

Scottsdale Classic Raises Money for the Cause

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The Sixth Annual Scottsdale Classic was more than just a showing of the best American Quarter Horses in the country. The seven day event held at West World in Scottsdale from October 2nd through the 8th demonstrated the big hearts of horse people by raising money for charity. Despite a shaky economy, the number of class entries increased as it has every year, and most vendors reported good or better sales. However, it was in generosity that the Classic really excelled this year.

The show raised \$4,472 for Rein in Cancer, thanks to the efforts of a group of dedicated show staff and volunteers. Everyone was encouraged to wear pink on Friday to support the cause. Money was raised through donations, sales of pink Rein in Cancer bracelets, a Rose and Gemstone Raffle, and the very entertaining Bridle-less Western Riding in Pink where spectators bid on contestants to win. As the name suggests, riders had to negotiate a patten of turns, trots, lopes and lead changes with out the control of a bridle. In addition, competitors (and horses) wore pink costumes while showing off their high degree of skill.

With competitors showing from 33 states as well as British Columbia and Ontario, Canada, earning over \$200,000 in cash and prizes, the Scottsdale Classic has the reputation as one of the premier shows for Quarter Horse enthusiasts. Now with the success of its fundraising, it will also be known as the show where horsemen have big hearts.