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### **Top Seller Brings \$20,000 at National Clydesdale Sale**

Wisconsin-based gelding gets top dollar; seven entries head to Brazil.

**April 26, 2008, Madison, WI** – The National Clydesdale Sale wrapped up in Madison this weekend with the top-selling entry bringing \$20,000 in front of nearly 1,500 spectators.

Over 200 Clydesdales were entered in the National Clydesdale Sale, which was moved to Madison on an emergency basis after electrical issues forced the event's cancellation at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The largest offering of its kind in the world, the sale included purebred geldings, mares and stallions from throughout North America.

The top entry was Robyncroft Fuslier's Fire, a three-year-old gelding consigned by West Bend, Wisconsin's Dr. Joe Schwartz, and purchased by David Carson of Listowel, Ontario. Mahdeen's H.C. Oliver Davey, consigned by Robert & Andrea Detweiler of Oelwein, IA, was the top selling stallion at \$16,000. Three mares topped out at \$15,000 each – Plunton Kelyns Gormlaith consigned by Robert & Andrea Detweiler, Ozark's Royal Select consigned by Marisa and Jeff Gower of Springfield, MO, and Carson's Connie Lynn consigned by Greenwood Farms LLC of Richmond, MI.

Overall, 135 Clydesdales were sold, averaging well over \$4,500. Geldings were the strongest group, averaging over \$5,100. Mares averaged over \$4,600 while stallions averaged over \$3,600.

“It was a strong showing of our breed considering the inconvenience of a last minute change of venue,” says Cathy Behn of the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A. “We had buyers and sellers on hand from across the continent – and beyond.”

“Beyond” included Brazil, where seven Clydesdales are headed after purchase by a native Brazilian breeder.

“This is the first time we have had horses from our sale heading to Brazil,” says Behn. “It is awesome to see the reach of our great breed extending to more and more breeders not only across North America, but around the world. Clydesdales are no doubt becoming more and more popular each year.”

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Other highlights of the sale included the first ever National Clydesdale Breeders Futurity Cup. Created to further promote the Clydesdale breed, enhance genetics and educate breeders, registered yearlings were sold as part of the Futurity Sale. These yearlings now have the opportunity to show in classes at future National Clydesdale Sales. These classes include two-year-old halter classes to be held next year, and then three-year-old halter classes and a cart class the following year. 13 Clydesdales sold as part of the Futurity Sale for an average of just under \$4,000 each.

A Clydesdale filly, donated to the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A. by Mr. Merlin Hulse, was also raffled off as part of the National Clydesdale Sale's events to Mick & Angel Brinkerhoff of Indiana.

Next year's National Clydesdale Sale will be held April 23-26 in Springfield, IL at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The National Clydesdale Show will take place later this year in Milwaukee, WI, July 31- August 3.

For more information on the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A, visit [www.clydesusa.com](http://www.clydesusa.com) or phone (815) 247-8780.

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### **About the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A.**

The Clydesdale Breeders of the United States, incorporated in 1879, is the member organization for the Clydesdale horse and is open to all people interested in the well being and advancement of the breed. The purpose of the Association is to collect, revise, preserve, and publish the history and pedigrees of purebred Clydesdale horses. It is also responsible for all registrations and the transfer of ownership of all eligible horses within the United States.