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**2007 School Horse of the Year Winner Announced
for the Certified Horsemanship Association**

– The Peter Stone Company and the Certified Horsemanship Association are proud to announce the winner of the annual CHA Stone School Horse of the Year award - Doc from Golden Gate Vaulters in Golden, Colorado who is owned by Noel & Yossi Martonovich. The Doc model was presented in Orlando, Florida at the CHA International Conference last week at the Grand Cypress Equestrian Center.

Doc is a 16-year-old Belgian gelding that has been a vaulting school horse for over a decade. He came to Little Spring Ranch in Golden, Colorado from an auction when he was 5-years-old. Doc has competed at every American Vaulting Association National Championship since 1997 and several vaulters have won national titles on his back. Doc competed in the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain carrying two vaulters from the US. He has been used for CHA vaulting clinics and has helped spread the sport of vaulting throughout Colorado and the US by being the patient mount of many new vaulters. Doc is truly a gentle giant.

“It is absolutely wonderful that CHA takes the time to honor those horses who are the backbone of the horse industry, the horses who have the heart to provide a safe learning experience for vaulters and riders,” says Noel, Doc’s owner. “For 10 years Doc has carried vaulters from beginners to gold medalists with the same care, steadiness, and pride. We want to express our deep appreciation to CHA and Peter Stone for recognizing his achievements and bestowing on him this honor.”

There were eleven entries for this award. Finalists included:

- Amoute from Whispering Willow Farm in Franksville, Wisconsin. Owed by Kathy Findley.
- Junior from Diamond W Ranch in Dodge, Wisconsin. Owned by Scott and Laura Windmiller.
- Kiowa from Senneca Equestrian Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Owed by Veronica Dackson.
- Romeo from The Horsemanship School in Burien, Washington. Owed by Dawn Stahr

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