

HUNTER PLEASURE

This is a pleasure class for the horse that can cover the ground easily and with a long, low efficient stride, while wearing Hunter-style tack. Horses in this class should be in a longer, more rectangular frame, with a neck carried lower and in a more relaxed manner with less arch in the neck and less bend at the poll than the English Pleasure-style horse. While some degree of carriage is appropriate in a Hunter Pleasure horse, a stride that is short, high and round is not appropriate. Additionally, horses that are high-headed, ridden on a draped rein, not in an appropriate frame, on the forehand, short-strided, or behind the vertical will be penalized by the judges. Hunter Pleasure is one of the most popular styles of riding.



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DISTANCE RIDING

Distance riding is a great sport for all ages and skill levels. **It tests a horse's condition and stamina, rider intelligence and horsemanship under veterinary supervision on a cross-country trail.** Most competitors own and train their own horses. Discipline, dedication and a sense of adventure are the most important ingredients for success. Competitive Trail and Endurance are the two most popular distance sports and Arabian horses excel at both. Other distance events include Ride & Tie competitions and Mounted Orienteering. The Endurance competitor's motto, "To Finish Is To Win," applies to all types of Distance events. Distance riding may be highly competitive and challenging or a recreational activity combining a camping trip with an extended trail ride.



EVENTING

Often called the equestrian triathlon, eventing combines the disciplines of dressage, cross-country, and show jumping to test the versatility, athleticism, and partnership of horse and rider.

Originating as a cavalry test, this thrilling sport begins with dressage, showcasing elegance and precision through a series of movements on the flat. The cross-country phase follows, where horse and rider face solid obstacles, technical challenges, and varied terrain, demonstrating courage and stamina. Finally, show jumping tests accuracy and control over a course of fences. Scored by penalties in each phase, the pair with the lowest score emerges victorious. Arabians excel in eventing with their endurance, agility, and intelligence. The photo credit is Skipperdoodlefritz Photography.

