

13th Annual Arabian & Half-Arabian Sport Horse National Championships are Raleigh, North Carolina Bound

(18-July-15 – AURORA, CO) – The Arabian Horse Association is celebrating the 13th anniversary of the Sport Horse National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show September 15 - 20, in Raleigh, N.C. at the Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex this year.

This horse show is unique - not just to the Arabian horse breed, but to other breeds as well. AHA is the only breed association that offers a Sport Horse only National Show for its horses and exhibitors.

Arabian Sport Horses are known for their athleticism, strength and diversity and will showcase these abilities at the National Event. From Dressage to Hunter/Jumper, Pleasure Carriage Driving to In-Hand classes and much more, AHA invites the residents of Raleigh-Durham and surrounding areas to come out and see the best equine athletes in the industry. Class sessions begin respectively at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The show is FREE to the public and also offers the Total Arabian Interactive Learning (T.A.I.L) tours on Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m.; Friday, September 18 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Tours are FREE and open to all ages. Tours are led by an expert guide and invite attendees to participate in a behind-the-scenes view of the show. Kids and families on the tour will meet Arabian horses, watch classes and take home information on the Arabian horse. Contact Mikayla Boge at <u>Mikayla.Boge@arabianhorses.org</u> to schedule a FREE tour of the facility and meet some Arabian horses!

Additionally, the Sport Horse National Show is hosting a silent auction to benefit the Duke Children's Hospital and the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund (AHDF). Donation items, both equine and non-equine will be accepted at the horse show. AHA invites the community to participate in the auction and help to support these two organizations. Contact <u>Dana.Bechtel@arabianhorses.org</u> for more information on the Sport Horse Nationals Silent Auction.

For more information on AHA's Sport Horse National Championship Horse Show, visit <u>www.arabianhorses.org/shn</u>.

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