

## Breed of the Month: Shagya-Arabian

*This rare breed excels in dressage and as a sport horse*

The Shagya-Arabian horse should not be confused with the purebred Arabian. Although the name indicates a heavy influence of Arabians on the breed, the Shagya-Arabian is a distinct breed with a separate breed registry.

The Shagya-Arabian is a rare but versatile breed—the US is home to fewer than 200—that is equally at home in dressage, eventing, jumping, hunting, endurance, harness, and pleasure riding. Ideally, the Shagya-Arabian should have the appearance of a beautiful, elegant, and harmonious riding horse. He should be alert, sensitive, and confident under saddle, with an eagerness to please and a willingness to learn. At all times, he should be trusting, good-natured, and manageable when something unexpected happens. These characteristics make the Shagya-Arabian a perfect match for all levels of riders, from small children to professional trainers.

**Shagya-Arabians you might know:** \*KS Rubin (Paris – Rasga, Gazal I) is a descendant of many generations of “elite” or champion Shagya-Arabian stallions and mares. At the age of five, he earned a conformation score of 9.5 and an in-hand stallion championship from judge Maj. Gen. Jonathan Burton. He went on to a successful endurance career and is now a successful breeding stallion. \*KS Rubin’s son **Royce** (pictured) is competing in the FEI Five-Year-Old dressage Young Horse classes this year.

**The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry:** The PShR was formed in 2008 because its members saw a need for an organization that recognizes the importance of performance testing as a significant part of breeding-stock evaluation.

The PShR holds biannual in-

spection (most recently in May) of prospective breeding stock in three locations in North America. After submission of Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) and DNA test results, mares and stallions are formally inspected by two European judges who are recognized by the International Shagya-Arabian Society. The horses are examined by a licensed veterinarian and presented in hand on the triangle and at liberty. They also must complete three performance tests: under saddle (ridability), free-jumping, and an “interior test” that displays their character and temperament in unusual situations. Upon successful completion of the inspection, the mare or stallion is registered with the PShR.

This is the first step in qualifying as breeding stock. A second and very important step is participation in recognized competition: The horse must demonstrate its athletic ability in



**RARE GEM:** The five-year-old Shagya-Arabian gelding Royce (by \*KS Rubin) and dressage trainer Andrea Montgomery in Norco, CA

a discipline such as dressage, eventing, endurance, or combined driving. For example, in dressage, the horse must receive a USDF All-Breeds Award at First Level.

**All-Breeds awards offered:** Through third place in the open and adult-amateur categories.

**How to participate:** The horse must be registered with the PShR, and the owner and rider must be current PShR members.

**Learn more:** [performanceshagya.org](http://performanceshagya.org) or (920) 893-8706. ▲

### For the Breeds, by the Breeds

Each month, “All-Breeds Connection” spotlights a USDF All-Breeds awards program participating organization and the breed it represents. Information and photos that appear in this column are furnished by the breed registries. USDF does not endorse or promote any breed or registry over another.

The All-Breeds program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of specific breeds in dressage. All participating organizations offer “open” year-end awards from Training Level through Grand Prix, and some offer awards in additional categories, such as adult amateur, junior/young rider, and dressage sport-horse breeding. Registry representatives are usually on hand to help bestow awards at the banquet held during each year’s USDF convention.

All-Breeds award eligibility requirements include memberships and horse registrations with both USDF and the participating organization. For details and a list of current participating organizations, visit [usdf.org](http://usdf.org). For more information about All-Breeds awards program participation, send e-mail to [allbreeds@usdf.org](mailto:allbreeds@usdf.org).



### The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry



Does your horse have European bloodlines going back to the Shagya-Arabian? It is very possible!

If you have heard of the “R” line in sporthorses – then you have heard of an influential Shagya-Arabian.

The Shagya-Arabian was meticulously bred by the Hungarian military to develop a superior cavalry horse that was equally suitable under saddle and in harness.

Historically the Shagya-Arabian has been used in European WB bloodlines as an “improver” to bring outstanding riding and driving attributes.

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry brings the high standards common in Europe to inspections in the US and Canada.

We are a progressive registry, implementing mare, as well as stallion, performance standards to ensure we maintain quality horses for the future.

Looking for a great horse? Looking for the perfect outcross? Check us out. [www.performanceshagya.org](http://www.performanceshagya.org) and on Facebook

Pictured: Young Rider Lauren Wagner with 5 year old Shagya gelding Royce



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[www.performanceshagyaregistry.org](http://www.performanceshagyaregistry.org)

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry was accepted by the International Shagya Society (ISG) in 2012 as member organization & worldwide recognized registry.

*Our goals—promote performance within the Shagya-Arabian breed and outcrosses.*



**PSHR**

Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry

In the short amount of time since our membership in the International Shagya Society we have all ready had

USDF All-Breed Award recognitions!

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H. WineGlass Gideon (Hungarian Felver/Shagya Sporthorse)  
Owned & ridden by Dr Rachel Boyce-Powell

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Szigfrid AF (Shagya-Arabian)  
Owned by Lisa Fiano, Ridden by Gretchen Geromin

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WineGlass Victory (Shagya-Arabian)  
Owned and ridden by Dr Rachel Boyce-Powell

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Historical recipient \*Budapest (Shagya-Arabian Stallion)  
Owned by Linda L Rudolphi, Ridden by Julie Inghram

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In honor of the champion Shagya-Arabian Stallion  
\*Budapest (Shagal [Shagya III] x \*Biala), WineGlass Farm has donated the PShR \*Budapest Memorial USDF Award for PShR members and horses.

PSHR Annual Award Winners in Dressage

2015

Dressage Training Level  
Champion: Marilyn Weber, H. WineGlass Sangria

Dressage First Level  
Champion: Rachel Boyce-Powell, H. WineGlass Gideon

2014

Dressage Training Level  
Champion: Rachel Boyce-Powell, H. WineGlass Gideon  
Reserve Champion : Jana Bennett, Starlina

2012

1st Level Champion: Rachel Boyce-Powell , WineGlass Victory  
Training Level Champion: Lisa Fiano, Szigfrid AF

2011

1st Level Champion: Rachel Boyce-Powell, WineGlass Victory  
Intro Level Champion: Becky McCarty, WineGlass Perpetual Motion

2010

Champion: WineGlass Victory, Rachel Boyce-Powell  
Reserve Champion: WineGlass Dominus, Becky McCarty

2009

Champion Training Level: Rachel Boyce-Powell, WineGlass Victory  
Champion First Level: Lisa Fiano, Szigfrid AF

*Spreading the word!*

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Shagya-Arabian Breed*

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