

2010 AAALSHA US Grand National Championships

The Inaugural AAALSHA US Grand National Championship Show was an overwhelming success. The show offered “Something for Everyone” and attracted participants from California to Florida and every state in between, as well as Canada. Judges from the US, Spain and Mexico were present, giving the show a very International feel.

Besides a rated dressage show, there were halter classes offered for Spanish, Spanish/Portuguese, Lusitano and Part Bred Andalusians, as well as Dressage Sport Horse In Hand classes. The US Grand National Championship Show was also authorized by ANCCE, so offered Morphology and Functionality classes as well.

There was a comprehensive list of performance classes offering from Driving to Dressage and everything in between. A new division of “Dancing Horse” classes was added which included Long – Lining, Spanish Walk, Piaffe and Passage. These classes were a crowd favorite and will be included again next year.

The atmosphere of the show was relaxed, supportive, fun and inviting. The horses were well turned out and the night classes were very exciting and classy. Here was a show that really brought all facets of our breed together in one place at one time. What a great precedent for the future of our breed!

The National Equestrian Center was very horse – friendly, with 3 warm – up / practice rings available to the competitors at all times. We also had the use of two large show arenas, which really assisted in the scheduling of classes. The barns are connected to the arenas, so there was no need to go outside unless you chose to do so. Each barn aisle had control over the doors (to the outside) as well as lights, allowing the horses a good night’s rest.

There was a huge barn party on Friday night of the show and it was great to see exhibitors from different parts of the world and different disciplines getting to know one another in a non - competitive atmosphere.

The Significant Sires Auction was held on Saturday night and besides being a fantastic event with a catered dinner, the auction exceeded all expectations. There is now over \$35,000 to be distributed amongst the winning yearling colts and fillies born of these auctioned breedings! To nominate your stallion or purchase a breeding for your mare, check the Significant Sires section. Remember you have to pay...to play...to win!

The plans for our 2011 AAALSHA Grand National Championship Show are already underway: the dates for the Show have been set for September 20-25, 2011, at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis Missouri. We welcome back all our participants from this year and for those who were unable to join us, we hope to see you next year!