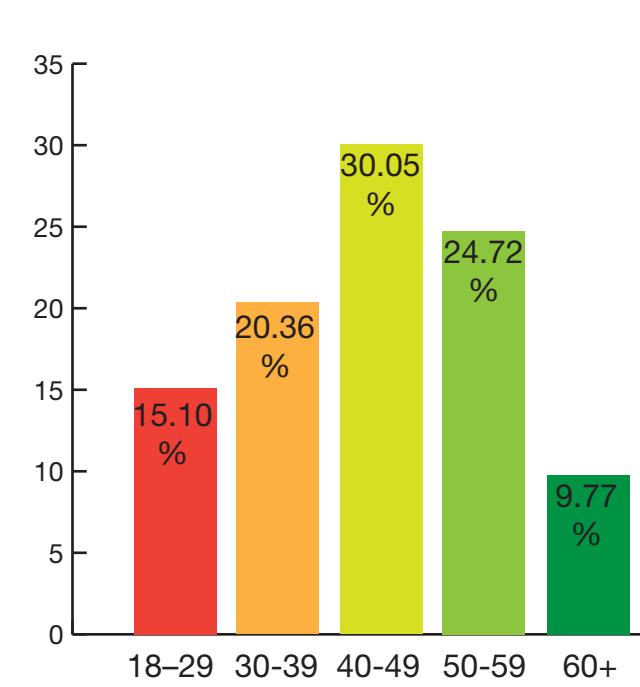


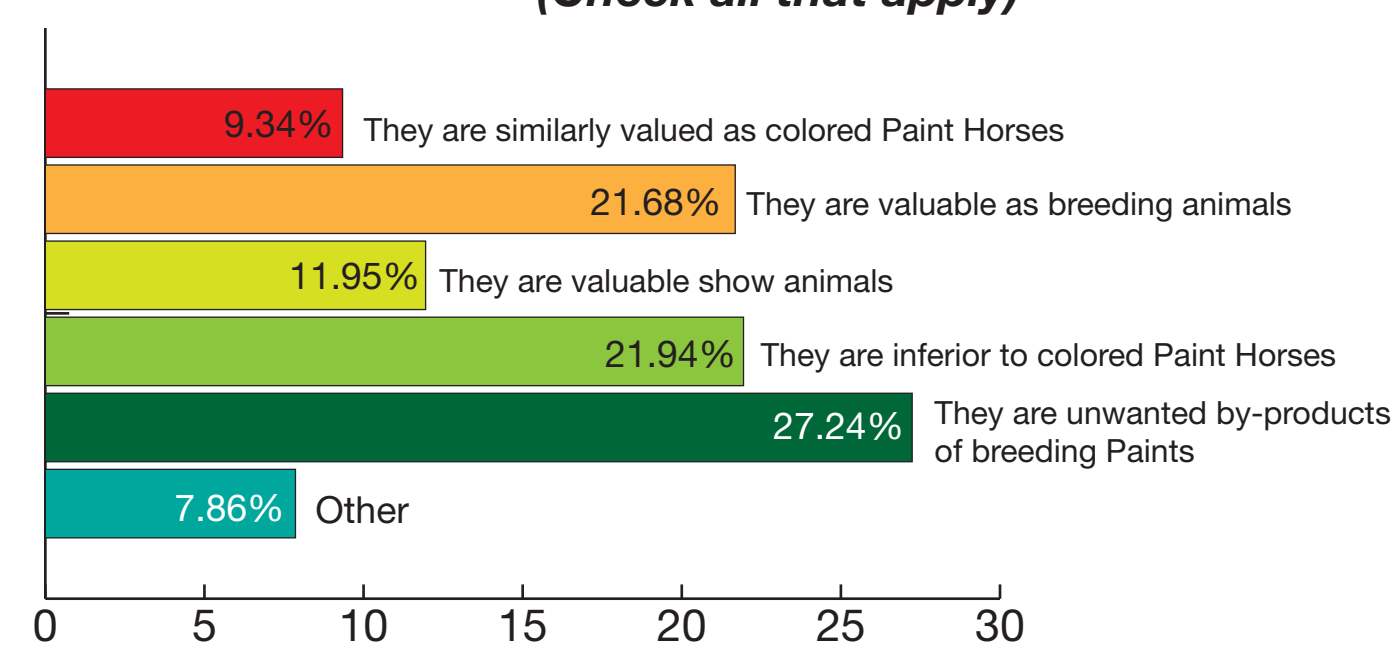
“Rock Solid” survey results

During October 2007, APHA members were invited to participate in the *Paint Horse Journal's* solid Paint-bred survey. The survey, which was conducted at apha.com October 5–19, 2007, yielded 1,370 responses from Paint Horse enthusiasts representing nine countries. Complete results are as follows:

