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PROMOTING AN ACTIVE AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WITH THE ARABIAN HORSE

It's all about the horse

It is a new private initiative to provide high impact and effective "out-reach", attracting new people to become involved in the Arabian horse community, to take riding lessons and join clubs. It is an initiative to create and maintain positive relationships within the Arabian horse community through clubs, barns, stables and supporting groups and businesses.

Through this Website This is a totally new way of reaching out to the marketplace as a unified force. Web based, this website, social media platforms, and complimentary activities will link people with new opportunities.

DAH will serve the Arabian horse community as a whole. It will serve all

participating clubs, stables, barns, businesses and Arabian horse owners in a positive way **by providing new people, potential Arabian horse enthusiasts, with a source of information and education as well as a point of entry.**

Newcomers Package Consisting of a "I Love Arabian Horses" t-shirt, assortment of guidebooks, as well as a listing of services provided by the Arabian Horse community. Contact will continue with regular e-mail blasts. The intent is to educate them, make it easy for them to stay connected with

the Arabian horse community and to encourage them to become personally and emotionally involved.

Testimonials How I became involved with Arabian horses.

Learn to Ride Program The website will contain a listing of the Arabian stables in the area where lesson programs are available and indicate the various features of each of the barns and stables.

Education and Information Relevant topics will be added to the website. Such topics might include "Champions

Among Us" featuring and celebrating people and horses in our area doing amazing things.

Mentorship Mentors from the industry will be listed and available to support and guide new people

coming into the Arabian horse community through the, often tangled web of should do's, could do's and must do's.

Newsletters A regular, generic newsletter will be distributed to the growing and evolving e-mail database. Participating clubs will be offered the opportunity to make this their own newsletter with their club's page.

Links All participating clubs, stables and barns will have a page and/or a link to their website. Event pages will be made available for shows, fairs and activities taking place within the Arabian horse community. ■



Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of Discover ARABIAN Horses.com newsletter. The intent of this newsletter is to inform, educate and entertain the reader. This initiative will focus on two main areas ... **Outreach and Greater Communication.**

We will offer this newsletter to clubs throughout our region and beyond to be their "club newsletter". With two available pages in each issue for club events, activities and information, each club can have their own personalized newsletter ... pdf file supplied, ready to e-mail or print off to their members.

Future issues will look to inform the horse owner and horse lover, alike. We will trigger emotion! As you all know, involvement with the Arabian horse comes with passion and emotion. The emotion is a good way to entice new people to our horse and our industry.

One feature of the new website will be to offer viewers a chance to hear the stories of others, already involved. I encourage you to fill out the "20 Questions" so we might post your 'story' for potential newcomers to see how others before them became involved with the Arabian horse.

And, at the end of the day ... this is all about the Arabian horse! ■

Gary Millar
 President & CEO



Calendar

Northlands Farm & Ranch Show

Discover Arabian Horses!
Thursday, April 4, Friday, April 5,
and Saturday, April 6, 2013.
10 am to 6 pm daily, Hall A.
Edmonton, AB.

Discover Arabian Horses is very excited to showcase the Arabian breed with a schedule of events including demonstrations, children activities and displays. Check website as details become available www.discoverarabianhorses.com

Parkland Spring Shows 1 & 2

Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18,
Sunday, May 19, and Monday,
May 20, 2013.
Red Deer, AB.

For prize lists, entry forms and complete information access the event website at <http://www.showsecretary.ca/details.php?uid=64>

Rescue 100 Foundation Horse Show

Rescue 100 All Breeds Charity Horse Show in conjunction with the Fultonvale Horse Showcase on Saturday, May 25, 2013. If you have any questions about the classe, please contact Ashley Fyfe-Brown at asfb10@hotmail.com or rescue100.ca

Aurora Summer Show

Friday, June 7, Saturday, June 8,
and Sunday, June 9, 2013.
Nisku, AB

For prize lists, entry forms and complete information access their website at www.auroraarabian.com

REGION 17 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Tuesday, July 23 to
Saturday, July 27, 2013.
Langley, BC.

For prize lists, entry forms and complete information access their website at www.region17.com

Tell us about your event, e-mail info@discoverarabianhorses.com ■

BY AMANDA PRESTON WWW.SHIMMERE.COM

My Vet why she rocks and yours should too.

