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The International Shagya-Arabian Breed Standard

The Purebred Shagya-Arabian is an exceptional riding horse of distinct Arabian type. Average height is 15 to 16.1 hands, with occasional individuals over and under. Purebred Shagyas can have up to 9 Purebred Arabian ancestors within the 16 ancestors in the fourth generation of their pedigrees. This is known as the "9/16 rule". Purebred Shagya-Arabians must have pedigrees which can be traced on both their sire and dam side to the studbooks of Babolna, Radautz, Topolcianky, Mangalia, Kabijuk, Kolarovgard, Janow Podlaski, Borike, Karadjordjevo, and to Purebred Arabians, and must have been bred according to the system of Babolna. Many Purebred Shagya-Arabians are registered in the ISG-member studbooks in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Venezuela, Holland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Columbia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Luxembourg.

The North American Shagya-Arabian (NASS) Registry

NASS is a member of the International Shagya-Arabian Society (or "ISG") and the NASS Registry, called the "Shagya-Arabian Registry of North America", or "SHARONA", is recognized by ISG as the original North American Registry for Shagya-Arabians.

Horses registered as Purebred Shagya-Arabians by an ISG-member society's registry are eligible for registration by SHARONA. In any questionable cases, the NASS Breeding Committee will have the final registration authority after consultation with ISG. All SHARONA-registered Purebred Shagya-Arabians meet or exceed ISG standards for Purebred Shagya-Arabians.

SHARONA is comprised of two parts: the Registry and the Studbook. All eligible horses can be registered in the Registry. Only registered horses who have been inspected are entered into the Studbook.

SHARONA REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

NASS registers horses in the following three categories:

Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I):

Meets the following pedigree requirements:

- Meets the 9/16 rule
- Sire and dam are both in Studbook I or Studbook I Appendix

Shagya-Arabians (Book II):

Meets the following pedigree requirements:

- Meets the 9/16 rule
- Either sire, dam, or both are in Studbook II or Studbook II Appendix

Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA): (previously called Part-Shagya-Arabian)

Meets the following pedigree requirements:

- Parents are either Shagya-Arabians or Purebred Arabians or Appendix Shagya-Arabians (P-ShA) with Arabian blood.
- May or may not meet the 9/16 rule (may have more than 9 Arabian ancestors in the 4th generation.)
- This category accommodates horses whose parents may be in Studbook I or Studbook II, or not listed in a studbook, and one parent may be a registered Purebred Arabian.

Part-Shagyas (P-Sh):

Meets the following pedigree requirements:

- At least one parent is registered as Purebred Shagya Arabian, Shagya-Arabian, or Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA), and second parent may be of any breed.

SHARONA STUDBOOK CATEGORIES

NASS registered horses are placed into a Studbook after they are presented for inspection for breeding approval. The horse's performance record can also be taken into account as a significant element of the Breeding Approval process.

The following table gives a simplified overview of the Studbook categories.

Stallion Book I (Main Stallion Book)	Must be registered as: Purebred Shagya-Arabian Book I per NASS definition Achieves average score of 7 or above, with a 7 or above for type, with no score under 5 For permanent status in Stallion Book I, must meet NASS stallion performance requirement within the given time frame (see NASS Stallion Performance Requirements for detailed information.)
Appendix to Stallion Book I (Appendix to Main Stallion Book)	Must be registered as: Purebred Arabian, or Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA) Achieves an average score of 8 or above, with an 8 or above for type, and with no score under 5 For permanent status in Book I Appendix, must meet NASS stallion performance requirement within the given time frame (see NASS Stallion Performance Requirements for detailed information.) Must submit negative SCID test OR If stallion presented has already met the equivalent of a NASS performance requirement, the stallion must achieve an average score of 7 or above, with a 7 or above for type, and with no score under 5 Must submit negative SCID test

