



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: July 22, 2025

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**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Recognizing and Honoring the Cindy Krout  
2025 Sonoma County Fair Award of Excellence in the Horse Industry**

**Whereas,** Cindy Krout's journey began at the age of 10 when her mother purchased her first horse from Gene Hash, owner of Hash's Saddle Shop. From that moment on, her life revolved around horses and cattle; and

**Whereas,** during her teen years, Cindy was actively involved in the Petaluma Junior Riders drill team, Color Guard, fair horse shows, and playdays. At 18, Cindy secured her first job in the horse industry, hired by the state veterinarian to serve as the drug tester at the Sonoma County Fair racetrack; and

**Whereas,** raising her two daughters, Natalie and Andrea, Cindy continued to ride and remained deeply involved in youth programs. When her daughters joined 4-H and the Petaluma Junior Riders, she served as head counselor, continuing her commitment to mentoring young equestrians; and

**Whereas,** through the role of head counselor she promoted the Petaluma Riding Club and helped the juniors win several color guard championships at the Grand National Rodeo and Livestock show held at the Cow Palace and state titles with California State Horsemen's Association; and

**Whereas,** Cindy also has served on several fair horse show committees and had the opportunity to judge horse round robin showmanship at the Sonoma Marin and Sonoma County fairs on several occasions; and

**Whereas,** in 1991, an injury changed the course of her life. Through that experience, she met her future business partner, Wendy Albrecht, PT/RVT. With the support of veterinarians Dr. Kerry Ridgway and Dr. Sandy Schuler, they co-founded North Coast Equine Physical Therapy, becoming pioneers in the field of equine rehabilitation and sports medicine; and

**Whereas,** the work took her across the country—to Louisiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina—treating horses at private barns and racetracks. As well as, collaborating with professionals such as Lenora Moore, Mimi Porter, and occasionally consulted with Mary Bromley in England; and

**Whereas,** Cindy and Wendy were invited to present at the first International Veterinary Physical Therapy Symposium at Oregon State University, showcasing one of their remarkable case studies of a foal attacked by a mountain lion at birth. Through the combined efforts of Dr. Ridgway, orthotist Drew Hittenberger, and the North Coast Equine PT team, the colt survived. Under the guidance of trainers Ed Vanoni, Andrea Pheiffer, and Kelley Prather, the colt went on to win a reserve championship in training-level cross country—becoming a legend in his own right; and

**Whereas,** Cindy considers it a privilege to have been part of the early development of equine physical therapy. She remains closely connected to agriculture and the fair community through her family and takes pride in seeing her grandsons now participating as the next generation of fair exhibitors; and

**Whereas,** Cindy expresses heartfelt gratitude to the fair directors and equine committee members for bestowing this meaningful honor. Cindy is honored and humbled to be among the company of past recipients of this award, many that she has admired and worked with over the years. She is beyond grateful for the lifelong friends she has made through the Sonoma County Fair and the Sonoma County Equine community.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and congratulate Cindy Krout, the Sonoma County Fair 2025 Award of Excellence

in the Horse Industry recipients.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**