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HORSE SHOW AT FAIR HAS NEW DIVISION

The Kit Carson County Fair 4-H Horse Show is a three-day event that takes place in front of the Fairgrounds grandstands and in the arena. The first portion of the horse show is the halter show that will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 25. Thursday's show is divided into two parts: showmanship and halter classes. In the showmanship section, members demonstrate their skills in showing their horse. The judge looks at the showmanship skills of the members and the fitting job done on the horse as the determination of the best showman. In the halter classes, the judge looks at the conformation qualities of the horse itself to determine a champion. Each breed of horse has its own conformation standards that a judge looks at to compare against the horses being shown. Open Class Primary Leadline (ages 5-7) will follow the halter classes on Thursday.

The second day of the Kit Carson County Fair Horse Show is devoted to performance and trail classes. These classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 26. In the performance classes, a judge looks at the riding ability of the member, the member's control of their horse and the way that the horse responds to that control (or 'cues'). This is done by having the member ride various patterns in the arena, which tests the member and horse's ability to complete these set patterns.

We'll wrap up the horse show with the new Gymkhana Division classes on Saturday, July 27. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. with Barrels, Poles, and Flags. Come cheer on the competitors as they race the clock and vie for age division and overall Gymkhana Champion.

The Kit Carson County Fair Horse show is the culmination of many activities and clinics that horse members participate in, in preparation for the Fair. Come out and support and encourage the horse project members as they demonstrate their skills. For more information on the KCC Fair Horse Show, check out the 2024 KCC Fair Premium Book.