

January 14, 2019

Dear NASS Members,

Happy New Year from the NASS Breeding Committee!

It's time for NASS to begin the planning process for 2019 NASS Inspection Sites. We need to hear from all NASS members, owners of NASS-registered horses and other eligible horses to help us plan.

According to international Shagya-Arabian breeding regulations, all Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I), Shagya-Arabians Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabians (Shagya-Arabian x Arabian) and Purebred Arabians, age 2 or older, must be inspected and approved for breeding by an ISG member society for their offspring to be eligible for registration as Purebred Shagya-Arabians. NASS is the only Shagya-Arabian breeding society in America which strictly follows this rule, and NASS believes in utilizing this necessary inspection process not only to maintain the standards of the breed, but also as a vehicle for Shagya-Arabian enthusiasts to get together to socialize, show off their horses, and learn from each other.

Inspection & Evaluation Basics: Horses are presented at halter standing and "on the triangle", sport-horse style, at walk and trot, and are free lunged at canter/gallop. Stallions over the age of 2 are also required to free jump through a jumping chute. Withers height, cannon bone, and girth measurements are also taken. Horses are given scores from 1-10 for the following criteria: type, head, neck, body, legs, walk, trot, and canter. A descriptive paragraph is also made which describes the horse. After all the inspection sites for the year are completed, NASS publishes a full-color newsletter, featuring photos of all inspected and evaluated horses, their scores and descriptions, along with other articles of interest.

Branding: Branding of NASS registered horses will be available at each inspection site. The official patented ISG Shagya-Arabian breed brand may only be worn by Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I) and Shagya-Arabians Book II which are registered in an ISG member registry.

Furthermore, everyone is cordially invited to bring your Shagya-Arabian bred horse to an inspection site just for fun and to show what you do with your horse, be it riding, driving, jumping, dressage, Western sports, breeding, or maybe just admiring!

Inspection Site Planning Process: The first step in the process is to identify the horses which may participate this year so that we can inventory the numbers of horses and their locations.

We need to hear from all owners who may wish to present an eligible horse for inspection, evaluation and/or branding. Depending upon the number of horses participating and the areas where those horses are located, we hope to establish inspection sites where we can gather the horses, people, and judges together for an interesting and informative day. Ideally, we need to gather enough horses at each site so that the fees will cover (or mostly cover) the travel expenses for the judges.

Three NASS Members are ISG qualified American Judges: Adele Furby, Dr. Kathy Richkind, and Hallie Goetz. Hopefully all 3 American judges will be able to help with the necessary judging at each site.

Hosting: We would like to hear from those of you who would like to volunteer to host an inspection site, either at your own farm or at a nearby public facility (or your friends farm!).

Volunteers: We need volunteers willing to help with the necessary details of holding an inspection at a site. Examples: Picking up/dropping off judges from the airport, housing judges for the night, helping with food preparation, providing jumps for the jumping chute, building and removing the jumping chute, taking photos/videos, providing a propane tank for the brand, taking photos/videos, cleaning up after the inspection, etc...

Learner Judges: NASS Members are welcome to participate at inspection sites as Learner Judges. This offers one the unique opportunity to work alongside the ISG Judges as they complete the inspections and evaluation process. Informal auditing is also possible for NASS Members. Please contact the NASS Education Committee via email for details: [NASS Education Committee@Shagya.net](mailto:NASS_Education_Committee@Shagya.net)

Any NASS registered horse is eligible for inspection or evaluation in the following categories:

Inspection: Any NASS registered Purebred Shagya-Arabian (Book I) and Shagya-Arabian Book II mare or stallion, NASS registered Appendix Shagya-Arabian mare or stallion, and WAHO registered Purebred Arabian mare and stallion, age 2 and over, may be inspected for approval for breeding.

Evaluation: Any NASS registered horse of any age or sex and any horse of any other breed which has been bred to a Shagya-Arabian, or whose owner is considering breeding to a Shagya-Arabian, may be presented for an evaluation according to the following criteria:

- a) Any Purebred Shagya-Arabian (Book I), Shagya-Arabian Book II, or Appendix Shagya-Arabian under the age of 2 may be presented for evaluation. For example, the owner of a yearling stallion prospect may wish to present the colt to learn if the judges think that the colt has the potential to be stallion material.
- b) Any Part-Shagya may be presented for evaluation. Such an evaluation is not for the approval for breeding (since only Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I), Shagya-Arabians Book II and Appendix Shagya-Arabians are eligible to be used in the Shagya-Arabian Breed), but as an overall evaluation of the horse as either a performance horse prospect, or as a horse to be used in Part-Shagya breeding.
- c) All geldings, either Purebred Shagya-Arabian (Book I), Shagya-Arabian Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabian, or Part-Shagya can be presented for an evaluation.
- d) A breeding mare or breeding stallion owner might like to present a young Purebred Shagya-Arabian (Book I), Shagya-Arabian Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabian or Part-Shagya for an evaluation in order to gain feedback about the producing ability of their mare or stallion.

If you have ANY QUESTIONS about eligibility, please don't hesitate to ask Adele Furby, the NASS Breeding Committee Chair, via email: NASS_Breeding_Committee@Shagya.net or telephone: 928-567-8645.

NASS Member Evaluation Fee per horse: \$50.00.
NASS Member Inspection Fee per horse: \$200.00
NASS Member Branding Fee per horse: \$30.00
Non-NASS Members must pay a \$45.00 Surcharge

Payment received 45 days prior to inspection date will receive a 10% discount.

Please send in the enclosed Inspection Tour Feedback Sheet to the attention of Adele Furby, the NASS Breeding Committee Chair, [by February 10, 2019](#).

Via Email: NASS_Breeding_Committee@Shagya.net

Mailing Address: Adele Furby, 567 E. Quarterhorse Ln, Camp Verde, AZ, 86322

Remember, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Adele Furby at the above email or telephone number.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks!

Adele Furby on behalf of the NASS Breeding Committee