

# Dr. Walter Huber

## PShR Inspection Judge

Family physician, photographer, journalist and Nebraska cowboy include only a few of the talents of Dr. Walter Huber. He is also a worldwide Shagya-Arabian ambassador, tirelessly traveling from the Americas to Eastern Europe to see any Shagya he can find. With Walter no one is a stranger for long.

**Dr. Huber's bond with the Shagya-Arabian** began as a young man when he was able to convince his family to stop at the famous Babolna Stud while on holiday. Historical photos often seen of Shagya XXXIX and **O'Bajan XIII are from Dr. Huber's** personal archives during this visit, and include one of Walter as young



**man riding the famous Shagya XXXIX, foreshadowing Walter's future as a major spokesperson for the breed.** He remains well-known for his photos from atop a beautiful Shagya with the ears framing the scene.

The 1976 Shagya-Arabian stallion Shagal, bred by Ulla Nyegaard of the Barthahus Stud in Denmark, was purchased by Dr. Huber and became his personal companion, enjoying fox hunting, quadrilles and jumping. Shagal, honored as Shagya III in Babolna, was the 1986 European Champion Shagya Stallion. In 1985 Shagal was approved for breeding by the Trakehner Verband in Germany. The influence of Shagal can be found in several countries, including time spent at a Trakehner stud in Ireland.

Today Dr. Huber owns the Shagya stallions Janus (Pamino x Janett by Amor) and Shagan (Shagal x ShyDr.a by Shagya XLIV); both have stood at Kabiuk State Stud in Bulgaria. Shagan was the 1997 ISG European Champion Senior Shagya Stallion. In addition to his Shagya-Arabians, Walter has bred Shagya/Trakehner sporthorses. Pictured above is Dr. Huber riding Shaganah by Shagan.

Studying medicine in Munich and Saarbrücken, Dr. Huber has been a Family Physician since 1972 in Nonnenhorn, located on the picturesque Lake Constance. His beautiful wife Inge is also a physician and in 2012 their son joined Walter in his practice. Walter and Inge are the proud parents of four children and three (and counting) grandchildren.

As a member of the International Shagya Society Board of Directors and a respected judge, we are pleased to have Dr. Huber back for our second PShR inspection.

# Judit Erzsébet Kovács

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Judit's choice of profession was determined by her fascination with riding and horses. She graduated from the Agricultural University of Gödöllő as a certified engineer in agriculture with a specialty in animal breeding biotechnology. Soon after she finished at the university she became educated as a riding instructor. At that time she had already had her first junior horse, a two-year-old unriden mare of the Hungarian breed Furioso of Mezöhegyes, whom she rode herself.

At the end of the '90s she was able to live her dream: she got a job in the Arabian Stud of Bábolna as a stud-book keeper engineer and she also worked for the Society of Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders, where she was a member of the Breeding Committee. After some reorganization and personal changes in Bábolna she left the stud, and moved to the South of Hungary, where she became an animal breeding inspector at the County Office of the Hungarian Agricultural Ministry.

Since 2004 and the accession of Hungary to the European Union, she has been leading the County Office of the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency, (which is the Hungarian paying agency for EU subsidies.)

Besides her job in government administration she kept in touch with the Hungarian Arabian Horse Breeders Society. She was asked to judge at stallion examinations in Bábolna in 2001 and since then has judged almost every year. She completed the ISG international judge course in Bábolna in 2006 after which she was invited to judge Shagya horses in Austria, Switzerland and at international shows in Hungary.

She currently resides in County Tolna with her horses. She still has her Furioso "youngster," who became in the meantime a 25-years-old healthy old lady and her "filly," who is now 20. Judit says they are family members for their life-time. Since they are nearly in a pensioner's age, Judit found a new activity for them, by joining the topics of horse treatment and leadership: coaching with horses. She supports other leaders to fine-tune their management skills with the assistance of her horses.

