

# Ask the Trainer with Wendy Konichek

**Question :** What kind of halter should I use to show my Morab, Morgan or Arabian?

**Wendy replies:** Morabs may be shown in a Halter or Bridle depending on how the horse looks and the class description. For a more “Morgany” looking Morab we use either a Western Show Halter or an English Bridle. For a more “Araby” looking Morab we use an Arabian halter.

\*Always check the show rules for any special class requirements.

The following are some sources for Show Haters, etc.  
 Arabian Charm [www.arabiancharm.com](http://www.arabiancharm.com) 866-301-2722  
 SS Schneiders [www.sstack.com](http://www.sstack.com) 800-365-1311  
 State Line Tack [www.statelinetack.com](http://www.statelinetack.com) 800-228-9208  
 LaSalle Harness Co. [www.lasalleharness.com](http://www.lasalleharness.com) 401-934-0493  
 National Bridle Shop [www.nationalbridleshop.com](http://www.nationalbridleshop.com) 800-251-3474

Type of Class	Type of halter or bridle
Open Morab	Any type of show halter or bridle
Open English Type	Arabian halter, English or Hunt bridle
Open Western Type	Western show halter
Class A Arabian/ 1/2 Arabian Halter	Arabian show halter
Class A Arabian/ 1/2 Arabian Sport Horse	<u>2 &amp; under:</u> Leather Halter <u>Over 2:</u> Dressage or Hunt bridle with reins or with a chain lead through the bit and no reins
Class A Morgan Sport Horse type	<u>2 &amp; under:</u> Leather Halter <u>Over 2:</u> Dressage or Hunt bridle with reins or with a chain lead through the bit and no reins
Open Dressage Sport Horse in Hand	<u>2 &amp; under:</u> Leather Halter <u>Over 2:</u> Dressage or Hunt bridle with reins or with a chain lead through the bit and no reins
Open Morgan in Hand	English Bridle, Patent Leather Show Halter or Western Show halter
Class A Morgan in Hand	Horses 2 & Under—patent leather show halter Over 2 years—English Bridle
Class A Morgan Western type	Western Show halter or Western Bridle



Jericho's High White Victory wearing a patent leather show halter



Jericho's Mr. Perfect wearing a Dressage bridle for Sport-horse classes



JCW Baron's Shadowdancer wearing a leather halter for sporthorse classes



Jericho's Mr. Gallant wears a patent leather halter while Jericho's Magic Lady wears an Arabian show halter



RAF Sydin sports an English bridle



Jericho's Royal Stormhawk in a Western show halter

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**Q: What are your favorite grooming hints and products for Horse Shows?**

**A: These are the products that I have found to work best:**

Clipping – For the muzzle and bridle path #30 blade, for the ears and legs #10 blade. I also clip the white markings on the legs as it is much easier to keep them clean.

Bathing – Shampoos- Orvus shampoo and Quic Silver for the white areas.

Conditioners – Mane & Tail or Cowboy Magic

Hooves – S.O.S. pads to clean the dirt, etc. off while the hooves are wet from the bath before the final rinse.

Finishing spray with Laser Sheen hair polish while the coat is still wet.

To keep clean before the show – I put a nylon blanket on and braid the horse's mane. I also, braid their tail and put it in a tail bag. Be sure to have the horse wear a blanket sometime before the show so they can get used to the straps, etc.

Products I use at the Show:

Fly spray – Pryannah aerosol or Ultrashield

Face makeup around the eyes and muzzle – Ultra clear highlighter or baby oil gel

To smooth stray hairs in the mane and tail – Human hair gel.

Overall finishing spray – Pepi coat conditioner

Hooves – Absorbine Black or Clear hoof polish

Touch up spot cleaner – Miracle Groom or Cowboy Magic Green remover.

To help keep Stallions from smelling mares in heat – Vicks vapor rub applied to the inside of the nose. Apply a thin coating as a little goes a long way.

## **About Wendy Konichek:**

Wendy has over 18 years experience training all breeds of horses. Her show ring presence includes many Championships in Class A and Dressage and Open Show High Points. She has demonstrated in Horse Fairs in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Arkansas.

Through Jericho Creek Farm II she has been raising quality Morabs, Morgans and Arabians. She holds Equine Breeding Certificates from Ohio University and Equine Reproduction Organization. Her farm, Northwoods Training Center, is located in Northern Wisconsin in Tomahawk. You may send any horse related questions to: N.8075 Behling Rd. Tomahawk, WI 54487

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**Get your questions to Wendy by March 15 to give her time to write her column!**

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