I was at the Horse Breeder and Owner's Conference in January 2013, in Red Deer. It was AWESOME!! Friday night at the Stable Owner's Seminar, there were some fantastic speakers including Gary Millar (always a treat!) and a lovely vet tech named Becky Taylor who spoke on establishing and maintaining a good relationship with your veterinarian. Becky had some really great points and I would like to write for you today about the relationship every horse owner should have with their vet.

In my first-aid clinics, I always preach that horse owners need to have a good relationship with a vet and, if they don't have one, go get one. Vets like chocolate and wine, just like everyone else.

I love my vet. I called the clinic yesterday to start some research for this article and Elise, the vet tech, answered. She knows me by ring tone, I swear! She's a great person, I really appreciate talking to her. I started by telling her what my current project is and that I'd like to have her and Dr. Greydanius's thoughts on what they'd like me to include in my article. Here's what we've come up with:

If you're new to an area, and you have animals, why not take a moment out of your day and stop by the clinic and introduce yourself? Dr. Greydanius said that it's very helpful for her to be able to put a name and a face together. I know that my vets (and their entire staff) know me by name and know most of my horses too, and it's not because they're all accident prone (well, maybe some are ...) but because I have talked with them, brought them goodies once in a while and make sure they know that I appreciate their time.

That puts a nice step forward, but now let's talk about the times when you NEED a vet, NOW!! You call the clinic and the vet is out on a call for a mare who's trying to give birth to a breech foal. It is expected to be 3 hours until they can get to your call. How frustrating!

Now, let's remember, these vets and their staff are human too.

Can we put ourselves in the vet's shoes for a moment? They have spent 8 years (and countless \$\$ in \$tudent loan\$) to be out there arm-pit deep in a mare trying to turn a foal for delivery. That's the optimistic situation. It can get quite gruesome if turning that foal won't work. After they finish that call, they come back to the clinic to wash their hands, repack the truck, and turn around to your call. They often don't get a chance to eat or grab more than a bottle of water before heading out again. They do this because they're trying to do the best they can to educate owners and care for animals. So maybe you can have a muffin or some juice when they get to you, even if it's been 3 hours?

When making an appointment to bring your animal into the vet, keep in mind that there are so many hours in the day and you are not the only animal owner out there.

As a responsible horse owner, there are things that you can do in an emergency situation. Taking an equine first-aid course will certainly prepare you well. (Yes, a shameless plug,

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"As a responsible horse owner, there are things that you can do in an emergency situation."

but a very relevant one!) This is exactly what I teach, what you can do for your horse in an emergency until the vet can get to you and your horse.

What is the vet coming to your horse for? Have you accurately described

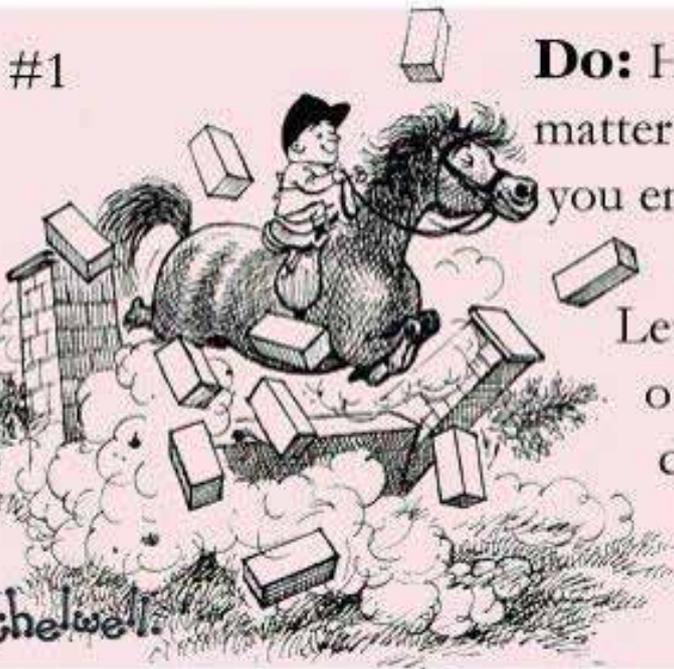
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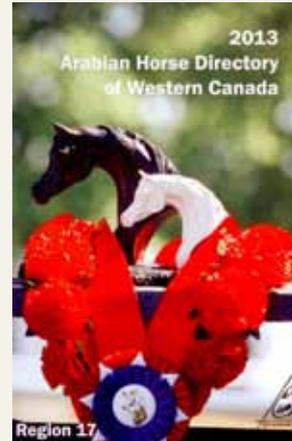
Do: Have fun no matter what place you end up with.

