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**Wineglass
Viognier (Sage)**

**Sire: BA Vyagra
Bey**

**Dam: WineGlass
Dolchetto**

Shagya-Arabian Spotlight

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For most members of the PShR or even Facebook followers, many have been seeing my posts recently of showing Wineglass Viognier, aka Sage, at a couple of shows already this season. So far Sage and I have shown at two different divisions of Sporthorse In-hand.

The one I am most comfortable and familiar with is the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) recognized horse shows. Sage is registered as a Half-Arabian through the group. Most of the shows I attend, sanctioned by AHA, are the Sporthorse – Dressage based.

A new change for 2023, in order to qualify for Arabian Sporthorse Nationals (SHN) a 2 year old HAS to enter one or more qualifying shows, or receive a Top 5 or better in a Regional class. Last year when I took Sage to the Arabian SHN, there was no qualifications for a yearling to show, except it had to be Sweepstakes Nominated at birth, which Sage was, due to the stallion she was from. If anyone has questions about the AHA Sweepstakes program, please see their website www.arabianhorses.org. I did manage to attend SHN, which again was held at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, Ohio.

It was a stressful week prior to attending SHN. Sage decided to bang up her hocks, and they were taking awhile to go down in swelling. Luckily, I had a friend that graciously let me borrow her Magnawave Machine for a couple days, and by the day before we left, her hocks looked as normal again. Luckily at the show, there are plenty of people that have a Magnawave that I was able to get a few more treatments before her class. At the show, there isn't a lot of time to get in the arena, unless its EARLY morning or LATE at night, so we only got in once on Sunday to revisit the arena.

Normally at Arabian Sporthorse Nationals, they break down classes in first the gender of horses, then whether it's a Half-Arabian or Purebred, and the last is whether it's a Hunter Type or a Dressage Type. Some horses show more of one type than the other, but many will enter both categories with their horses. These classes are designated for horses 3 years and up. However, with the yearling and 2 year olds being shown, they get their own age divided classes and get a Hunter Type judge and a Dressage Type judge to get a viewing for overall average score between the two. This year, I was fortunate that the Dressage Type judge knew what a Shagya was, but it was more refreshing when the Hunter Type, who didn't, showed more interest in knowing the breed and its origin. We came home with a Top Ten (4th place) and more experience.

For those who are unaware how a SHIH class runs, its pretty identical to how a Shagya Breed Inspection would go. At the beginning you stand your horse to the judge for the initial glance over of conformation, flaws, likes, dislikes, attitude, expression and even breed type/quality. Sometimes the judge will ask you the age of the horse, or in the Half-Arabian division, they may ask what the other half is, this is normally where I get judges lost and confused on what a Shagya is.



Once that judge has had their looking over, they will ask you to walk your horse on a triangle. When you are walking away from the judge or towards the judge, they can notice if the horse walks in a straight line, if hocks or the knees are too close in gait. On the long side, directly lateral to the judge's viewpoint, you are asked to extend that gait.

The judges will then look for the overstep in the horse's stride, they or their scribe will comment on the scoresheet on the engagement, suppleness and relaxation of the horse's quality of gait. This all gets taken notice when the judge asks you to trot the same triangle. For some horses, the owners are unable to catch up or help enhance their horse's bigger gait, so you will find that a lot of trainers or another amateur will be the handler for this class.

Horses 3 years and older must wear a bridle with a snaffle bit. However, horses under the age of 2 are allowed to show in a leather halter and lead shank. Trimming of facial whiskers and ears are not mandatory. You are allowed to use clear hoof polish, but that is optional.

For the handler, khakis or dark pants, polo shirt or dressy shirt is allowed, and even though some exhibitors are capable of running in tall boots, a good pair of running shoes are necessary! You are also allowed a whip of legal length.

This summer I attended an open USDF (United States Dressage Federation) show that offered in-hand classes that could qualify a horse for the USDF Breeder's Championship Series. This was a whole new learning process, because even though the horse is still run on the same triangle as the AHA shows, a lot of the tack and handler's apparel differed. Handlers must wear a helmet. No exceptions. You may also have an additional handler with you in the class, for instance, someone running behind to help enhance the horse's engagement, and they too, are required to wear protective headwear. I think the biggest difference for showing a 2 year old in hand, this is mandatory for them to be shown in a bridle. Something, I overlooked in the rules and thankfully I had friends there that could me locate one, since I did not have a snaffle bridle with me.

With an open USDF show, its just as it sounds, open to ALL breeds. When you do your entries for the show, it is required to have the dam and sire on the entry. If its grade, they ask that to be listed. Also, your horse must be USDF Lifetime Registered or have a temporary Horse ID number.

They do have the classes divided up between genders of the horses and even mostly age wise. They have a Championship Qualify class for each gender, so for fillies/mares under 3, for instance, I qualified Sage for it, by placing 1st in her two years old class. Unfortunately I was unable to take her any further to the USDF Breeder's Regional Championship, because the closest one was canceled due to lack of entries at previous shows.

Even though Sage is too young to show under saddle, getting her out at shows, and showing in these in-hand classes, has been a real test of her willingness. She's been able to adjust to going away from home, new environments and still behaving while standing in front of judges/show staff. Plus, it has brought the attention to more people of the Shagya breed, whether it's a judge or fellow competitors. The in-hand classes are perfect for getting young and even older, inexperienced horses out to deal with a show atmosphere, without too much stress on them.

Congratulations to Kayla and Wineglass Viognier on a strong 2023 show season!



Celebrating 10 Years!

Okay, so we are a year late, but happy 10th anniversary of PShR being recognized as a member of the International Shagya-Arabian Society! As recognition for the 10 year anniversary the PShR board sent out commemorative tiles to owners of Specialty and Specialty Plus recognized PShR horses.



