

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
English Show August 26th –September 1st
Arabians August 28th –August 31st

The Minnesota State Fair last year only had one Arabian at the fair. Because of this the State Fair is considering dropping the Arabian Division. In order to keep the Arabian classes at the fair, the fair needs some commitment from exhibitors to keep the Arabians at the fair. This should be of great concern to the Arabian community. Where can you show case the Arabian breed to thousands of potential Arabian owners?

In the last few years the Minnesota State Fair has taken a great number of steps to try to encourage more people to show horses at the State Fair:

- Hired a show secretary that knows AHA and USEF rules to help exhibitors.
- You can now enter online at the MNStateFair.org website up to the pre-entry closing date.
- The fair now allows post entries to the day before the fair, as long as there are stalls available.
- The fair is going to have free Horse shows at the Warner Coliseum, so that you can now show before thousands of potential horse owners.
- The fair is going to have a lane for horses only during the show to help get horses from the barn to the coliseum safely.
- Kept class fees low with big payouts. In 2008 the entry fee per class was \$10.00, with a payout of \$55.00, \$45.00, \$35.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00 for each class.
- Championship classes had an entry fee of \$25.00 with payouts of \$125.00, \$100.00, \$75.00, \$60.00, \$50.00, \$35.00, \$30.00, and \$25.00. That is right payouts to 8th place.
- Expanded the number of hookups for camping.

Please consider putting the Minnesota State Fair on your 2009 show calendar. If you are considering showing at the fair or need more information please contact:

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