Don't:

Let the color of a ribbon define you or your horse.



EquineSite.com



2013 Arabian Horse Directory of Western Canada Region 17 are now available for pick up. Get your copy at any Aurora Arabian Horse

Association meeting or upcoming event.

You can also contact any of the Aurora Arabian Horse Association Directors for a copy, see contact information on their website at www.auroraarabian.com ■

what's going on? The more accurate information you can give the vets about what they're going to be treating when they get to your horse, the better prepared they can be. This includes giving them accurate vitals and times the vitals were taken. If you don't know how to take vitals, get yourself to an equine first-aid clinic (I usually run 2 a month) and be proactive. Sometimes you can take a picture and e-mail it to the vet so they can visualize what's going on. I have talked with many vets throughout my travels and adventures and this is a very big recurring theme, that the picture they'd formulated in their head from the description given is often something quite different from the actual situation.

We, as horse owners, are responsible for our animals. Period, that's it. Animals do silly things and like to test our love and devotion to them. Also fact. Our vets are not here to be accountable for our animals. They understand that animals like to test our affections and want the best for our little monsters.

In order to keep a good relationship with your vet, please remember:

- 8+ years in school.
 - That's a lot of student loans.
 - Do you know what they were elbow-deep in last night? Would you want to do that?
 - They do not pocket what they charge. There is a LOT of overhead in a vet clinic including medication costs, staff pay, maintenance of buildings and vehicles, and this list could go on and on.
 - They frequently get middle-of-the-night calls for emergencies.
 - Every clinic sets its own fee schedule and will likely vary somewhat from clinic to clinic.
 - Your vet is always going to try to make the best call for your animal's health.
- Some things you should always talk with your vet about are:
- Your animal's health and lifestyle history.
 - What you're willing to do for your animal. Do you treat anything at any cost or are you more concerned with quality of life/comfort of your animal?

- What the procedures and treatments will cost with expected outcome.
- BE HONEST!! No, it's not a nice or easy topic to bring up, but it's extremely pertinent to be on the same page!
- Your vaccine and deworming program.

I really appreciate my vets and I call them when I'm unsure about something going on with my horses, like swollen sheaths or unusual hair loss. They're always very helpful and I've never felt that there was a "money grab". They don't invoice me for questions on the phone (even after hours) and don't suggest I bring them in for any little abrasion. I feel that I get the best value for my money and I trust that they have my horse's best interest at heart. ■





Aurora Show

Aurora Arabian Horse Association Summer Horse show will be held on the weekend of Friday, June 7, Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, 2013.

AURORA SUMMER HORSE SHOW featuring REGION 4/5 Concurrent Qualifiers and REGION 5 Working Hunter Qualifier REGION 6 SPORT HORSE & DRESSAGE Qualifier and REGION 6 SPORT HORSE & DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Prize lists and registration forms are posted on the website at www.auroraarabian.com

As you all know, these shows take many people to run smoothly. This year Diane Dyck will be taking on the task of recruiting these wonderful volunteers. If you have an interest and would like to help out with any of the available positions below, please let her know.

HELP WANTED - 2013 SHOW VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Show Officials escort.
- Announcers.
- Sponsorship Coordinator.
- Ringmaster(s)/Hitching Ring-main ring and outside.
- Ribbon presenters - main ring and outside.
- Show office help - 3 days, show office experience appreciated.
- Trail set-up/tear down.
- Hunter/Jumper course set-up/tear down.
- Dressage/sport horse scribes.
- Halter scorers and runners.
- Show clean-up.

Contact Diane Dyck at 780 986 0146 or bsddyck@shaw.ca ■

SERGEANT RECKLESS

The little horse that could ...

The story of Reckless is not only remarkable - it is unusual. And once you learn about her, you will see why the Marine Corps not only fell in love with her - but honored her and promoted her every chance they got. And it wasn't just the Marines that served with her in the trenches that honored her - her last promotion to Staff Sergeant was by Gen. Randolph McC Pate - the Commandant of the entire Marine Corps. You can't get higher than that in the Marines.

Reckless joined the Marines to carry ammunition to the front lines for the 75mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines - and she quickly earned the love and respect of all of the Marines that served with her. Lt. Eric Pedersen paid \$250 of his own money to a young Korean boy, Kim Huk Moon, for her. The only reason Kim sold his beloved horse was so he could buy an artificial leg for his older sister, Chung Soon, who lost her leg in a land mine accident. Kim's loss was the Marines' gain.

