



THE ARABIAN HORSE

The Arabian horse is one of the world's oldest breeds. It also has the oldest official breed registry. Arabian horses have influenced every light horse and many pony and warmblood breeds throughout history. It is one of the most popular breeds as well.

Arabian horses have lithe, compact bodies that suggest strength and speed. Their backs are short, and ideally, they have well sloping shoulders and powerful hindquarters.

Arabian horses often have elegantly arched necks, fine silky manes and tails and a refined head. The Arabian horse's physical presence suggests refinement, power, agility, and elegance.

While the very beginnings of the Arabian horse are hidden in the desert sands most experts agree Arabians originated in the vicinity of the Arabian Peninsula. The Bedouin tribes trace their common history with Arab horses back to 3000 BC and keep meticulous ancestral records or 'pedigrees'. The Bedus used the horses for beasts-of-burden and war mounts. The Arab's hardiness is a result of the harsh desert climate and terrain they evolved in.

Unique Characteristics of the Arabian Horse:

- A delicately dished face with wide intelligent eyes and arching neck are hallmarks of the purebred Arabian.
- Arabians have a high tail carriage and floating 'gaits' (forward movement).
- Arabians are quick learners, alert, and sensitive.

- Arabians are the ancestors of many modern day horses from the tall Trakehner to the diminutive Fallabella.
- Arabian horses have one less vertebra than other breeds of horses.

Horse enthusiasts around the world have much to thank the Arabian breed for. They have carried kings and pashas into war and taught many youngsters about the joys and responsibilities of horse ownership. Their gaits are ground covering and smooth to ride despite their relatively small size. Arabians are very long-lived and hardy. An older Arabian makes the perfect first-time horse or backyard family horse. Many Purebred Arabian names begin with 'Bint' or "Ibn". These prefixes are rough translations for the Bedouin words for 'daughter of' or 'son of'.

Excerpt from "the spruce"

DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EIGHTY-THREE HORSES REMOVED FROM TERREBONNE PROPERTY DUE TO NEGLECT

Release Date: March 26, 2018

Location: 4700 block NE Smith Rock Way, Terrebonne

On March 24th, at approximately 3:18pm, deputies with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 4700 block of NE Smith Rock Way regarding possible horse neglect. The reporting party expressed concern over a horse with an eye injury and hoof neglect.

Deputies contacted the horse owner that afternoon and determined there were a large number of horses on the property that were suffering from mild to severe neglect. Based on the observations at the scene, deputies began working on a large scale horse removal operation, including organizing volunteers to help move the horses to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Rescue Ranch in Bend.

On March 25th, deputies returned to the property and began removing 83 horses from the property. They partnered with the Pet Evacuation Team (PET) and Mustangs to the Rescue to remove and transport 83 horses to the Sheriff's Office Rescue Ranch in Bend. Two other horses on the property were euthanized by the owner prior to removal due to their overall condition.

Throughout the day today, we have had a veterinary team and two farriers at our Rescue Ranch beginning the work to evaluate and provide the necessary veterinary and hoof care to the horses.

We are incredibly thankful to the Pet Evacuation Team (PET) and Mustangs to the Rescue for organizing 33 volunteers and 15 horse trailers on short notice Saturday night. The expertise and patience of their volunteers was greatly appreciated.

Sheriff L. Shane Nelson said, "Our first priority was to get the horses off the property and to our rescue ranch so we can assess them and get the care that they need. Our office will investigate this case fully to determine the facts and plan the next steps for the horses as we go forward. We are fortunate to have our Rescue Ranch and we will be able to house all 83 horses. We have had large seizures like this in the past and are always impressed with the overwhelming support that we get in donations to help care for these animals."

No charges have been filed at this time. This is an active investigation and more information will be released as it becomes available.

(It is my understanding that these horses are not ready for adoption yet and many of them are arabians. Stay tuned for more to come)

UPCOMING REGION 4 EVENTS

June 29, 2018 – Arabian Sporthorse Salute, Donida Farms, Auburn Wa., Region 4 qualifier

June 30- July 1, 2018 - Region 4 Offsite Sporthorse Championships, Donida Farms, Auburn Wa.

July 28-29 2018 – AiM Sporthorse Classic, Rolling Rock Farms, Sherwood Or, Region 4 and Sport Horse Nationals Qualifier

For other region 4 events please go to: www.aharegion4.com. For shows outside of region 4 please refer to the Arabian Horse Association calendar.

AERC sanctioned rides

April 7, 2018 – Owyhee Tough Sucker, Oreana Idaho, Teeter Ranch

April 28, 2018 – Eagle Canyon, Eagle Idaho

May 4-5, 2018 – Still Prineville Ride, Central Oregon

May 11-12, 2018 – Owyhee River Challenge & CTR, Adrian Oregon

For more information you can go to aerc.org

EDRA sanctioned rides

April 21, 2018 – Grizzly Mountain, Crooked River National Grasslands, Test Your Mettle and Ride and Tie events as well

For more information you can go to equinedistanceriding.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Summary of recent AiM board of directors meeting. The board of directors elected officers for the coming year.

President: Sarah Asby

Vice President: Janet Jones

Secretary: Amanda Howell

Treasurer: Jon Howell

Other members of the board are Angela Wilson and Jeff Jones. Because the bylaws states there are 7 members of the board, there needed to be an appointment for the last position. Marcia Donnelly was appointed to fill out the second year of the open board position. The meeting was very short since no other business was needed to be discussed.

Sarah Asby attended the Region 4 board of directors spring meeting. Chris Bickford, region 4 director, reported on what was discussed at the AHA spring meeting. There was a discussion on decreasing the number of AHA regions. Currently there are 18 regions but with declining membership the AHA board wanted to know how members felt about decreasing the number of regions. Nothing was decided at this time. Some of the region 4 members at the meeting suggested that it might be nice to combine the Region 4 and

Region 5 sporthorse championships. Again nothing was decided. The Region 4 Championship show (does not include Sporthorse) will be held June 19-23 in Nampa Idaho. There will be a preshow starting on June 17. This is the main source of income for Region 4 and its programs. Kaye Phaneuf, the Region 4 Sporthorse representative, announced that the 2019 Sporthorse Nationals will be held in Illinois. Also the region 4 board was reminded that the deadline for scholarship applications is May 1, 2018. Go to the region 4 website for more information. There is money for a youth scholarship which goes to a high school senior and an adult scholarship which goes to an adult continuing their education.



IN CONCLUSION

I would just like to take this opportunity to express my encouragement to try something new this year. If you are not sure about endurance or competitive trail then try a ride and tie event or a test your mettle relay, and just go out and have fun and enjoy your beautiful arabian horses.

I have been in the show ring and out on the endurance trail. This year I am going to try at least one new event, like a test your mettle relay. Sounds like fun huh? Come and join me, I am going to need a partner since it is a relay.

Please take time to hug your horses!

Thank you for reading!

Libby

