

Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale Up, Paced by \$675,000 Sale Topper

RUIDOSO DOWNS, New Mexico (September 1, 2008) – The Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale concluded on Sunday night with First Prize Stanley bringing an all-time record \$675,000 and total sales for the three-night offering up 15.3 percent.

A total of 455 yearling quarter horses were offered and they brought a total of \$19,574,900, up from \$16,984,700 on 420 head last year.

The average price for a horse passing through the ring was up 6.4 percent, from \$40,400 last year to \$43,022 this year.

The upper half of the market was particularly strong with 119 yearlings fetching \$50,000 or more, a 25.3-percent increase over 2007.

First Prize Stanley, a son of leading sire Mr Jess Perry and broodmare of the year First Prize Dash, set the all-time record for the sale held during All American Futurity week with his \$675,000 purchase price. He was consigned by the 6666 Ranch, as agent for Weetona Stanley, and purchased by Chad Hart.

First Prize Dash, a sister to all-time leading sire First Down Dash, is the dam of three Grade 1 futurity winners, one Grade 2 futurity winner and is the second dam of 2008 West Texas Futurity winner and 300-yard world record holder Fast Prize Zoom.

The previous record of \$510,000 was set during the 1981 Ruidoso Super Select Sale. It was for a half brother to All American Futurity and All American Derby winner Higheasterjet.

The all-time record for a quarter horse yearling was set at the 2001 Vessels/Schvaneveldt Sale is \$700,000 for Corona Caliente, a brother to Ruidoso Select Quarter Horse Yearling Sale second high seller Mia Corona.

Mia Corona, topped the second night of the sale. She was consigned by Julianna Hawn Holt and purchased by Gary McKinney of Midland Texas.

Mia Corona is sired by First Down Dash and out of two-time champion Corona Chick, a broodmare of the year and member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame. Mia Corona is a full sister to champion and All American Futurity winner Corona Cash and leading sire Corona Cartel.