

SARA GUGELMEYER CROWNED ALL-AROUND CHAMPION AT NATIONAL RANCH AND STOCK HORSE ALLIANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance, Guthrie, Oklahoma – Sara Gugelmeyer of Dalhart, Texas, captured the all-around Amateur title at the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance National Championship Show held in conjunction with the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships recently at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



Edging the competition by one point, Sara and OTP Rio took home the NRSHA Amateur title. Sara said this has become more of a family event, with her husband showing alongside her, and now her son Calvin starting his show career in the cattle and ranch riding classes. OTP Rio is no stranger to the show pen having been shown by Sara's husband in the past, where he placed third overall in the AQHA Amateur all around in 2019. This year, Sara finished fourth in the VRH Amateur All Around in addition to the NRSHA championship.

"I really appreciate NRSHA working hard to get the added money so that it is financially rewarding to do well at the show," she said. Sara finished the week 1st in cow work, 1st in ranch riding, 2nd in cutting, 5th in trail and 6th in reining to earn \$2,641.25. She also took home a prize package that included a sterling-silver buckle, bronze trophy, champion neck ribbon, specially designed logoed jacket and champion patch.

OTP Rio is a 2011 gelding by One Time Pepto and out of Hickorys Tornado Rio, and was bred by Dan Churchill of Moline, Illinois.

Reserve champion honors went to Dual Smarty shown by Julia Winders of Clovis, New Mexico.

More than 470 entries competed in NRSHA ranch trail, ranch reining, ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch boxing and ranch cow work across 7 different divisions. Riders qualified for the National Championship Show by competing at three or more shows with one of the NRSHA partners.

About NRSHA

The National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance is comprised of nine ranch/stock horse associations dedicated to preserving and promoting ranching traditions and heritage through competition on a national level. Members include the American Paint Horse Association, East Coast Stock Horse Association, Kentuckiana Ranch Horse Association, National Versatility Ranch Horse Association, Oklahoma Stock Horse Association, Stock Horse of Texas, Volunteer Ranch Horse Association, Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association. More information about NRSHA can be found at <u>www.ranchhorse.net</u>.

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