

CS Ostentatious – By Kayla Smith

Back when I was deciding what I was needing/wanting for a Arabian Sporthorse type, the Shagya-Arabian was hands down my pick...especially *Budapest. He was the epitome of what a Shagya-Arabian should look like and pass on to his progeny in bone, and size, and not just in height but in depth. Being 5'9" and on the heavier side, I needed something that could provide these attributes but still look like an Arabian. The great thing about Austin is I see both his sire, *Budapest, and his dam, the purebred Arabian mare WineGlass Bouquet, characteristics stand out.



I am not the only one that has seen what Shagya-Arabian bloodlines can do to enhance a breed. Many top competitors are looking at their warmblood, or European horses and realizing its not necessarily Arabian lines they see in the pedigree, but Shagya-Arabian. I think when people see what a pure- or part-bred Shagya-Arabian looks like, it makes them even more aware of what their horse has in their back ground.

I think my biggest job with Austin right now, is being able to not only ride, but to sit his incredible medium/working towards extended trot. When I go across the diagonal with his uphill gait and the power he is creating from behind, I feel like I am riding an 17hh warmblood. He has such power and easiness in that gait you cannot help but feel tingles and goose bumps.