Stallion Book II (Stallion Book)	<p>Must be registered as: Purebred Shagya-Arabian or Shagya-Arabian (ShA), or Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA) per NASS definition and meets 9/16 rule</p> <p>Does not meet minimum scores (as described for Books I above), and/or does not meet stallion performance requirement</p>
Appendix to Stallion Book II (Appendix to Stallion Book)	<p>Must be registered as: Purebred Arabian or Appendix Shagya-Arabian(P-ShA) and does not meet 9/16 rule</p> <p>Does not meet minimum scores as listed in Appendix to Stallion Book I and/or does not meet stallion performance requirement</p>
Mare Book I (Main Mare Book)	<p>If registered as: Purebred Shagya-Arabian Book I per NASS definition</p> <p>Achieves an average score of 6 or above, with no score under 5</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If registered as: Shagya-Arabian (ShA) or Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA) AND meets 9/16 rule</p> <p>Achieves a minimum average score of 7 with no score under 5</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If the mare presented has already successfully completed the equivalent of the NASS stallion performance requirement, the mare must achieve an average score of 6 or above with no score under 5</p>
Appendix to Mare Book I (Appendix to Main Mare Book)	<p>Must be registered as: Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA) or Purebred Arabian</p> <p>Does not meet 9/16 rule</p> <p>Achieves an average score of 7 or above and no score under 5</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If mare presented has already successfully completed the equivalent of NASS stallion performance test, the mare must achieve an average score of 6 and no score under 5</p>
Mare Book II (Mare Book)	<p>Must be registered as: Purebred Shagya-Arabian Book I</p> <p>Does not achieve minimum scores as described above for mare Book I</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If registered as: Shagya-Arabian</p> <p>Does not achieve qualifying scores as described above for Mare Book I</p>

Appendix to Mare Book II	<p>Registered as: Appendix Shagya (P-ShA) or Purebred Arabian</p> <p>Does not achieve qualifying scores as described above for Appendix Mare to Book I</p>
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SHARONA Registry and Studbook Requirements

NASS PUREBRED SHAGYA-ARABIAN REGISTRY (BOOK I)

Registry Requirements:

A horse whose parents are NASS registered Shagya-Arabians which have been approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding, Studbook I by NASS, and whose pedigree contains no more than of 9 Purebred Arabians within the 16 ancestors of the 4th generation is eligible for registration as a Purebred Shagya-Arabian, providing the registry application rules are followed by the owner of the horse.

All applications for registry of imported Shagya-Arabian horses must be accompanied by original registration papers from the ISG-member registry in the country of original registration with an English translation, and any other relevant documents as requested by the NASS Registrar and NASS Breeding Committee. Date of importation, ownership transfers, bills of sale, and other documentation establishing a complete chain of ownership must be provided and will be retained as part of the registration documentation.

Studbook Requirements for Approval for Purebred Shagya-Arabian Breeding for Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I):

Stallions:

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Book I stallions which are presented for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding approval must achieve an average score of "7" or above, and must receive at least the mark of "7" for type. No mark in any category may be lower than "5". Exceptions can be made to these regulations at the discretion of the judging committee at the time of the inspection. All approved stallions are required to have a DNA hair sample on file with U of K prior to finalization of their breeding approval.

Furthermore, beginning with Inspection Year 2009, stallions must meet the NASS Stallion Performance Requirements to maintain their status as Book I stallions. This requirement should be fulfilled by age 8, or at the discretion of the NASS Breeding Committee if it determines that there are reasonable extenuating circumstances (such as an injury) which preclude this achievement. The stallion's owner must apply for any exceptions regarding the performance requirement to the NASS Breeding Committee in a timely manner. Stallions which do not pass the Performance Requirements within the allotted time will be placed in Book II.

Mares:

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Book I mares which are presented for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding approval must achieve an average score of "6" or above with no score under "5" to be approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian Breeding.

If a mare achieves an average score below "6", or any score under "5", she will be placed in Mare Book II.

NASS APPENDIX SHAGYA REGISTRY (P-ShA)

Appendix Shagya-Arabians (formerly called Part-Shagya-Arabians) have registration numbers with the "P-ShA" prefix.

Registry Requirements:

A horse whose pedigree consists entirely of Shagya-Arabian and Arabian bloodlines but which does not meet the 9/16 rule will be registered as an Appendix Shagya-Arabian (formerly called Part-Shagya-Arabian).

Also, horses with pedigrees consisting entirely of Shagya-Arabian and Arabian bloodlines, but which have one or both parents who have never been inspected for breeding will be registered in the Appendix Shagya-Arabian Registry.

When applying for registration of a Part-Shagya-Arabian in the Appendix Shagya-Arabian Registry, the applicant is required to submit a copy of the registration certificate for the purebred Arabian parent when applicable. The NASS registration certificate will include the pedigree of the Purebred Arabian parent.

Appendix Shagya-Arabians are eligible for approval for breeding.