2023 Distance Horse Nationals Recap

Unfortunately there were no Shagya-Arabian entries in the 2023 Distance Horse Nationals in Minnesota at the Huntersville Hundred Ride. However we did have a breed representative attend to promote the awareness of the breed and shed light on the versatility of the Shagya-Arabian. In typical Minnesota fashion, day one of the ride called for light jackets and rain gear while day three was in the mid to high 80s.

Mark your calendars! Join us next year at the 2024 Distance Nationals at Iron Mountain Jubilee in Cripple Creek, Virginia August 23-25, 2024.



Performance Recognition

If you believe your Shagya-Arabian or Purebred Arabian horse has met requirements to be categorized as a PShR Specialty or Specialty Plus horse, please let us know!

Reach out to us at performanceshagya@gmail.com

The specifications for each category are located on the PShR website for multiple equestrian disciplines.

PShR Annual Awards Program

The competition year for the PShR annual awards program runs from December 1st to November 30th the following year. To be eligible to receive a year end award, the horse must be registered with PShR and rider and owner must have paid membership dues for the competition year. All nominations, fees and results must be submitted by December 10th. Please visit performanceshagyaregistry.org to learn more!

Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry Inspections

Why does PShR inspect Shagya-Arabian horses?



The Shagya-Arabian was started in 1789 to develop a premier breed of horse that had the elegance, endurance, hardiness, athleticism, temperament and loyalty of an Arabian with the larger size, jumping ability, and riding ease of a cavalry horse. The Shagya-Arabian breed was started based on performance and the PShR is committed to continuing performance testing as part of the breed inspection process. Testing provides valuable information for choosing appropriate breeding stock but also for buyers seeking accurate information when selecting the perfect riding horse.

What happens at a PShR inspection for mares and stallions?

Mares and stallions are “inspected”. Mandatory inspection phases include: submission of SCID and DNA results, veterinary exam, in-hand and at liberty presentation, under saddle (rideability), interior test and the free jump. The inspection will take place over a few days with the phases completed in no specific order. Please visit our website: performanceshagyaregistry.org and navigate to ‘Inspections’ for more information on each of the inspection categories.



Successful completion of these requirements results in PShR licensing and placement in the PShR books per their performance and pedigree.



What happens at a PShR inspection for gelding and Shagya Sporthorses?

Geldings and Shagya Sporthorses are “evaluated”. This includes the choice of one or all of the following performance tests: in-hand and at liberty presentation, under saddle (rideability), interior test and free jump. Successful completion of these tests results in certification.

We are in talks about getting an inspection date set in the near future. If you have a horse you would like to have inspected or evaluated please send us an email at pshrcontact@gmail.com so we can gauge interest which will help us better plan our event!

ISG Breeding Changes for Purebred Arabians

At the delegates meeting of the International Shagya-Arabian Society (ISG), on June 16, 2023, at the National Stud Bábolna, Agenda items 5.1 and 5.2 were unanimously decided:

5.1 The purebred Arabian stallion can be used in the Shagya Arabian breeding if his sire line traces to one of the sire lines which exist in Shagya-Arabian breeding. The purebred Arabian stallions must be approved (licensed) and performance tested for breeding with Shagya-Arabians, meeting at a minimum the RZBO (ISG framework) requirement.

5.2 The purebred Arabian mare can be used for breeding Shagya Arabians if her sire line traces to one of the sire lines in Shagya-Arabian breeding and the sire of the mare is at least eligible for Shagya Arabian breeding.

The recognized and proven stallion sire lines in Shagya-Arabian breeding include the following:

Siglavy db 1816 born 1810 in Egypt. The Siglavy sire line in Radautz
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 Siglavy IV db born 1819, bought 1825 in Constantinople for Mezöhegyes
 Shagya db 1836 born 1830 among the Bani Saher Bedouins
 Bairactar db 1817 born 1813 in Arabia
 Gidran db 1816 born 1810 in Syria
 Gazlan-Gazal db 1852 born 1840 among the Anazé Would Ali Bedouins
 Dahoman db 1852 born 1846 among the Anazé Gjelas Bedouins
 O'Bajan db 1885 born 1881 among the Anazeh el Spaa Bedouins
 Hadban db 1897 born 1891 in Syria
 Saklawi I db born 1886 among the Ruala Bedouins
 Kuhaylan Zaid db 1931 born 1923 among the Ruala Bedouins
 Gamil el Kebir db born 1870 among the Fedaan Bedouins
 Koheilan Adjuzé db 1885 born 1876
 Kemir (Sven Hedin) AV born 1905
 Mahmoud Mirza (db) 1866 = Jussuf AV born 1869 in Bábolna
 Mersuch db 1902 born 1898 at Pasha Chasim in Baghdad
 Siglavy Bagdady db 1902 born 1895 among the Ruala Bedouins
 Ibrahim db 1907 born 1899 among the Beni Sakr Bedouins
 Nibeh (Nedjari) db 1912 born 1906 among the Meheyed Bedouins in Syria
 El Sbaa db born 1920 in Syria



Since there have already been stallions and mares from other sire lines used in the recent past, as a transitional arrangement from June 16, 2023 until December 31, 2023, the licensed and performance-tested AV stallions that exist today in Shagya Arabian breeding will be grandfathered into the Shagya-Arabian breed. Offspring born in 2023 and 2024 from Shagya-Arabian mares or AV mares from licensed and performance tested stallions that do not correspond to the above-mentioned stallion lines will still be accepted as belonging to the Shagya-Arabian population and can participate in "Shagya-Arabian" breeding. Offspring of such mares born after 2024 will not be accepted.

In the future, only stallions from the proven 20 oriental stallion sire lines will be used in Shagya Arabian breeding.