It was not only Reckless' heroics that endeared the Marines to her - it was her incredible antics off of the battlefield. You will not believe her antics when she was being ignored, or if she was hungry - let's just say you never wanted to leave your food unattended. As legendary as she was for her heroics - her appetite became even more legendary. This horse had a mind of her own - not to mention, being very determined.

Reckless had a voracious appetite. She would eat anything and everything - but especially scrambled eggs and pancakes in the morning with her morning cup of coffee. She also loved cake, Hershey bars, candy from the C rations, and Coca Cola - even poker chips, blankets and hats when she was being ignored - or if she was trying to just prove a point.

One of Reckless' finest hours came during the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March of 1953. At the time of this battle it was written that, "The savagery of the battle for the so-called Nevada Complex has never been equaled in Marine Corps history." This particular battle "was to bring a cannonading and bombing seldom experienced in warfare ... twenty-eight tons of bombs and hundreds of the largest shells turned the crest of Vegas into a smoking, death-pocked rubble." And Reckless was in the middle of all of it.

Enemy soldiers could see her as she made her way across the deadly "no man's land" rice paddies and up the steep 45-degree mountain trails that led to the firing sites. "It's difficult to describe the elation and the boost in morale that little white-faced mare gave Marines as she outfoxed the enemy bringing vitally needed ammunition up the mountain," Sgt. Maj. James E. Bobbitt recalled.

During this five-day battle, on one day alone she made 51 trips from the Ammunition Supply Point to the firing sites, 95% of the time by herself. She carried 386 rounds of ammunition (over 9,000 pounds - almost FIVE TONS! -- of ammunition), walked over 35 miles through open

up steep mountains with enemy fire coming in at the rate of 500 rounds per minute. And as she so often did, she would carry wounded soldiers down the mountain to safety, unload them, get reloaded with ammo, and off she would go back up to the guns. She also provided a shield for several Marines who were trapped trying to make their way up to the front line. Wounded twice, she didn't let that stop or slow her down. ■

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"A remarkable hero - a small Mongolian mare named Reckless who became a National hero in 1954."
—Article courtesy of <http://www.sgtreckless.com/Reckless/>



Reckless

What she did in this battle not only earned her the respect of all that served with her, but it got her promoted to Sergeant. Her heroics defined the word "Marine." She was BELOVED by the Marines. They took care of her better than they took care of themselves – throwing their flak jackets over her to protect her when incoming was heavy, risking their own safety.

Her Military Decorations include two Purple Hearts, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with star, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, all of which she wore proudly on her red and gold blanket, along with a French Fourragere that the 5th Marines earned in WW1.

There has never been a horse like Reckless, and her story needs to be honored.

Besides a book being published, there is also a movie being produced and a statue and memorial marker under construction. For more information access their website at <http://www.sgtreckless.com/Reckless/Welcome.html> ■

LIKE IT AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO LIKE IT TOO!

Discover Arabian Horses.com Facebook Page

Discover Arabian Horses is increasing its exposure to the outside world.

Facebook Pages differ from Facebook Groups and Facebook personal profile pages in several respects and we would like to lay out our reasons for creating the Page.

- Page information and posts are available to everyone on Facebook. This makes our events, postings, and pictures available to anyone on Facebook.
- Anyone can like a Page to become connected with it and get News Feed updates. Some find this to be a far more convenient way to stay up to date.

- Groups are basically chat rooms, there's no real "look and feel" to them. Their primary focus is for live discussions that can be continued at any time.
- Pages, however, act more like a blog with actual content pieces and the ability to add new tabs, static information, and the like. A Page is definitely a more interesting place to be.
- When it comes to getting visibility off of Facebook: Pages can be seen by non-Facebook users, and can be crawled by search engines

as any other static page would. Facebook Groups cannot!

- Finally, Pages come with analytical tools that administrators use to track visits. These tools help us analyze if we are getting our message 'out there'.



