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2008 Polo Ranch Sale

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The Polo Ranch Dispersal Sale, a one-of-a-kind event, was held Friday, Oct. 17 at the Polo Ranch headquarters in Marietta, Okla. The sale had 121 of 126 horses sell for an outstanding \$2,676,500.

The gross average came in at \$21,242 and the net average held steady at \$21,446 with \$2,595,000 in total sales. The median was \$14,500.

The Polo Ranch, owned by Joe and Karalyn Schuchert of Wyoming, was truly unique in that it was a dispersal sale of a program that has, for more than a decade, bred champion horses in cutting, reining and reined cow horse. The event started with an equipment sale on Thursday, Oct. 16.

Everything from Klapper bits to round hay bales sold that day. On the second day, a royal set of the Polo Ranch's stock was presented to the public. The Polo Ranch hosted lunch that day and according to Reed, 700 people were served. That was certainly an indicator of the attendance.

"We were thrilled by the turnout, that so many people cared to come," said Susie Reed, who manages the Polo Ranch with Shane Wilson. "There were many people that we'd never seen before. There were a lot of new people. The horses went everywhere. We feel like a lot of people have faith in our program."

As for the prices, the Polo Ranch was pleased.

"We would be happy with the prices in normal financial times," Reed said. "With times as they have been in the last 30 days, we were thrilled. We were also happy with the consistency of the support of the different foreign countries and the States."

The high seller at the Polo Ranch Sale was Katz (High Brow Cat x Sugar Tend x Son O Sugar), a 13-year-old mare who sold as a package deal with a Boonlight Dancer colt at her side and another on the way next year. She was purchased by Raymond Usher, Cheyenne, Wyo.



This Boonlight Dancer colt came as part of the Katz package

Katz came equipped with a record worth \$93,496 that included placing in the top 10 at the 1998 NCHA Futurity and splitting sixth at the NCHA Super Stakes with the late Bill Freeman in the saddle. At the time of the sale, Katz had offspring earnings of more than \$300,000 that included her 2000 Smart Aristocrat mare, Aristo Katz, who has \$270,162 in total cutting money won with Clint Allen.

Cat N Gail (High Brow Cat x Abigail Fletch x Jae Bar Fletch) was the second-highest seller at \$115,000. The 10-year-old mare has earnings of \$56,240 and has produced offspring that have earned \$116,838. They include the 2003 mare Ristos Fair Lady, by Smart Aristocrat, with earnings of \$113,325. Cat N Gail sold in foal to Boonlight Dancer. Cat N Gail was sold to Sunrise Ranch, Fayetteville, Ark.

Acres Of Boonlight, a promising 3-year-old red roan stallion (Boonlight Dancer x Not Quite An Acre x Bob Acre Doc) brought \$95,000. The colt already has earnings of \$20,684, including splitting third in the Open at the Music City Futurity and taking the Open Co-Reserve Championship at the West Texas Futurity with James Payne riding. Acres Of Boonlight sold to Jason Hanson from Alberta, Canada.

Rowels (Gallo Del Cielo x EBG Docs Spur x Doc O'Lena), a carbon copy of his sire, was the high-selling yearling. His dam earned \$1,822 in NCHA money and has produced two money-earners, including Roosters Spurs, also by Gallo Del Cielo, with \$33,372 in reining competition. Rowels is enrolled in the NRBC. He sold to Estancias Graciarena SA from Argentina.

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