



NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA~ARABIAN SOCIETY, INC.

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Why and How to Host a Breeding Inspection

WHY

Because You:

- Get a chance to talk, to meet and talk with the judges in depth over a period of one to two days.
- Get to meet and talk with fellow Shagya owners both before and during the inspection, while you are making arrangements for them and their horses.
- You don't have to haul your own horse anywhere! Especially important if you have several horses to be inspected.
- You probably will get the urge to clean your house and barn before the "company" arrives.
- *Because it's fun!*

HOW

- The Breeding Committee Chair provides the following details:
 - How many judges and attendees there will be and their contact information.
 - How many horses, the date and amount of time required for the inspection and flight times for the judges.
 - Many of the inspections are scheduled on weekdays so if you work "outside the barn" to support your habit, you may need to arrange for time off.
- Do you have an arena at your place where there is room for an inspection triangle and a safe area to judge the horses free?
 - Is there sufficient trailer parking for the attendees? If not, can you rent a local horse show arena or enlist a friend with facilities?
- A jumping chute may or may not be needed at this year's inspections; it definitely will be needed if there are any stallions being presented for approval, and is optional for mares.
 - Is there an enclosed arena where a jumping chute can be set up?
 - A jumping chute includes three obstacles comprised of a ground pole.
 - A cross bar jump
 - A horizontal
 - An oxer, with heights up to 40 inches - see instructions for set up.
- Make plans to provide enough chairs for attendees to watch the proceedings.
- Contact the attendees to determine how many people will be in their party, and what sort of accommodations they and their horse(s) will need.
- Can attendees trailer in for the day or will they need a local motel, Bed & Breakfast or sleep in their trailer overnight?
- Can the traveling horses be accommodated at your place or do you need to put up portable pens, stable some of your horses overnight with a friendly neighbor, or find local overnight stabling for the attendees?
- Do you need to make special arrangements for stallions?
- Branding:
 - If any horses are to be branded, a large propane tank (barbeque size) will be required.
 - Materials for "Interior Test" (optional for the 2009 year) should be on hand – see Interior Test information sheet.
- The Host usually arranges airport transportation for the judges and houses them overnight; cars and hotel rooms can be rented for the judges but the personal touch is much nicer. These generous in-kind donations are greatly appreciated from our hosts which help NASS save money! Also providing transportation to and from the airport, reduces judge stress and fatigue, as driving in a strange place after flying for hours can be exhausting. If car rental is necessary, please let the Breeding Committee Chair know what the driving time is from the airport to the inspection site, and provide detailed directions. Judges' meals are usually provided by the host as well.
- Most Hosts arrange lunch or refreshments for the attendees:
 - It can be helpful if you have friends/family that can help you set up and serve.
 - If cost is a problem, ask for donations from the attendees. If attendees are staying overnight before and/or after the inspection, and there is a market nearby, consider organizing a potluck dinner at your place. It is a great chance to meet everyone on a social basis and learn more about them and their horses. People are usually very casual and so grateful to you for hosting them.
- Don't forget to send all participants directions and a map to the inspection site, as well as your contact number!
- If possible, put up flyers and advertise the inspection in your local horse organizations – it is a great opportunity for people to hear about Shagyas and see a breeding inspection, and to publicize your barn.
- If you, friends or attendees have Shagyas under saddle, and time and space permits, riding demonstrations are always met with great enthusiasm.