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.