English Show Hack combines the precision of Dressage with the brilliance of the Arabian horse to create an ultimate performance class. The history of English Show Hack dates back to the mid 1800s, when style and dress accompanied affluence of the Industrial Revolution. Introduced to Canada by the migrating British, English Show Hack was firmly established in Canadian Arabian shows in the 1960s and received national show status there in 1982.

The English Show Hack performance has roots in the classical movements of the collected and extended gaits, the hand-gallop, the halt and the rein-back. The English Show Hack horse is balanced, shows vitality, animation, presence, has clean fine limbs and supreme quality all while demonstrating the Arabian’s elegance and versatility. Horses are shown at a walk, trot, canter and hand-gallop, with collected, extended and normal gaits to be called for, to stand quietly and back readily. Judges look for manners, performance, quality and conformation.