

U.S. Nationals Quick Facts

Event: 39th Annual U.S. National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show

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Dates: October 20-29, 2005

Location: Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Admission: *Free Oct. 20--23. Events in Horse Arena free all week.* General Admission is \$10.00 a day (\$7.00 for seniors & students with ID, 12 and under free) Tickets will be available on June 1st from Ticketmaster and may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 505-883-7800. Tickets are also available at the box office during the show.

Schedule: Three sessions per day: 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Two arenas run simultaneously.

Spectator Attendance: 80,000 over ten days

Number of classes: 109

Cash and Prizes: Over \$600,000 in Sweepstakes prize money is available for eligible horses. More than \$200,000 is available to eligible horses in the 3-year-old Halter Futurity classes; \$227,267 in Halter Futurity prize money was paid out in 2003. Horses enrolled in the 3-year-old Performance Futurities have more than \$140,000 in prize money available. Amateur owner classes will pay out \$52,500 in prize money to champion and top ten winners.

Number of entries: More than 3,000. Entries must qualify at regional championships and AHA-recognized shows to compete. Classes are held in adult amateur and open divisions.

Number of horses: Approximately 2,000 from the United States and Canada

Number of staff and volunteers: 150

Largest Class: Arabian Hunter Pleasure with 63 entries in 2004

Economic Impact to Albuquerque: More than \$18.4 million

Other Attractions:

- **Finals Extravaganza, free for members and horsemen**, a behind-the-curtain look at some of the finest Arabian horses in the world, Oct. 27-30, by eight of the industry's most notable barns.

- **Shopping Expo, admission free all week**, with more than 150 booths offering tack, equestrian gifts, clothing, jewelry, etc.
- **Arabian Horse Youth Judging Contest**, featuring more than 40 Junior AHA, 4-H/FFA and collegiate teams on Friday, October 29.

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Show Sponsors: Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Radisson Hotel, Platinum Performance, Melloy Dodge, Professional's Choice, Catena Watches, Ariat International, Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mountain View Tractor and Zia Graphics

AHA Press Office: Tingley Coliseum, north end near the in-gate (contact Susan Bavaria, (303) 696-4580 prior to the show). All media representatives can pick up press passes, show programs and current class schedules at the show. Show results can be found at ArabianHorses.org.

AHA is a major equine association serving 46,000 members across North America. It registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses and administers more than \$4 million in annual prize money. AHA produces championship events, recognizes close to 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities and programs that promote breeding and ownership. For information about Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses, call 303-696-4500, e-mail info@ArabianHorses.org or visit ArabianHorses.org.

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