Studbook Requirements for Appendix Shagya-Arabians for Approval for Purebred Shagya-Arabian Breeding (Book I):

Appendix Stallions:

Appendix Shagya-Arabian stallions may be presented at the age of 2 years or older for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding.

Appendix Shagya-Arabian stallions must exhibit superior type, conformation, movement, and impulsion, and appropriate size and disposition, as evidenced by a minimum average score of "8", with at least the mark of "8" for type and no mark in any category may be lower than "5".

Beginning with Inspection Year 2009, the stallion must pass the NASS Performance Requirements to maintain his status as a Book I Appendix stallion. This requirement should be fulfilled by age 8, or at the discretion of the NASS Breeding Committee if it determines that there are reasonable extenuating circumstances (such as an injury) which preclude this achievement. The stallion's owner must apply for any exceptions regarding the performance requirement to the NASS Breeding Committee in a timely manner. Stallions which do not pass the Performance Requirements within the allotted time will be placed in Book II.

Alternatively, if the stallion already has successfully met the NASS stallion performance test requirement, the stallion must achieve a minimum average score of "7", with at least the mark of "7" for type, and no mark in any category under "5".

Appendix Mares:

Appendix Shagya-Arabian mares may be presented at the age of 2 years or older for approval for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding.

If the mare achieves an average score of 7 or above, with no score under 5, she will be approved for Shagya-Arabian breeding Book I and she will be entered into the Appendix to Mare Book I.

Alternatively, if the mare has successfully met the equivalent of the NASS stallion performance test, she can be approved for breeding with an average score of 6 with no score under 5.

If the mare cannot meet the above criteria, she will be listed in Mare Book II Appendix.

Any NASS registered Appendix Shagya-Arabian whose sire and/or dam is approved for Shagya-Arabian breeding after the horse has been registered is eligible to have his or her papers changed to reflect the change in registration status. For example, an Appendix Shagya-Arabian which has been registered in the Appendix because one parent was not approved for breeding can have his registration paper changed upon the parent receiving breeding approval

PART-SHAGYA REGISTRY

Part-Shagyas have registration numbers that begin with “PSh”:

A horse with one registered Shagya-Arabian, Appendix Shagya-Arabian or Part-Shagya parent and whose other parent's pedigree is composed of any other breed or breeds may be registered as a Part-Shagya with NASS. The horse's registration number begins with "P-Sh".

When applying for registration of a Part-Shagya, if the SHARONA Registrar is supplied with a copy of the registration certificate for that parent from the relevant (non-NASS) registry, the registration certificate will include the non-Shagya-bred ancestors.

NASS SHAGYA-ARABIAN REGISTRY BOOK II

The NASS Shagya-Arabian Registry Book II registers horses whose pedigrees meet the 9/16 rule but who have either a sire or a dam in Studbook Book II or in the Studbook Book II Appendix.

FOREIGN AND APPENDIX SHAGYA-ARABIAN STALLIONS

Foreign Stallions in the NASS Stallion Studbooks:

Foreign Purebred Shagya-Arabian stallions and foreign Purebred Arabian stallions which have been approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding by NASS via frozen semen are listed in the NASS Studbook. All approved stallion owners must be members in good standing with NASS at the time of conception and at the time of registration of any of their stallion's foals.

Stallion in the Appendix Shagya-Arabian Stallion Book:

As of 2005, NASS no longer approves horses for Part-Shagya breeding. However, a stallion approved for Appendix Shagya-Arabian Breeding (previously "Part Shagya-Arabian") prior to 2005 retains that approval and the offspring will be registered as Appendix Shagya-Arabian.

NASS APPROVAL PROCESS for PUREBRED SHAGYA BREEDING BOOK I

At the age of 2 years or more, any NASS registered Purebred Shagya-Arabian or Shagya Arabian, or Appendix Shagya-Arabian which meets NASS eligibility requirements may be presented to the NASS Breeding Committee for approval. Assessment for breeding potential will be made by a commission which is appointed by the NASS Breeding Committee with the advice and consent of the NASS Board of Directors. The commission will consist of a minimum of two ISG certified judges, a NASS Breeding Committee member, and a NASS consulting veterinarian. (In special cases a mare may be inspected by the Chairman of the Breeding Committee or a single ISG certified judge appointed by the Breeding Committee.) The commission will, upon inspection of the horse:

- Approve the horse for breeding
- Deny breeding approval, or
- Recommend that the horse, while not approved at the time, may be presented for approval at a later date.