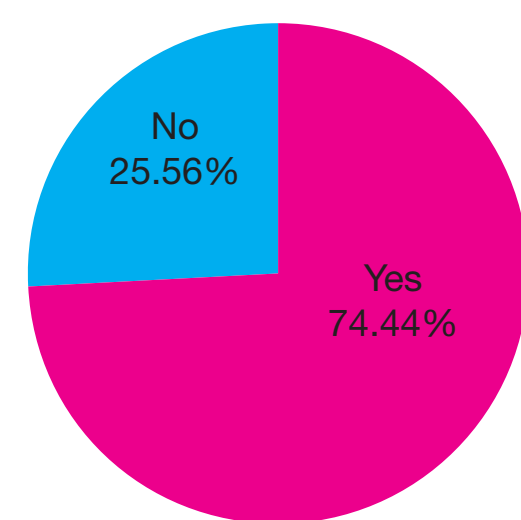
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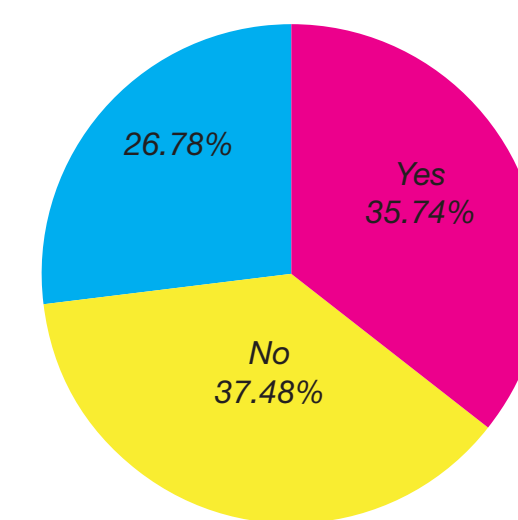
What do you believe is the primary perception of SPBs? (Check all that apply)



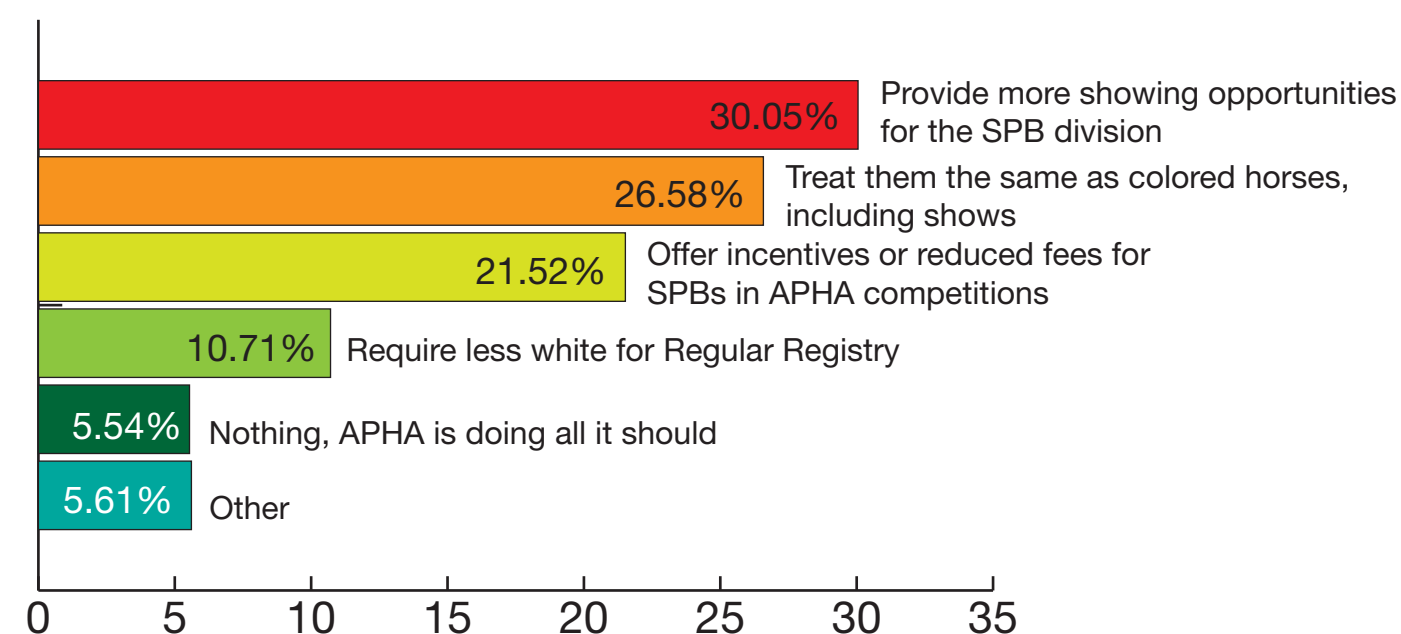
Do you own one or more solid Paint-bred (SPB) horses?



