



# ONLINE SHOWS - NEWS & UPDATES

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IMBA Online Morab and All-Breed Horse Show  
By the time you read this, IMBA's first Online Horse Show will be a part of history. And, we hope, a very successful part!

We had some wonderful entries. I know the judges had their work cut out for them. The top placings will be available for viewing, by April 1, at [www.OnlineMorabShow.com](http://www.OnlineMorabShow.com). Enjoy!

Congratulations to the winners and all participants. We thank you all very much. A big thank you goes out to our very gracious sponsors – you really helped make it happen and we appreciate your support. And, of course, we thank everyone who came by to view the show and encourage this great new activity.

The whole event worked out to be a wonderful opportunity for Morab owners across the country, and from other countries, to show together. It was also, a chance for our members show off their beautiful horses to each other. We had people whose names we had seen in these pages, and some we never knew before. We have horses whose pictures we had seen in the MP or on the IMBA site, some we might have seen on the MorabPics website, some we had heard of and always wanted to see but never had. Finally, everyone was all together. What a great sharing occasion!

We are already ramping up for the next show. So don't delay. Plan your classes, groom those ponies, and get snapping! We are looking forward to seeing you.

## Other Online Horse shows

There have been a number of different online horse show appear on the web. Here are some exciting ones that have been around for a while and are doing well.

### **The Grenfell Online Show:**

They are based in Grenfell, New South Wales, Australia and have two major shows. An All-Breeds show and a Foal show. At this time, they are only open to residents of Australia and New Zealand. They used to allow international entries, and they may do so again once they can straighten out how to get payment delivered in the proper currency.

[www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/jan09/090115a.asp](http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/jan09/090115a.asp)

### **The International Performance Horse Development Association:**

They are US-based with an international membership. Their shows are video-type and focused on performance

patterns. See the article on them elsewhere in this issue. [www.IPHDA.com](http://www.IPHDA.com)

Both of these groups have posted a link to the Morab Online Show on their sites. Great exposure for our show, our entries and our sponsors!

In addition, there is **Interdressage** - a video-type Dressage competition based out of the UK. Entries appear to be international. They have a number of competition levels offering dressage and dressage-like tests. There are Starter tests, Walk-Trot tests as well as Intermediate, Advanced and Freestyle tests. Some tests are to be ridden, some are performed in-hand. Some judge the horse's movement, some focus on the rider's equitation. Some even include a small jump. They even had a special test for dogs at their Christmas show! Every test is judged and scored and feedback provided. Videos can be sent on CD, DVD, memory card or uploaded to YouTube. The videos are available for viewing on the Interdressage website. This is a great way for people without access to formal dressage competitions, or unsure of their abilities, to get some feedback in a non-threatening environment. [www.interdressage.com/index.php](http://www.interdressage.com/index.php)

As you can see, there are certainly a number of exciting options available for Online horse events and competitions, and we can expect this will only increase. In today's worrisome world of shaky economies and uncertain finances, it's nice to know we have some interesting ways to do things with our horses, that won't break the bank, while offering some great new opportunities to have FUN.

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