We need your help! There are more than 1400 individuals within our database. The next time you are on Facebook, please visit and like our page. Find the link above or on our website. ■

l Wish

Things I wish I could tell non horse people
... Thanks to Alexanders Horseboxes

1. A Pony is NOT a Baby Horse.
2. There is a distinct difference between being Bucked-off and FALLING-off.
3. Trotting is NOT the same thing as Galloping.
4. The horses in the field are NOT blindfolded.
5. The horses in the field laying in the sun are NOT dead, they're just napping.
6. Jumping is not what you see in the old western movies.
7. You cannot just throw a saddle on ANY horse, and expect to ride it.
8. Yes it IS hard to ride a horse, no it does NOT do all the work and NO you don't just SIT THERE.
9. True in the wild, horses didn't live in stalls, wear blankets or get their feet trimmed, but they also did not do dressage or jump 3' with an extra 180 lbs on their backs.
10. There's a difference between galloping for fun and being run away with.
11. Just because my horse is a boy does not mean he is a stallion.
12. Kicking a horse in the ribs and yelling "YAAAHHH" isn't the appropriate way to start.
13. An awful lot of the big names in the movies actually couldn't really ride that well. The horse deserved his own award for tolerance.
14. I'm 24. I live at the barn, I pay my bills by working with horses. I'M NOT GOING TO GROW OUT OF IT. ITS NO LONGER JUST A PHASE!
15. In real life, horses do not whinny constantly like they do in the movies.
16. She's not "white", she's a grey.
17. No, he will not automatically kick you if you walk behind him.
18. Not "all" horses are either Beer Horses (Clydesdales) or Race Horses.

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Ruth Tankersley

Mrs. Ruth "Bazy" Tankersley 1921-2013. She left an indelible legacy on the Arabian breed that will live as long as people breed Arabian horses. Her life is chronicled in a book entitled ... And Ride Away Singing written by longtime chronicler of Arabian horses Mary Jane Parkinson.

She was the daughter of Joseph Medill McCormick who was a newspaper reporter and publisher and part owner of the Chicago Tribune. He was elected as a United States Representative and subsequent Senator from Illinois. Her mother was Ruth Hanna McCormick, the daughter of Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio. Mrs. Tankersley was the foremost breeder of purebred Arabian horses in the United States and holds the distinction of having registered 2,800 foals.

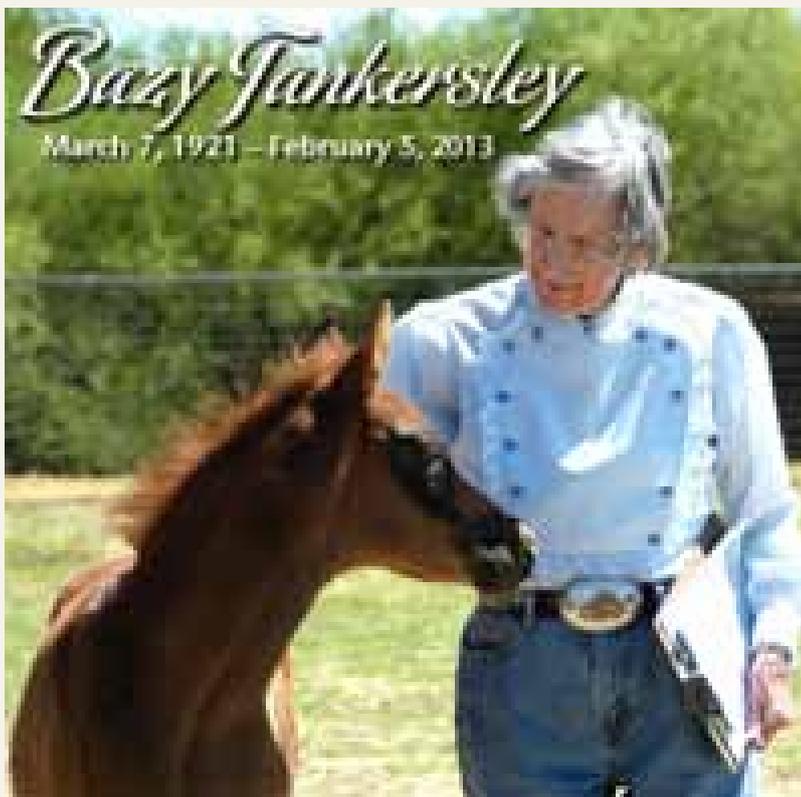
While large numbers of Crabbet horses were purchased by Spencer Borden, W.R. Brown, Homer Davenport, and W.K. Kellogg, it was Bazy Tankersley who purchased the largest consignment of Crabbet Arabians, 32 horses in 1957. No discussion of Crabbet horses can be conducted without mentioning her role because she was the major breeder of the bloodlines first established by Lady Anne and Wilfred Blunt. Among the 32 horse importation were Rissalix son, *Count Dorsaz, as well as three Rissalix daughters. Mrs Tankersley built her breeding program around two prime sire lines, *Raffles and Rissalix, the now well known 'Double R Cross'. Her chief stallion on the *Raffles side was Indraff, a straight Crabbet horse. For many years, it would be fair to say, her foundation stock set the standard for producing champion Arabian horses and the legacy continues today.

