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### **Performance Shagya-Arabian Breed Inspection Results**



The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry completed their previously announced 2017 inspection on October 1, 2017 in Pleasant Plains, IL. At the inspection judges Judit Erzsébet Kovács, the breeding-leader of the Society of Hungarian Arabian Horse breeders, and Marie Johnson, a licensed French Riding Federation instructor as well as a “R” judge for the USDF and a “r” judge in Combined Training, critiqued Shagya-Arabian mares and geldings as well as purebred Arabian mares and Shagya-Arabian Sporthorses that were brought in for the weekend. USEF Horseperson of the Year and Arabian horse trainer Martha Rattner rode each horse in the inspection to provide insight into the rideability of the horse. All of the horses successfully completed the internationally developed criteria and showcased the abilities of the Shagya-Arabian.

To successfully complete the inspection a horse must stand for a veterinary examination, be presented in-hand to judge conformation and gaits at liberty, participate in an under saddle rideability portion, free jump, and complete an in-hand interior test made up of obstacles to judge the horse’s acceptance of unusual items. After passing the inspection to be placed in the correct breeding book a horse must also complete performance criteria in the discipline of their choice.

Kovács is an advocate for the importance of inspections and performance criteria for the horses as they “keep the standards high and maintain the genetic work that has been done over the 230 year history of the Shaga-Arabian. The performance aspect is also very important and a horse must show their talent not just have nice conformation.” Kovács was impressed with the quality of the horses and their presentation and commented that “the quality of the horses is very much at the same level as seen in Europe, which is a sign of outstanding breeding work with a much smaller population.”

After riding the horses Rattner commented that she would “take every one of them into my training program.” That’s high praise from someone who has been breeding and training high level Arabian horses for over 30 years.

When asked what draws her to the Shagya-Arabian over other breeds Kovács commented that “the Shagya-Arabian is a horse that is very willing, is loyal and attached to their person just like the original Bedouin Arabian horses, and can be trusted even with small children and young riders. The Shagya-Arabian has a great personality and has been bred to be extremely rideable.”

Additional Inspection information and results can be found at  
<http://performanceshagyaregistry.org/inspectiondetails.html>

### **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>