The horse will be presented in hand on the triangle standing, and at walk and trot. When possible, the horse will also be shown at liberty in walk, trot, and gallop. Free jumping down a jumping chute is required for stallions and is optional, and encouraged for mares. See the "NASS Protocol for Inspection Procedures and Judging" for more details on presentation.

Horse's shall be assessed on a scale from 1 to 10 for: 1) type, 2) head, 3) neck, 4) body, 5) legs, 6) walk, 7) trot, and, when possible, 8) canter/gallop. Wither height, cannon bone and girth circumferences will also be measured and recorded. An official inspection photo will be taken.

Horse's which are approved for breeding will have a notation added by the Registrar to the horse's certificate of registration indicating the Studbook into which the horse is placed. Published NASS/SHARONA studbooks will also include such notations.

Any questions regarding eligibility of an individual animal for presentation for breeding approval should be directed to the NASS Breeding Committee. The Registrar is not authorized to make decisions regarding eligibility of a horse.

All fees owed to NASS must be paid in full, all applicable paperwork must be in good form and completed before a horse may be presented for Approval for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding.

The horse owner must be a NASS member in good standing in order to be eligible to present a horse for inspection /evaluation at a NASS inspection.

An approved stallion must have his DNA on file with U of K prior to finalization of breeding approval.

Purebred Arabian stallions and Appendix Shagya-Arabian (P-ShA) stallions are also required to have a negative SCID test as part of the breeding approval process.

NASS EVALUATION

All SHARONA registered Purebred Shagya-Arabian geldings, mares, and stallions, as well as all Appendix Shagya-Arabian (Part-Shagya-Arabians), and all Part-Shagyas of any age are eligible for an evaluation (which is not for the purpose of breeding approval) during an official inspection tour. Also, mares of any breed who may be bred to Shagya-Arabian-bred stallions may also have an evaluation.

Horses shall be evaluated on a scale from 1 to 10 for: 1) type, 2) head, 3) neck, 4) body, 5) legs, 6) walk, 7) trot, and, when possible, 8) canter (via free lunging).

Free jumping down a jumping chute is optional and encouraged.

Wither height, cannon bone and girth circumferences will also be measured and recorded. Evaluations are for informational purposes only and are not applicable towards approval for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding. Exceptions can be made to the regulations at the discretion of the NASS Breeding Committee.

Any questions regarding eligibility of an individual animal for evaluation or for presentation for breeding approval should be directed to the NASS Breeding Committee. The Registrar is not authorized to make decisions regarding eligibility of a horse.

All fees owed to NASS must be paid in full, all applicable paperwork must be in good form and completed before a horse may participate in any evaluation process. The horse owner must be a NASS member in good standing in order to be eligible to present a horse for inspection/evaluation at a NASS inspection.

NASS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

GENERAL:

The value of any registry is in the accuracy, integrity, and completeness of records; any documentation required is with that objective in mind.

Correct fees must accompany all registration applications and transfers. All outstanding fees owed to NASS must be paid in full before registration work will be commenced. Any documents that are incomplete will be returned at submitter's expense.

The entire registration will be processed only after the Registrar has received all required fees and documentation.

Once you have ascertained that your horse is eligible for registry in SHARONA as a Purebred Shagya-Arabian, a Shagya-Arabian, an Appendix Shagya-Arabian or a Part-Shagya, you can request the appropriate application form from the NASS Registrar or you can download the appropriate form from the NASS website.

The Registrar or Breeding Committee may require further documentation in addition to that listed below order to register a horse in the SHARONA Registry.

Registration application forms should be submitted as soon as possible after the birth of a foal or the importation of a horse to North America.

Registering a Foal or Older Horse Born in North America:

Applications for foals should be submitted before December 31 of their birth year in order to avoid a late fee. Older horses are also eligible for registration but the cost is higher (see fee schedule).

Beginning with all foals born after January 1, 2007, it is required that the parentage of all Shagya-Arabian (ShA) and Appendix Shagya-Arabian (PShA) foals be verified by DNA typing the sire, the dam, and the foal. In order to DNA type a horse a small amount of mane or tail hair is pulled out by the roots and sent to the NASS Registrar along with the appropriate fee and the application. (The application is available from the Registrar or can be downloaded from the NASS website. See fee schedule for fees). Please make sure that the sire, the dam, and the foal have been DNA typed prior to submitting the registration application. If you are in doubt as to whether or not the stallion and/or mare have already been DNA typed, check with the NASS Registrar or NASS Breeding Committee, which keeps a master file of DNA typed horses in the SHARONA Registry and Studbooks.