She has had numerous U.S. National champions in every division and, more recently, was a stalwart supporter of the Sport Horse National champions in every division and, more recently, was a stalwart supporter of the Sport Horse Nationals adding numerous sport horse in hand and under saddle champions to her long roster of breeding accomplishments. She has also provided endurance horses for many international competitors through the years.

Mrs. Tankersley used her Hat Ranch near Flagstaff, Arizona, as the site of an annual Arabian horse think-tank for a number of years, and invited many Arabian Horse Association officers and notables every summer to address such perennial issues as judging, governance structure, the welfare of the Arabian horse, showing and more.

Over forty years ago Bazy Tankersley established the U.S. Department of Labor-approved Al Marah Apprenticeship program for training qualified personnel for running Al-Marah and for providing the horse industry with educated workers. The intensive two year program squeezes in almost a lifetime's worth of experience, and Al Marah alumni have gone on to become successful public trainers, specialty trainers and breeding managers. Bazy Tankersley is leaving her 85-acre Al Marah property to the University of Arizona, a gift estimated at roughly \$30 million. Under terms of the contact, the main beneficiary is the University's College of Agriculture. The university will continue to use the land, in northeast Tucson at 4101 N. Bear Canyon Road, as a working ranch.

Mrs. Tankersley's son Mark Miller owns Arabian Nights Dinner Theater in Kissimmee, Florida. ■



Bazy ...

Mrs Tankersley started the Arabian Horse Owners Foundation (AHOF) 50 years ago as a tax-exempt organization with a mission to quietly fund the needs of the Arabian horse community. Headed by Howard Shenk, their most recent project, truly the jewel in the crown, was the Al Marah Arabian Horse Galleries at the International Museum of the Horse (Museum) at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The Galleries have allowed the general public to view the AHOF Collection and that of the Arabian Horse Trust. AHOF was also a sponsor of the Museum's Gift of the Desert; The Art, History and Culture of the Arabian Horse, which was the largest exhibition ever assembled to explore Near Eastern equestrian history during the World Equestrian Games in 2010. ■

WITH ... GARY MILLAR

20 Questions

about your life with Arabian horses

1 What is your current involvement with Arabian horses?

I currently own a small farm east of Edmonton where I'm living my dream of raising Arabian horses and helping people.

2 How many years have you been around horses?

I had a profound love of horses as a kid. It wasn't until I was in my mid twenties that I actually owned my first horse ... an Arabian.

3 They say, "the Arabian horse finds you". How did the Arabian horse find you?

My mom was the secretary for the new Anglican Bishop in Edmonton. He had just moved here from eastern Canada and had to leave his horses at home. We connected and before you know it, he shipped his Arabian stallion (Talez) to live with me and my family. The horse was an amazing teacher to all of us.

4 Who is or has been your favorite horse companion?

I love them all, dearly, like family. If I had to pick one it would be my stallion, Trifon. He is quiet, intuitive, loves kids and people ... and he's "all man" when it is time for breeding a mare. To sit on his back you feel like you can conquer the world.

5 Who has been your (horse) mentor?

There are several people who I would consider mentors. Mike Whelihan, Carla Jackson, Rob Bick and Pat Parelli.

6 What is your favorite horse book?

King of the Wind ... followed closely by Little Black, the Pony (a children's book).

7 What is your favorite horse movie?

The Black Stallion.

8 What are some 'Arabian horse activities' in which you participate?

On the farm I breed, train my own hors-

es, work with clients (boarders) with their horses, run the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project, an innovative educational program brings together Arabian horses, good books and kids ... to motivate them to want to read.

9 What would be your most memorable experience or moment with an Arabian horse?

Success at shows are always memorable but when you are looking for the most memorable experience I would have to say being present at the birth of a new born foal. It is magical, emotional, exhilarating ... it is new life and new possibilities in its purest sense!

10 What has been your greatest achievement with your Arabian horse(s) so far?

I have had many wonderful show achievements but the most memorable achievement is when I watched one of the horses I bred and



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Editor Message

At Discover Arabian Horses.com we are always excited to bring you this vital line of communication.

