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## Largest European Paint Horse futurity celebrates 20 years

The Paint Horse Club Germany (PHCG) Breeders Futurity celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. Held jointly with the European Paint Horse Championships (EPHC) in Kreuth, Germany, the futurity boasted 87 entries and paid out 31,000 Euros (about \$39,700).

Kayitah Smart King, a 5-year old bay tobiano stallion and one of the futurity's entries, was a long shot going into the competition. Trained by a teenage girl and ridden mostly as a trail horse until January, the stallion—who is owned by Birgit-Susanne Sandler of Volklingen, Germany, and trained by Maik Bartmann—earned a top five finish in the EPHC's Junior Reining class and also earned seventh place in the reining futurity.

"He's a nice horse," said Bartmann. "I like him a lot. He's got a good attitude."

Past PHCG President Hardy Oelke says the futurity has helped the Paint Horse breed grow throughout Europe.

"The money that was paid out—it really helped the Paint breeders," he said. "I'm really convinced the financial incentive helped a lot."

Now drawing entries from outside of Germany too, the futurity has helped unite the European Paint Horse community.

"We call it the German futurity," said Oelke, "but I think it truly is an European futurity."

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## Team Paint wins Battle of the Breeds

Four American Paint Horses clinched top honors for their breed at a Canadian event, earning the overall title in the Pacific Spirit Horse Show's Battle of the Breeds competition. The Battle of the Breeds took place during the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pacific National Exhibition Fair, held August 30–September 2 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The Battle of the Breeds is a team competition designed to showcase the versatility of horse breeds. With four horses per team, exhibitors competed in barrel racing, dressage, jumping and trail classes. Team Paint accumulated 584 points to take the top spot.

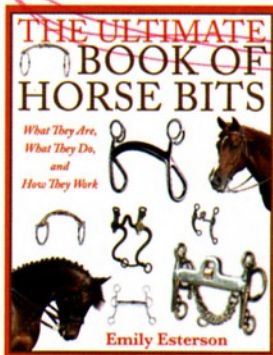


Banana Shake and Heidi Hogan helped Team Paint win the Pacific Spirit Battle of the Breeds event.

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Team Paint was comprised of Wind-dancers Cimaron, a 1999 bay tobiano gelding, and the 1999 black tobiano mare Bar J Zandas Beauty, both of whom are owned by Ron Stolp and Kelly Allen of Langley, British Columbia; WW Pistol Mccue, a 1994 black tovero stallion owned by Cynthia Ann Mostad Pelletier of Langley; and Banana Shake, a 2003 palomino overo mare owned by Heidi Hogan of Mission, British Columbia.

Ridden by Christa Byrd, Bar J Zandas Beauty placed first in dressage and tied for second in jumping. Winddancers Cimaron won the jumping with Brandie Thom aboard; Stephanie Ivs rode the gelding in dressage. Banana Shake and rider Heidi Hogan won the barrel racing event. Pistol Mccue and Cynthia Pelletier placed second in barrel racing and trail.



## A bit about bits

Bits are some of the most basic, yet complicated, pieces of equipment available to horsemen. A new book written by accomplished equestrian journalist Emily Esterson, titled *The Ultimate Book of Bits*, provides a comprehensive look at the world of bits and biting.

*The Ultimate Book of Bits* covers history, manufacturing, bit styles and how to deal with specific biting problems, while focusing on proper training as the first step. The hard-cover book contains more than 120 color photographs.

Published by Skyhorse Press, *The Ultimate Book of Bits* retails for \$24.95. It's available through [skyhorsepublishing.com](http://skyhorsepublishing.com), through equestrian book distributors and on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