Filling out the Registration Application:

Be certain that all parts of the application are complete and typed or clearly printed in ink. The name of the horse, color, foaling date, and markings must be clearly described and drawn on the diagrams. Do the drawings with the horse in front of you so there will be no error. We recommended that you draw in the markings in pencil first, double check them while looking at the horse, then ink them in. Drawings and written description must match. Fill in each marking category. For example, if the horse has no face markings, write "None", if the horse has a black hoof, write in "black", etc.

Remember to fill in the section verifying the date of castration and the name of the practitioner if performed before submitting the registration application.

The application includes a Breeder's Certificate, Service Certificate, and Owner's Certificate

Breeder's Certificate:

The "breeder" of the horse to be registered is the owner or lessee of the dam of the horse to be registered at the time that the foal was conceived. The signature of the owner or the lessee of the dam at the time of conception is required as evidence to confirm the facts of the breeding. If the dam is leased, please attach a copy of the lease agreement signed by both the lessor and the lessee. In addition the NASS Breeder designation form, available from the NASS Registrar, must be signed by the lessor and the lessee and submitted along with the registration application.

Service Certificate:

The service certificate on the application must be signed by the owner of the stallion at the time the mare was bred. If the stallion is approved for breeding by NASS, the stallion owner must maintain membership in NASS for every breeding year in which the stallion is used in the breed. If the stallion owner has not maintained membership in NASS, the person registering the foal has the option to pay a stallion activation fee in order to satisfy this requirement.

The stallion owner also must have an annual stallion report on file with the NASS registrar for the relevant breeding year. Stallion report forms are available from the NASS Registrar. Stallions reports should include a list of any frozen semen sold as well as mares bred by live cover or live cooled semen.

The stallion must have his DNA type on file with NASS for all foals born after January 2007. DNA forms and instructions are available from the NASS Registrar or can be downloaded from the NASS website.

Owner's Certificate:

If the owner of the foal (or older horse being registered for the first time) is different from the breeder or mare lessee, a copy of a bill of sale for the dam of the foal or horse or completed sales contract must be attach to the application.

If the horse to be registered has been previously recorded with any other registry, foreign or domestic, a copy of the complete valid registration must accompany the NASS application.

If the sire or dam of a horse to be registered in the Appendix Registry or the Part-Shagya Registry is not registered with NASS or listed in the NASS Appendix, the NASS Registrar will include pedigree information on said sire or dam if a copy of its complete registration certificate from the relevant breed registry accompanies the application.

Transported Semen Procedures:

NASS allows foals to be registered which are conceived using either fresh or frozen transported semen. We require that the parentage of all foals be verified by DNA typing the sire, the dam, and the foal.

Retaining of frozen semen in connection to the sale of a stallion is the same as retaining breeding rights and we recommended that this information be disclosed to the purchaser of the stallion. The owner of the frozen semen at the time of insemination becomes eligible to sign the breeding certificate by including positive proof of ownership of the specific identified vial of frozen semen used to obtain the pregnancy. This documentation must indicate a clear chain of title from the owner of the stallion at the time the semen was collected and frozen to the owner of the frozen semen at the time of insemination.

Make sure to include the signature of the veterinarian or technician who performs the insemination under the "service certificate" section of the application.

Embryo Transfer:

NASS allows foals to be registered in which embryo transfer was used. Each mare is allowed one foal per year to be registered (or in the case of twins developing from a single pregnancy, two). Registration of an embryo transfer foal requires the addition of the NASS Embryo Transfer form to be submitted. The NASS Embryo transfer form is available from the NASS Registrar or it can be downloaded from the NASS website.

Registering an Imported Horse Previously Registered in Another Country:

To register a Shagya-bred horse previously registered in another country, you may request an Application for Registration for imported horses from the NASS Registrar or it can be downloaded from the NASS website. The application clearly states at the top what documentation is required, including: copy of certificate of registration and official pedigree, record of transfer to current owner, date of importation, translation into English of any documentation in a foreign language, and a standard foal application for a foal imported in utero.

THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE AND OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

GENERAL:

NASS Certificates of Registration are designed to be a permanent lifetime record of the registered horse, as they include ownership information, pedigree information, breeder information, etc. When you sell a horse, be sure that the new owner is aware of the importance of recording the transfer promptly and informing the Registrar of other details as described below.