The newsletter is published in November, January, March, May, July, and September and will continue to be sent to you by e-mail blasts. It will also be posted on the DAH website with a link on Facebook.

The newsletter will cover many topics:

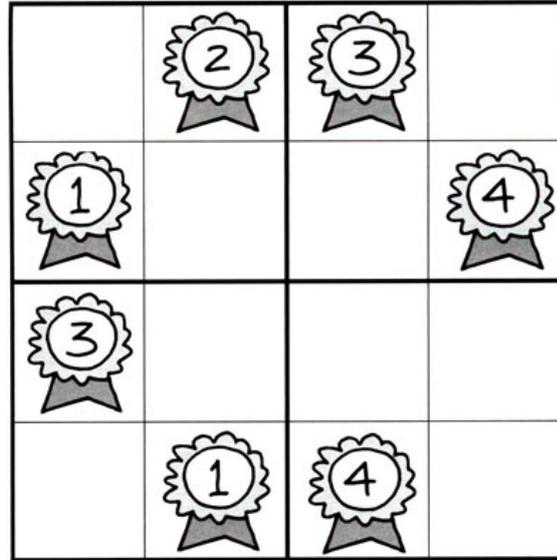
- We will feature, *The Arabian Horse in History*, where the generally ignored role of specific horses in history will be presented.
- Will also have a spotlight section where we present information on a specific Arabian horse owner, trainer, barn, program, or event in our industry. What a great opportunity to get to know our fellow horsemen and horse lovers.
- "Activities" puzzles, games for the young and the older ... just play.
- Check out our articles, stories and classifieds.
- 20 Questions ... about your life with Arabian Horse ... with.
- The team is more than willing to work with other horse associations regardless of breed type or discipline to assist them in getting their message out.

Tell us what you would like to see added or if you would like to be added to our e-mail listing, please e-mail:

info@discoverarabianhorses.com ■

CAN YOU DRAW IN THE REST OF THE PICTURE

Ribbon Sudoku



Fill in the boxes using the four different ribbons. Each different ribbon must appear only ONCE in each row going across, only ONCE in each column going up and down, and only ONCE in each group of the four boxes (within the darker outlines). ■

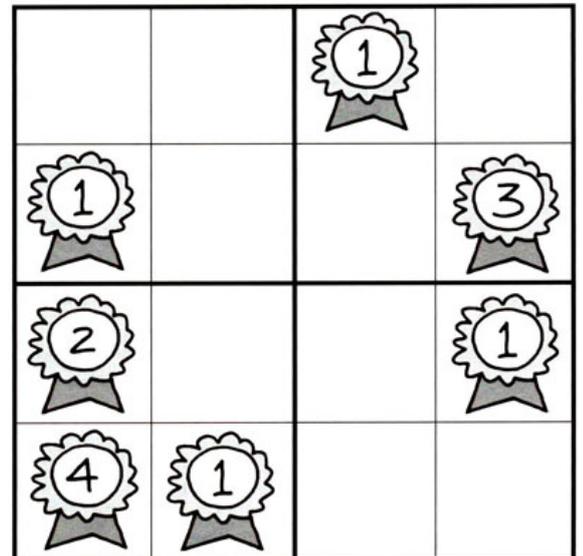
SAMPLE:
Here's a puzzle that's already been solved.



Each column going up and down has all 4 pictures

Each row going across has all 4 pictures

Each 4x4 box has all 4 pictures



Mirror rorriM

Take a solving break! Hold this page up to a mirror to find three riddles and their answers. ■

WHY CAN'T HORSES DANCE?

BECAUSE THEY HAVE TWO LEFT FEET!

WHAT KIND OF HORSES CAN JUMP HIGHER THAN A HOUSE?

ALL OF THEM. HORSES CAN'T JUMP.

WHY DID THE HORSE GO TO THE DOCTOR?

IT HAD HAY FEVER.



In the Community

DISCOVER ARABIAN HORSES.COM (DAH) has been invited to the Northlands Farm & Ranch Show. Thursday, April 4, Friday, April 5, and Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm daily.

We are pleased to work closely with the Classroom Agricultural Program (CAP), a program that began in 1985, since that time more than 550,000 students have participated. CAP is about the food you eat and where it comes from. CAP explains the value and importance of agriculture in Alberta. CAP is presented to grade four students across Alberta.

Round Pen sessions have been tentatively scheduled in Hall D in the morning and afternoon and will focus toward these young people within the CAP program as well as the 4-H club.

