

Colorado American Saddlebred Show Schedule

Colorado Classic Horse Show

Benefits Operation Warmheart

April 27 – 29

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Almost Summer Horse Show

Located at the Estes Park Fairgrounds

June 1 – 3

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Denver Queen City Horse Show

Colorado Saddlebred State Championships

Centennial State Peruvian Horse

Championships

Benefits Colorado HorseCare FoodBank

July 6 – 8

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Colorado Fall Charity Horse Show

Benefits Rocky Mountain Horse Rescue

September 7 – 9

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Admission and Parking are FREE!!!

Most Shows are located at the

National Western Events Center

1515 East 47th Avenue

Denver, Colorado 80216

Contact each individual for more information



Questions about American
Saddlebreds in Colorado?

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The Versatile American Saddlebred

The characteristics that have contributed to the Saddlebred’s reputation as the “peacock of the show ring” also makes him a versatile horse. Smoothness of gaits, speed coupled with intelligence and powerful muscling enable him to do whatever is asked of him. Saddlebreds have excelled in many non-traditional disciplines such as dressage, eventing, show jumping, combined driving, and endurance, as well as recreational and competitive trail riding. A Saddlebred is capable of almost any task he is asked to perform and will do it with extraordinary style!

Description of Gaits

In the show ring, the Saddlebred is shown at the three natural gaits – walk, trot and canter. Judging at the walk is based on manners, quality and natural action. The trot is a natural, two-beat diagonal gait, in which the front foot and the opposite hind foot take off from the ground in unison and land simultaneously. The canter is relatively slow, lofty and fluid, with a definite three-beat cadence. The five-gaited horse showcases the three natural gaits as well as two additional trained gaits – the slow gait and rack. The slow gait is a four-beat gait with each of the feet striking the ground separately. It is executed slowly but with true and distinct precision. The rack is a four-beat gait which is highly animated and performed with great action and speed.

Today’s Show Ring

The American Saddlebred remains the ultimate show horse, high-stepping and elegant. A show horse is a spectacle of beauty and grace but is also an intense athletic competitor. American Saddlebreds compete in four primary divisions in the show ring: Five Gaited, Three-Gaited, Park, Fine Harness and Pleasure. Each division has its own “look,” and competitors should be groomed to perfection. Five-gaited, park, fine harness and show pleasure horses are exhibited with full manes and tails. Five-gaited and fine harness horses also wear protective boots on their front feet. Three-gaited horses are shown with roached, or trimmed, manes to accentuate their long, fine necks. The common denominator for Saddlebreds in the show ring is that they should be alert, showing with neck arched, head up and ears forward, projecting an attitude of “Look at me!” They are judged on performance, manners, presence, quality and conformation.



Photo by Howard Schatzberg

Winning Characteristics

Saddlebreds come in almost all colors, ranging in height from 14 to 17 hands and weigh between 800 and 1,200 pounds. The head and eye of the ideal Saddlebred suggest refinement and intelligence. Long, sloping pasterns give a spring to the stride, making Saddlebreds very comfortable to ride. High quality, smoothness and balanced proportions complete an overall picture of symmetry and style. Perhaps the breed’s most distinguishing trait is its mental acumen. Happy, alert and curious, American Saddlebreds possess that people-oriented quality called personality, endearing them to their admirers. They are truly America’s Spirited Beauty!

The Colorado American Saddlebred Horse Association (CASHA)

CASHA is a Charter Club of the National Saddlebred organization, the American Saddlebred Horse Association. The association promotes all activities involving the Colorado Saddlebred. Membership to CASHA includes automatic entry into our year end awards program which honor the high point Saddlebred horses and Saddlebred riders in competition throughout the show year at all skill levels. Merit Awards honor a lifetime achievement of success in the show ring to Saddlebreds showing in Colorado. A \$500 scholarship to the college of their choice is awarded to the high point juvenile rider during the competition year as well. Members are also eligible for special membership discounts in from our National organization, ASHA, as well as discounts from various corporate sponsors such as John Deere, Sherwin Williams, Office Max, Valvoline, Hertz, FarmVet, Sam’s Club, and Choice Hotels. The Colorado High Steppers is the youth group affiliated with CASHA. Youth group activities are all about involving youth members with each other as well as the American Saddlebred. Emailed CASHA current events and topics, a newsletter, and an annual calendar keep our members informed about CASHA activities. Support the Colorado American Saddlebred and join today!!

