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## USPC's Virtual Quiz Rally a Success

March 31, 2021 (Lexington, KY) — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) hosted its first ever Virtual Quiz Rally, held over four days of competition, February 27-28 and March 6-7, 2021. The online event attracted 894 competitors nationwide across all time zones from Maine to Alaska, ranging in age from 4 to 75.

"The entries and enthusiasm for this event exceeded all our expectations," said USPC Activities & Events Director Erin Woodall. "A tremendous thank you goes out to all the competitors and volunteers who made the first USPC Virtual Quiz Rally possible."

"We are very excited about the opportunities for virtual connection, learning and competition that the digital platform is providing for Pony Club's membership, and appreciate the expanded access it offers to Pony Club's education and programs," said USPC Executive Director Teresa Woods.

Quiz is one of 10 <u>competitive disciplines</u> in Pony Club. The question-and-answer competition challenges Pony Club members to learn horsemanship and horse care in a fun, interactive way. In addition, <u>Quiz</u> competition provides Pony Club members with opportunities to display and learn good sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork as they prepare, plan and cooperate with their teammates.

Due to the overwhelming success of the event, additional Virtual Quiz competition dates are being planned for later this spring to allow more members the opportunity to qualify for national Championships, to be held this summer at the <u>USPC Festival 2021</u> presented by SSG Riding Gloves, sponsored by State Line Tack.

About Pony Club — The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1954. The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., develops character, leadership, confidence, and a sense of community through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding, and mounted sports for an inter-generational audience with a focus on youth. Pony Club is one of the largest equine education organizations with thousands of members and hundreds of clubs and centers throughout the United States. USPC is proud to provide education to equestrians of all ages, with instruction and competitive opportunities in more than 10 different disciplines. Pony Club's educational standards continue to be instrumental in curriculum development for schools, universities, equestrian professionals and organizations across the United States. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including Olympic team members, as well as successful business professionals and leaders in a variety of fields, have roots in Pony Club.