DAH will be welcoming visitors, young and old, offering educational materials, making origami, fortune tellers, paper rings, or just enjoying that time honored activity of coloring.

If volunteering is what you enjoy, we need you as well, to share your knowledge with eager horse lovers. For additional information and specific schedule details, check our website as information becomes available.

“Nothing says good morning better than a nicker from your horse.”

~ equestrianisms.tumblr.com

PUZZLE BY DAVID OUELLET

Wonderword - Arabian Horses

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions, vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them off. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword. ■

CLUES

ALERT	DRESSAGE	JIBBAH	PROUD
AL KHAMSA	ENDURANCE	JUMP	RABICANO
ANCESTOR	FACE	KINGS	RACER
ARCHED NECK	FEED	LEGEND	RACETRACK
BARREL	FOAL	MANES	REFINEMENT
BEDOUIIN	GAITS	MARE	RESPECT
BODY	GALLOP	MASTER	RIDING
BREED	GENE	MILD	SABINO
CALM	GENTLE	MOUNTS	SMOOTH
CARRIAGE	GOOD NATURED	MOVIES	SOLID
CHESTNUT	GROUP	MYTH	SPEED
CLIMATE	HAIR	ORIGIN	STALLION
COAT	HALLMARKS	PASHAS	STAR
CONCAVE	HARNESS	PENINSULA	STRONG
COURAGE	HEAD	PERFORMER	SYMBOL
DESERT	HIGHTAIL	POWERFUL	THOROUGHBRED
DISHED	HISTORY	PRANCE	THROATLATCH
DISTINCTIVE	HOCKS	PROTECT	WHITE
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SOLUTION: 8 Letters

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trained, connect with a lady who really needed a friend in life.

11 Which horse do you consider to be your “dream” horse, either past or present?

I love them all. Each have their own unique “horsenality”. Trifon, my stallion would have to be at the top. He is amazing to ride and to be with. He’s strong and powerful, yet patient, soft and gentle when he and I spend quiet time together, just hanging out.

12 Horses are amazing teachers. What has your horse taught you that has helped you become a better person?

Patience and to be a good listener.

13 What is the best thing about working and playing with your Arabian horse?

The sense of exhilaration and connection. You can feel it in your heart and soul.

14 What would you say to a person considering buying a horse to encourage them to purchase an Arabian?

The Arabian horse is an ideal family horse. They are the most versatile horse you can find. They love people and are extremely loyal.

15 What is your advice to someone, “brand new,” considering becoming involved with horses?

Talk to as many people as you can. Ask all kinds of questions ... no question is a “dumb” question. Get out and see as

many different horse events and stables as you can. Volunteer to get involved in “horse activities” or events. Eventually, you will come across a mentor. Someone who can help you get started safely and realistically.

16 Is there a favorite reference book you’d like to share?

Zen Mind, Zen Horse ~ Allan Hamilton, MD.

17 What is the one thing you’d like to do that you haven’t done yet?

I’d like to do more carriage driving. I’ve done a bit but I would like to spend more time perfecting that aspect of activities with my horses.

18 What about “kids” and an Arabian horse?

What an amazing combination. There is something about kids that the Arabian horse connects with. In the Arabian Horse Reading Literacy Project, kids come and read to the horses, face to face. You’d swear the horses are listening to every word. They love kids.

19 Why do you think you get such a “rush” being around or riding your Arabian horse(s)?

The exhilaration of being connected with a spirited, live animal with a free will and mind and yet feeling no judgment ... pure trust, pure connectedness!

20 What are your words to live by?

There are two ways to live life. One, as if nothing is a miracle and two, as if everything is a miracle ~ Albert

Einstein

Is there anything else you’d like to add?

Involvement with Arabian horses is a lifestyle ... once you’ve experienced the passion, you will never be the same. ■

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19. Just because you are a good rider doesn’t mean you no longer need a trainer.

20. Not ALL baby horses are COLTS! They’re FOALS and girl horse babies are called FILLIES! Colts are boys.

21. Getting a pony and keeping it in your backyard for the kids is not a good idea.

22. The nails in shoes are NOT sticking into the ‘feeling’ part. The horse really can’t feel the nails. I promise.

23. Rearing is not cool.

24. Just because you have children, and I have horses, does not mean that the two groups shall be joined together, EVER.

25. No, these full chaps are ONLY used for riding horses, and no, I won’t wear them in the bedroom!

26. ALL chaps are Butt-less. If they had a butt, they’d be leather pants, wouldn’t they? ■

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