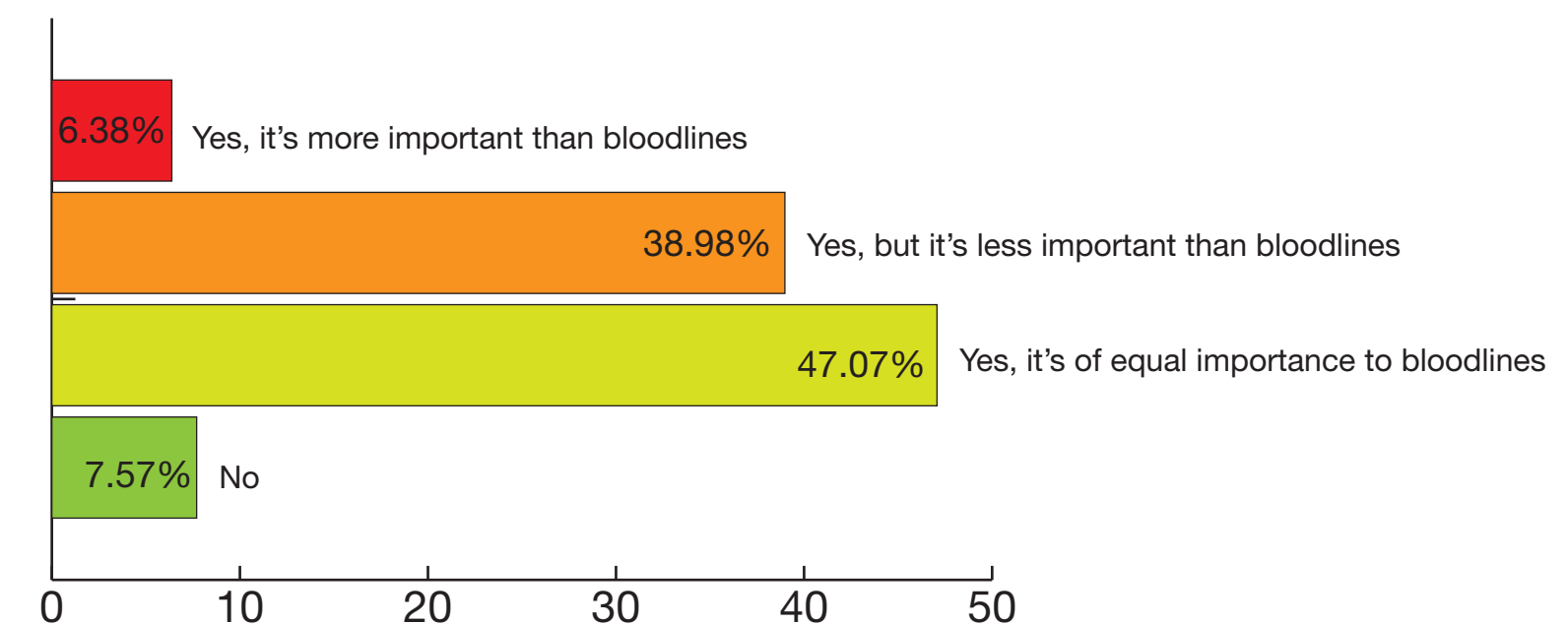
Is this perception accurate?



How could the value of SPBs be increased? (Check all that apply)



Is color an important part of the Paint Horse breed?



