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## ASHA to File Notice of Appeal in Fayette Circuit Court Today

**Lexington, Kentucky** - At a telephonic meeting held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) Board of Directors voted unanimously to appeal the decision of the Fayette Circuit Court which would, in effect, give open access to personal and confidential information of ASHA members, staff, Board and committee members.

In taking this action, the Board considered the interests of multiple stake holders, and in its deliberations, expressed special concern regarding member information that might be private or confidential in nature and which might have been shared with the Association with an expectation that it would not become public information. The Association has already voluntarily provided all requested financial information. The Board also expressed a hope that in the appeal process - which requires mediation - the two sides can come together in a spirit of conciliation and resolve differences in the best interests of the Association and the breed.

A committee of the Board has been directed to identify individuals who could participate in this effort. The Notice of Appeal, a short document that expresses the desire of the Association to appeal, will be filed in Fayette Circuit Court today.