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The first question many equestrians ask upon meeting a Shagya breeder or owner is "What's a Shagya?" But the next question is often "How come there are three different registries?" I can talk for days about the beauty, versatility and athleticism of the breed or their reputation as an improver breed in the European equestrian world, but I have no idea how to answer that question, other than to acknowledge that it certainly doesn't serve the best interest of the breed.

With that in mind, the board of the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) would like to propose discussion regarding the merging of the three U.S. Shagya registries into a single, ISG-compliant, U.S. Shagya-Arabian Registry. Although there are many aspects of a merger to consider, there are a few principles that we feel are incontrovertible:

- The U.S. Shagya-Arabian registry must be ISG-compliant.
- Studbook standards should be unambiguous and rooted in maintenance of a pool of high-quality breeding stock. The standards should encourage the production of consistent, athletic offspring that reflect the strengths of the breed.
- Studbook requirements for objective and independent inspections and performance testing (where applicable) should not be compromised in the pursuit of registry growth.
- Outstanding performance should be recognized and those individuals promoted as breed ambassadors through robust awards and recognition programs.

Despite some bitter past disagreements and conflicting personalities, we believe that our organizations can come together in support of the breed that

we all so dearly love. We propose scheduling a Zoom meeting to include two board members from each organization for a feasibility and initial planning discussion. If your board is amenable, please provide me with the names and contact information for the two of your board members who will attend and some potential dates and times that will work for you!

Sincerely,

Rachel Powell