

# 2009 APHA Fall World Championship Show

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"An Intense Desire"



A superb lineup of 2 year old mares.



"Mighty Ambitious"

The weather was superb - clear, fine and 75 Fahrenheit or 24 degrees celsius and nowhere near as warm as my previous trip in July of 2005 to Fort Worth, Texas for the World Show. I had four days of watching beautiful horses compete, socialising with great friends and eating some amazing food. No trip to the World Show is complete without at least one cinnamon roll for breakfast and I have to mention that I have now discovered Brazilian BBQ - YUMMMM.

The Aussie contingent has done us proud again with Craig Dengate and Karen Lonski's mare "An Intense Desire" taking out third overall at the World in the Amateur 2-Year-Old Mares. Led by Craig, in a very tough class, the gorgeous mare by "Intensely Tough" out of "River of Desire" showed superbly. In the open class "2-Year-Old Mares", with professional trainers holding the shanks, she again did extremely well taking out a top ten placing in the World.

Notably, the PHAA's worker bees, Jeffery and Lee Ann Hall were extremely

active in the show pens stewarding for the Judges. Lee Ann pencilled in the John Justin Arena for the ridden events and Jeffery spent many a long day on his feet lining up halter horses in the Watt Arena.

Personally, my trip to Fort Worth was to support some friends who have been showing extremely successfully with the progeny of their stallion "Mighty Ambitious" (Mighty Awesome x Sheza Heart Broker). "Mighty" is owned by Cheryl Vasi and stands at Jeff & Kerri Richards' Painted Dreams Farm. To date 10% of this young stallion's progeny have earned World titles.

I was honoured to be included in the supporter's team photo for "Southern

Ambition" owned by Jeff & Kerri who took Reserve World Champion in both Amateur Solid Paint-Bred Mares all Ages and Solid Paint-Bred Yearling Mares. Cheryl's entry "Xtreme Ambition" a palomino overo colt owned in partnership with her mother Danielle Vasi-Koeberle was the undoubtable crowd favourite when he took out World Champion in a huge class of Weanling Stallions.

Whilst in Fort Worth, I also took the opportunity to meet with the APHA's Executive Director Lex Smurthwaite and thanked him for his support of our 2010 National Show as he is helping to procure a judge whose costs will be funded by the APHA. Lex was extremely generous and has offered his support to any of the Australian APHA members including the PHAA.

