

## 2020 Youth and Mid Summer Arabian and Half Arabian National Championship Horse Show was a Hit!

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - Aurora, CO – July 29, 2020 – The 2020 Youth and Mid Summer Arabian and Half Arabian National Championship Horse Show wrapped up in Oklahoma City, OK this past week.



*Trophy in the Awards Room.*

This show boasted over 1,200 horses and 3,000 entries. Exhibitors were excited to show with new competition and a wide variety of classes including Western Dressage, Hunter Pleasure, Reining, Sport Horse Under Saddle to Ranch Riding, Park, and many more!

While this year looked a bit different due to new COVID-19 protocols, exhibitors still had fun with a few socially distanced Ice Cream Socials, the annual Graduating Youth Ceremony, the Dog Costume Contest, the Youth Stick Horse Contest, and Lucky Pony deliveries.

In addition, the AHYA Convention was held online this year and resulted in the election of a new AHYA Executive Board. Brooke Backlund was elected as the 2020-2021 AHYA President, while Grace Smith will take the 2020-2021 Vice President position.



*Lucky Ponies*



*First Time Exhibitor with a Green Ribbon*

We also saw a large influx of first time exhibitors at Youth and Mid Summer Nationals who received a green ribbon to commemorate their first experience at a national show. Due to COVID-19 the first time exhibitor photo was moved online, giving exhibitors the opportunity to take a photo with their ribbon and post it to social media using the hashtag #FirstTimeExhibitor. AHA then reposted the photos to our social media pages to honor all of our first time exhibitors at Youth and Mid Summer Nationals.



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AHA also gathered new Judge's Perspective videos judged by Darrell Bilke, Ann Judge, and Dede Bisch. We covered Reining, Ranch Riding, and Saddle Seat Equitation. These videos break down championship rides throughout the show by the judge's that scored these championship runs.

Throughout the week, AHA captured behind the scenes photos and stories of the show and its exhibitors. Make sure to check out the [AHA Facebook](#) page to view the photos and videos and our [Youtube page](#) to view all of the latest Judge's Perspective videos.

For more information on the Arabian Horse Association, please go to [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org).

### **About Arabian Horse Association**

Arabian Horse Association (AHA) is an equine association serving more than 85,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces five national horse championship events yearly and recognizes over 344 Arabian local and regional horse shows and distance rides. AHA promotes the Arabian breed and ownership through educational and outreach programs.