



## Regional Sales

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Boosted by the infusion of bloodstock from a nationally recognized Thoroughbred owner, the 2010 Barretts January Mixed Sale yielded increases in gross sales and average price. But those lofty results were brought back down to earth somewhat with an accompanying decrease in median and a less favorable buy-back rate.

Conducted at the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex in Pomona on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26, the auction served as California's first and only commercial venue on the 2010 calendar for Thoroughbreds of mixed age. As such, it provided an appropriate avenue for a major reduction of holdings from the Craig Family Trust, many of which carried bloodlines that have been successful for California-based owner Jenny Craig and her late husband, Sid. Over the past two decades, the couple raced dual Eclipse Champion Paseana (Arg) and 2003 Pacific Classic Stakes (grade I) winner Candy Ride (Arg). The latter, now a Kentucky stallion, featured prominently in the Barretts results: in addition to reigning as the sale's leading covering sire, with a \$34,000 average from six mares sold, he also topped the list among all sires of yearlings, with eight from this age group sold for an average of \$22,375 each.

The two highest-priced horses of the event, a pair of six-year-old mares from the Craig consignment, were both cataloged while carrying offspring of the 11-year-old Ride the Rails stallion. Topping the proceedings with a successful bid of \$65,000 from Warrendale Bloodstock was Gentlemen's Crown, a winning Gentlemen (Arg) mare whose half-brother, Chocolate Candy, was a grade III winner and Kentucky Derby (grade I) contender for Candy Ride in 2009. Selling for \$60,000 to Herman Sarkowsky was Pride of Pegasus, a Fusaichi Pegasus mare whose dam, Alpride (Ire), was a champion in Italy and a dual grade I winner in Southern California; she entered the sales ring with her newborn foal by her side.

The Craig Family Trust consignment was handled by agent Grant Hofmans, the Farm Manager of Jenny Craig's 237-acre Rancho Paseana in Rancho Santa Fe. In total, 39 horses from this delegation grossed \$697,600, establishing the Craig Family Trust as the clear leader among

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all Barretts January consignors. Second among sellers this year was agent Andy Havens' Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc., with 47 horses sold for \$294,100. Agent Sam Hendricks ranked third, with 32 horses sold for \$218,600.

From the 447 horses offered at this year's Barretts mixed auction, the company reported 275 were sold for gross receipts of \$2,013,000—a 63.3 percent increase from the \$1,232,400 in sales achieved in 2009, when 202 of 284 horses were sold. The 2010 average price jumped 20 percent, from \$6,101 to \$7,320, but the median did not mirror that positive trend, dropping from \$3,600 last year to \$3,200 this year for an 11.1 percent decline. The buy-back rate increased from 28.9 percent to 38.5 percent, with 172 horses failing to find new homes in 2010.

Two California-bred yearlings and a juvenile filly bred in Kentucky rounded out the list of the top five highest-priced horses at the vendue, with each youngster commanding a final price of \$40,000.

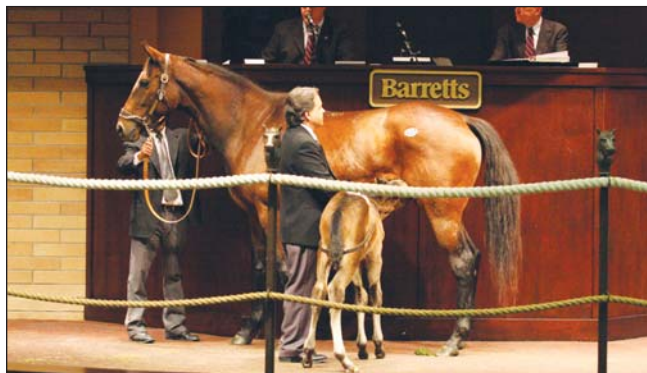
A Candy Ride yearling filly out of Alpride's multiple winner Chapeau, by Deputy Minister, was selected from the Craig consignment by Walnut Hill Stables, while a Tale of the Cat yearling colt out of Desert King's grade III-placed winner La Maitresse (Ire) was secured by Lane's End Bloodstock from the consignment of Harris Farms Inc., agent. Holy Script, a two-year-old daughter of Holy Bull out of the stakes-placed winner Marquise Miss, by Marquetry, was consigned by H & E Ranch and purchased by California trainer Mike Harrington.

Leading the way among buyers in 2010 was Walnut Hill Stables, with three Candy Ride yearlings acquired for \$99,000. Martin and Pam Wygod of California's top-ranked River Edge Farm bought seven yearlings for \$90,000 to rank second, followed by \$88,000 in expenditures from Warrendale Bloodstock for the sale-topper and an additional mare from the Craig consignment.

For complete results of the 2010 Barretts January Mixed Sale, visit [www.barretts.com](http://www.barretts.com). 



Hip Number 301: Gentlemen's Crown – \$65,000



Hip Number 433: Pride of Pegasus – \$60,000