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## International Sport Horse Judge and USEF Horseperson of the year join Performance Shagya-Arabian Breed Inspection

We are proud to announce that internationally renowned judges will be in Illinois for a breed inspection of the rare Shagya-Arabian! The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) will host a breed inspection from Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2017 in Pleasant Plains, Illinois. The inspection is open to the public and anyone interested in learning about Shagya-Arabians is invited to attend.

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) of the United States and Canada is part of the Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG). The ISG is the umbrella organization for accepted Shagya-Arabian registries around the world. Inspections are held to promote breeding excellence and preserve the bloodlines and breeding goals of the organization. The inspection requires the horses to complete a veterinary examination, conformation judging, under saddle evaluation, free jumping and performance testing of both the physical and mental characteristics of the horse. All stallions and mares must pass the inspection, performance testing and a veterinary exam to be approved for breeding, thus helping to promote responsible breeding. In addition, to provide evidence of good breeding practices and objective information to potential buyers, geldings and Shagya Sporthorses are also evaluated and scored.

The PShR inspection will be conducted by judge, Judit Erzsébet Kovács from Hungary. Judit has worked at the Arabian Stud of Bábolna and is currently the breeding-leader of the Society of Hungarian Arabian Horse breeders. The second judge for the inspection is Marie Johnson from Madison, Wisconsin. She is a licensed riding instructor by the French Riding Federation as well as a "R" judge for the USDF and a "r" judge in Combined Training.

Martha Rattner, the test rider, will ride each of the horses and assess their rideabilty. She and the judges will evaluate the horses correctness of gaits and willing attitude. Martha has been training horses professionally for over 35 years and is a certified judge working at events such as the US and Canadian Nationals and the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show.

Additional Inspection information can be found at http://performanceshagyaregistry.org/inspectiondetails.html

## About the Shagya-Arabian

The Shagya-Arabian was started in 1789 when the Hungarian military set out to develop a new breed of horse that combined the very best of Bedouin Arabians -- elegance, endurance, hardiness, athleticism, temperament, and devotion to their rider -- with larger size, jumping ability, and riding ease to master the rigors and versatility of a cavalry horse.

The characteristics of the Shagya-Arabian are well established; they should have the appearance of a beautiful, elegant, and harmonious riding horse with correctness of gaits and movements, who enjoys jumping and has good jumping ability, has pleasant rhythm and rideability, is trusting, good natured, and willing to learn, and has robust health, longevity, and fertility with stamina and frugality. Although there is no longer a military need for Shagyas, all the noble qualities the breed possesses, make it an ideal horse. Today's Shagya-Arabian is a rare, but versatile sport horse equally at home at dressage, eventing, show jumping, hunting, endurance, harness, or pleasure riding.

## **About Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry**

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry was established to ensure the integrity and legacy of the Shagya-Arabian bred horses in North America. To accomplish these goals the organization holds regular breed inspections and utilizes performance testing in compliance with internationally established criteria for all horses in the registry. For more information on the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry and our horses please visit our website http://performanceshagyaregistry.org