Three survey questions asked participants for suggestions about issues facing solid Paints. The questions asked about other perceptions of solid Paints, how the perception of SPBs be positively modified, how the value of SPBs could be increased. The survey also asked for additional comments. Responses to the write-in questions included:

- Allow solid Paint-bred (SPB) horses to compete with Regular Registry (RR) horses in speed and timed event classes.
- Allow SPBs to show in the Walk-Trot division.
- Allow SPBs to show in Novice Amateur and Novice Youth classes.
- Allow SPB geldings to compete in Youth, Amateur and Novice divisions.
- Allow SPB and RR horses to show together in classes where the rider/handler is being judged, such as equitation or showmanship.
- Allow SPB and RR horses to show together during their weanling and yearling years.
- Allow SPBs to compete with RR horses in grand and reserve grand champion halter classes.
- Allow SPBs to compete with RRs in Sweepstakes and Challenge classes.
- Allow SPBs and RRs to be shown together, but placed separately to help regional clubs cut costs.
- Allow SPBs and RRs to show together, but have extra classes and incentives for RR horses.
- Allow SPBs and RRs to show together, but offer a bonus point for RR horses that place.
- Establish a champion of champions class where RRs and SPBs compete equally.
- Offer get of sire and produce of dam classes to showcase genetic contributions.
- Establish a performance permit program for SPBs.
- Create an All Paint-Bred division in which SPBs and RRs compete equally.
- Require SPBs and cropouts to show together in a separate division.
- Allow SPBs to “earn” RR status after accumulating a specific number of points.
- Participate in the classes currently available to SPBs.
- Require a minimum of 10 SPB classes at shows and SPB year-end awards.
- Provide the same classes for SPB and RR horses at all shows.
- Provide more SPB classes at the World Show.
- Offer Sweepstakes and slot classes for SPBs.
- Offer Junior and Senior Open SPB classes.
- Provide SPB classes for Amateur and Youth divisions.
- Require grand and reserve champion halter classes to be offered for SPBs.
- Create shows exclusively for SPBs.
- Create a maturity program for SPBs to win money.
- Lower point requirements for SPB classes.
- Increase point values for SPB classes.
- Enroll SPB horses in Ride America and Paint Alternative Competition programs.
- Provide more opportunities for SPBs win money and prizes.
- Provide high-point awards for SPBs at the World Show.
- Provide the same prize for the Number 1 SPB and the Number 1 Open horse.
- Provide discounted APHA program enrollment fees for SPBs, like Breeders Trust.
- Provide money for local clubs to use as a cash incentive.
- Provide incentives and recognition to clubs for offering SPBs classes.
- Contribute added money to SPB classes, and seek class sponsorships.
- Offer more dual-approved classes.
- Provide more outside competition incentives for SPBs.
- Partner with other organizations to create additional opportunities for SPBs.
- Promote the opportunities available for SPBs inside and outside of APHA.
- Give SPBs the same recognition as RR horses in magazines and marketing material.
- Recognize a SPB Top 20, instead of a Top 10.
- Tabulate and publish SPB Amateur and Youth Top 20 lists.
- Promote SPBs as a transition horse from Open/4-H shows to breed shows.
- Advertise SPB classes to groups outside of APHA.
- Provide information about how to breed for maximum color production on SPBs.
- Conduct research about SPBs' color percentage production, compared to RRs.
- Highlight SPB mares that can produce color.
- Track and publish information about SPBs color production.
- Utilize genealogy research and genetic testing for breeding.
- Offer discounts for genetic testing to empower use of the technology.
- Use genetic testing to determine registration of solid Paints.
- Give RR status to solids with two RR parents.
- Dual register SPBs with other organizations, if applicable.
- Create monetary incentives to breed for color.
- Provide lower fees and more incentives for SPB geldings.
- Create a separate association for SPBs.
- Partner with AQHA to provide registration for SPB horses.
- Establish SPB clubs within the regional clubs.
- Donate SPBs to university equine programs.
- Train and market SPBs.
- Train SPBs to ride before selling.
- Create a “Zone of the Month” marketing section in Paint Horse Journal for SPBs.
- Track and record Paint Horses success in other national organizations, such as the National Reining Horse Association.
- Change children's perception of SPBs.
- Change breeders' attitudes about SPBs.
- Restrict SPBs for breeding use only.