



NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA-ARABIAN SOCIETY, INC.

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NASS Announces the 1st Inspection Site of 2017!

NASS will be holding an Inspection Site on February 19 and 20, 2017, in Cave Creek, AZ (just north of Scottsdale) for the judging of Shagya-Arabians and Arabians as breeding stock and for the evaluation of underage horses, geldings, part-bred horses and horses of other breeds which may be bred to a Shagya-Arabian.

The inspection of a horse for breeding approval helps to determine if the breeding animal fulfills the breed standards, including breed type, conformation, movement and character, as opposed to judging a horse based solely on performance results. Horses are presented to an inspection team consisting judges who have been officially sanctioned by the Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG) to judge Shagya-Arabians. The ISG is the international umbrella organization which officially oversees the Shagya-Arabian breed.

The inspection team begins the process by measuring the horse's height, girth and cannon bone and checking its registration certificate to verify the identity of the horse, including color and markings. The horse is then photographed for an official photo. Horses are next presented in hand to the inspection team on a judging triangle, at first standing squarely at the apex of the triangle, then at the walk and trot on the triangle, and lastly, free lunged at all gaits. The team judges the candidate against the breed ideal, using a numeric scoring of 1 to 10 (1 being lowest, 10 being highest) for 8 criteria: Type, Head, Neck, Body, Legs, Walk, Trot and Canter. Each judge initially makes scores independently of the other judges and then the team privately determines the appropriate mark for each criterion, agreeing by consensus on one official mark for each criterion. The horse receives an average score which must meet the minimum score needed to be "Approved for Shagya-Arabian Breeding". These minimum scores differ depending on which section of the Studbook a horse is registered in and should the minimum score not be met, owners have the option to represent that horse at a future breed inspection.

All horses presented for an evaluation go through the same measurement, presentation and scoring process but the results do not count towards breeding approval. Additionally, foal evaluations are based on only 3 criteria: Type, Conformation and Movement and measurements are not taken.

Free Jumping is required of all stallions at their breeding approval inspection: it is optional but strongly encouraged for mares and geldings. Free jumping is used to evaluate both natural jumping talent and overall athletic ability.

The team writes a descriptive paragraph of the horse, again by consensus, and at the end of the process each horse is presented while his/her scores and description are read aloud. Spectators are welcome to ask questions. The official halter photo, along with the horse's measurements, marks, and description are published in NASS's annual full color newsletter magazine.

Branding is also offered on site for Shagya-Arabians.

Once the inspection formalities have been completed, Shagya-Arabian, Arabian and partbred horses are often presented just for fun and to show the versatility of the breeds. Although the judging process is formal, an inspection site offers all attendees a unique social setting for learning about the Shagya-Arabian, gathering a variety of horses, owners, judges and other enthusiasts together in celebration of the breed. Spectators are welcome.

Location: Ice Barns on 40th Street south of Dynamite in Cave Creek, Arizona.

Tentative start times: Sunday, February 19, 2017: Noon.

Monday, February 20, 2017: Pending.

If you would like more info or want to present a horse please visit the NASS website www.shagya.net or contact Adele Furby, the NASS Breeding Committee Chairperson at 928-567-8645 or NASS via email: nass@shagya.net



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