019 Enrollment – 2,383
  - 2019 Awards Presented – 182
  - Total Hours Ridden – 60,027

AQHA Professional Horsemen – group of dedicated horse-industry professionals devoted to promoting the American Quarter Horse and serving AQHA members by offering training assistance in a variety of areas.

- Number of members in 2019 – 653

**Shows** – represent a major segment of the equine industry. American Quarter Horse shows offer youth, amateur, Select amateur and open classes for horsemen and -women the opportunity to compete with their American Quarter Horses, testing their skills against other horses and riders for AQHA halter and performance points, as well as cash awards and prizes.

- 2019 Total Shows – 2,255
- 2019 U.S. Shows – 1,946
- 2019 International Shows – 309
- 2019 Total Show Entries – 797,703
- 2019 Total Special Events – 369
- 2019 Total Special-Event Entries – 24,685
- 2019 AQHA World Championship Show Entries – 4,045
- 2019 Adequan® Select World Championship Show Entries – 952
- 2019 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show Entries – 3,698
- 2019 AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships Entries – 2,302
- 2019 National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance Championships – 603
- 2019 AQHA Level 1 Cattle Championships – 243
- 2019 AQHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championships Entries – 93
- 2019 AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals Entries – 123
- 2019 AQHA West Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,559
- 2019 Nutrena East AQHA Level 1 Championships Entries – 2,575
- 2019 AQHA Central Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,465
- AQHA Judges – 1,169

**Ranching Heritage Programs** – highlight the efforts of American Quarter Horse ranch breeders and their heritage to AQHA. The AQHA Ranching Heritage programs are the AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeders, AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenges and AQHA Ranching Heritage Young Horse Development Program.

- 2019 Ranching Heritage Challenge Total Entries – 680
- 2019 Total Ranching Heritage Members – 409
- 2019 Total Ranching Heritage Challenge-Eligible Horses – 104,576

**Races** – developed from the village lanes of colonial America, American Quarter Horse racing brings the thrill and excitement of closely matched American Quarter Horses racing at peak speeds near 55 miles per hour.

- 2019 Total Starters in American Quarter Horse Races – 12,985
- Average Purse/Race – \$18,063
- Average Earnings/Starter – \$9,333
- Total Purses – \$116,599,755
- 2019 Bank of America Racing Challenge Enrollments – 2,122
- Total Challenge Purses – \$2,954,061
- Nominator Awards – \$95,451

**International** – serves and supports international members and affiliate organizations through the implementation of innovative programs and services that accommodate a diverse set of needs to enhance the value of maintaining AQHA membership globally.

- 36 international affiliate organizations in four membership regions: Australasia-Africa, Canada, Europe and Latin America.
- 21 Educational Marketplace Seminars hosted in 17 countries in 2019.
- Latin American Membership Summit hosted in Mexico City in February 2019.
- Australasia-Africa Membership Summit hosted in Melbourne in July 2019.
- European Championship of American Quarter Horses supported in Krueth, Germany, in August 2019.
- Quality Samples Semen Export Programs supported with USDA funding in Argentina, Costa Rica and the Czech Republic.
- Country-specific high-point awards supported for participants in 308 international shows.
- International Best Remuda awarded to Estancias Graciarena of Olavarria, Argentina

**American Quarter Horse Youth Association** – designed for American Quarter Horse enthusiasts 18 years of age and younger, established on the premise of expanding youth participation with and knowledge of the American Quarter Horse. AQHYA currently has nearly 20,000 members.

- American Quarter Horse Foundation Scholarships
- Junior Master Horseman
- Youth Racing Experience Program
- Bank of America Youth Excellence Seminar
- AQHYA Board of Directors
- AQHA Ranching Heritage Young Horse Development Program
- Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show

### **American Quarter Horse Association Publications**

- *The American Quarter Horse Journal* - In July 2019, the publications team began to merge *America's Horse* with *The American Quarter Horse Journal* and create a new lifestyle publication under the *Journal* title. Beginning with the April-May 2020 issue, the new *American Quarter Horse Journal* will be sent eight times a year to all members as a benefit of their AQHA membership. [Read more.](#)
  - Due to postage costs, the print magazine cannot be mailed to international members. However, a link to the digital version of the magazine will be emailed to all international members.
  - The *Journal* has been in publication since September 1948.
  - Contains articles about craftsmen, people and horses in the American Quarter Horse industry, as well as features on ranches.
- *Quarter Racing Journal* – official racing publication for the American Quarter Horse racing industry, printed in March and December and mailed to all racing-interested members.
  - First Issue – January 1988

**Networks** – AQHA keeps horse enthusiasts informed and educated through a variety of media platforms.

- *AQHA.com*
- *YouTube.com/aqhavideo*
- E-newsletters
- Facebook – *facebook.com/aqha1*
- Instagram – @officialaqha, @officialaqhya
- Twitter – @AQHA and @AQHYA
- Pinterest – *pinterest.com/aqha1*
- LinkedIn – *linkedin.com/company/American-quarter-horse-association*

\*\* All numbers are as of 12/31/19.

# AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE FOUNDATION

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**Chief Foundation Officer** – Dr. Anna Morrison

The American Quarter Horse Foundation connects horses and people through charitable giving in order to develop and support programs or initiatives that preserve our horse’s legacy and further the overall well-being of the American Quarter Horse and the people who comprise the Quarter Horse family.

- More than \$119,000 awarded to 40 equine assisted activities and therapies centers to help them provide freedom and empowerment to their clients.
- More than \$523,000 awarded in scholarships to help youth make their dreams come true by pursuing higher education.
- More than \$209,000 was given to grants researching equine welfare, congenital diseases and genetics, performance injuries, and reproduction.
- The Hall of Fame welcomed 11 new inductees into the class of 2019.
- The American Quarter Horse Museum, located in Amarillo, connected more than 19,000 visitors from around the world to the American Quarter and hosted 45 bus tour groups, 16 adult group tours and 26 field trips.
- The Foundation launched *AQHLead*, a program designed to foster leadership and industry involvement for young adults.

**Networks** – The American Quarter Horse Foundation shares its programs through a variety of mediums.

- Facebook – [facebook.com/aqhhalloffame](https://www.facebook.com/aqhhalloffame)
- Instagram – @aqhfoundation

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