After the registration certificate is issued, it is the owner's responsibility to see that this complete record of each horse is kept up to date. The owner, or subsequent owner, is responsible for the following:

TRANSFER:

If you sell or transfer a horse in the SHARONA registry, the owner of record must sign the transfer record on the certificate and fill in the date of sale and name and address of the new owner. **PLEASE USE ONLY ONE SPACE IN THE TRANSFER SECTION.**

If a horse is sold "on contract" the "date of sale" is regarded as the date provided by the owner of record. The seller should retain the certificate until the terms of the sale have been satisfied. The new owner should send the signed certificate, with the appropriate transfer fee to the Registrar. When the transfer is recorded the certificate will be returned to the new owner. Failure to record each transfer as it takes place can result in problems for the future owner, both in verifying ownership and in registration of foals. Ownership records are according to information supplied on the registration application and will not be changed unless the certificate with sale date, signature of owner, name and address of new owner, and the fee are sent.

BRANDING:

The brand should be drawn and attested in the appropriate space by an authorized NASS agent at the time of branding. Again, the certificate should be sent to the Registrar for entry into our records, or a photocopy of the back page with the branding noted can be sent.

BREEDING APPROVALS:

When a NASS registered horse is approved for breeding the breeding evaluation form is sent to the Registrar by the Inspection Committee. The measurements, breeding approval, and signature of the judges can be noted on the certificate if the certificate is available at the inspection site. The owner can then mail a photocopy of the back page or the original to the NASS registrar for recording. If the certificate is not available on the inspection day, the certificate can be mailed later to the Registrar, who will record the inspection results on the certificate and will return the certificate to the owner.

CASTRATION OF A STALLION:

The requested information should be entered in the appropriate spaces and the original certificate sent to the Registrar for entry into the records, or a photocopy of the back page can be sent. In the case of a horse which might have been used at stud before castration, a Stallion Report list of all mares bred to him, with dates prior to the date of castration, should be furnished to the Registrar so that foals resulting from those breedings may be registered. Castration should be recorded as soon as possible after the surgery is completed.

DEATH OF A HORSE:

The date of death, with cause, if known, and signature of attending veterinarian, if applicable, should be entered. The original certificate should be sent to the Registrar for recording and cancellation as soon as possible after horse's death. The certificate will be returned to the recorded owner as a keepsake, if requested. In the case of the death of a breeding stallion, a Stallion Report with the names of all mares bred by him and the breeding dates should be furnished to the Registrar so that the resulting foals may be registered.

DAMAGED OR LOST CERTIFICATES:

In the event that a certificate is damaged, you should return it to the Registrar, with the appropriate replacement fee, to be re-written. There should be only one valid certificate in circulation for each horse. If a certificate should be lost or destroyed, the owner of record should

notify the Registrar as soon as possible after the loss or destruction and send the date of such loss or destruction along with the replacement fee. A new certificate will be issued, with the statement that the original certificate was lost or destroyed, with the date. No certificate other than the current one will be honored by NASS for any transaction. Duplicate certificates are not official unless they are embossed with the NASS seal. All copies from the registry should be clearly stamped in red "copy" to avoid any tampering with the official copies.

OFFICIAL COPIES OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES:

Any owner of a NASS registered horse who wants to submit an official copy of the horse's papers to any horse organization must request an official copy of the horse's papers from the NASS Registrar along with the required fee. An official copy will be made, imprinted with the NASS seal and marked "Official Copy".

BRANDING POLICY:

The horse owner must be a NASS member in good standing in order to have a NASS registered horse branded. Eligible horses can often be branded during a NASS Inspection Tour, and they can also be branded at other times if a branding agent is available in the area.

BRAND DESIGN:

The brand for purebred Shagya-Arabians is an Internationally-patented brand, patented by the ISG in 1990. The design is a sunburst with a stylized "Sh" inside. There are two sizes of brands available; mature horses are branded with the larger size, and the horses under the age of one year old are branded with the smaller size.

BRAND PLACEMENT:

The brand is placed in the middle of the horse's left hip.

BRAND TYPE:

The brand is applied using a hot iron technique.

BRANDING AGENT:

All current NASS Board of Directors, Officers, Breeding Committee members and individuals appointed by the Breeding Committee, with the proper training are eligible to become Branding Agents. The Breeding Committee is responsible for their training and technical instruction. A current list of qualified Branding Agents will be compiled by the Chairman of the Breeding Committee and sent to the Registrar. This list may be subject to change from time to time. Branding Agents may be allowed to brand their own horses, provided that the proper procedures as set forth regarding the application and fee have been taken.

ELIGIBILITY:

Purebred Shagya-Arabians and Shagya-Arabians Book II registered with the Shagya Arabian Registry of North America (SHARONA) are eligible to be branded provided the owner of record submits a completed application and pays the appropriate fee (see fee schedule). The owner of record of horses that have been sold on contract must give their consent to the buyer in order to have the horse branded prior to the completion of the sale contract. A fee is charged for each horse being branded. The fee must accompany the completed branding application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

A branding application must be completed for each horse that is to be branded. The application can be obtained from the Registrar or downloaded from the NASS website, and the completed application is returned to the Registrar, along with the fee. Upon receiving the completed application, the Registrar logs each form and forwards the branding fee to the Treasurer. If for any reason the forms are incomplete, the Registrar will return all papers to the originating party, along with reasons they cannot be accepted. In case of any question regarding a horse's eligibility for branding, the Registrar will consult with the Chairperson of the Breeding Committee.

Each year, the Registrar will report to the Board of Directors, and Chairperson of the Breeding Committee the names of horses branded, and the names of the ones where the branding application has been received, but the horse has yet to be branded.

The Registrar will then send the brands and forms to the nearest qualified Branding Agent, who will then contact the origination party and make arrangements for a time and place to brand the horse(s). The Agent may coordinate at his or her discretion the branding dates with more than one originating party in the same region in order to use their time and NASS money efficiently. The Agent will be instructed to schedule a date no more than three months after the application is received from the Registrar.

After the branding had been performed, the Agent will sign and date the Registration Paper, and apply the Shagya Sun logo, either hand-drawn, or by NASS sticker. It is the owner's responsibility to photocopy this section of the Registration Paper and send it to the Registrar.

Both the Branding Agent and the originating party will sign and date the branding application.

The Agent will make three copies of each branded horse's application. A copy will be distributed to each of the following:

- The originating party
- The Registrar, who will note in the log that the horse has been branded
- Chairperson of the Breeding Committee

REGISTRAR'S PROCEDURES:

The agent will mail the original completed application to the Registrar who, upon receiving them, will see whether the brand has been noted on the horse's papers by the Agent. If this has occurred, the application will be filed in the horse's permanent records.

NASS Regulations for Foreign Stallions

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Stallions living outside of the North American Continent can be approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian Breeding with NASS. Each stallion will be approved on a case-by-case basis, in order to insure that the stallion's Breeding Approval was conducted using standards which are at least as rigorous as those used by the NASS on NASS Inspection Tours.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the NASS Breeding Committee for NASS Approval for Purebred Shagya Breeding, the stallion owner must submit to the Chairman of the NASS Breeding Committee the following:

- A letter of application which contains the following listed information. All information which is written in a language other than English must also be accompanied by a translation into English.
- A copy of the Purebred Shagya Registration papers for the stallion.
- Complete information from the relevant ISG Shagya-Arabian Society regarding the stallion's approval for Shagya-Arabian breeding in that country. Information should include a description of the approval which was conducted— i.e., dates of the approval, names of the judges, description of how the horse was shown (i.e. in hand, free lunged, ridden, etc.). Marks given by the judges for each criterion judged, official measurement taken, including wither height, girth circumference, and cannon bone circumference, and any official written description of the stallion which were made.
- Complete information regarding any Stallion Performance test in which the stallion participated, including a description of the test, names of judges, and marks given for the stallion.
- DNA typing report compatible/acceptable to the lab utilized by NASS for parentage verification.
- A \$200.00 application fee.

If the stallion is approved for breeding by NASS, the stallion owner is required to follow the same regulations as owners of NASS registered stallions, i.e. maintain annual membership in NASS in order for foals to be registered, and to submit an annual stallion report.

If the NASS Breeding Committee determines that the stallion is approved for Shagya-Arabian Breeding by NASS, the stallion will be placed in the appropriate NASS Studbook and the NASS will publish a summary of the relevant Breeding Approval information in a NASS publication, similar to that which is published about NASS inspected stallions following a NASS Inspection Tour.

The application and accompanying check should be submitted to NASS Breeding Committee Chairman.