



NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA-ARABIAN SOCIETY

"Clarification re: Registration Eligibility for Offspring of Purebred Arabian Mares Used in Shagya Breeding"

History: The ISG breeding rules up until May of 2007 maintained that offspring of Purebred Arabian mares could not be registered as Purebred Shagyas. In 1985 the ISG sent an ISG judge (Claudio Conradty) to the United States to inspect 12 Purebred Arabian mares for possible use as a foundation for American Shagya breeding. Following Mr. Conradty's inspection, the ISG had a special meeting and decided to make a *special exception* to allow 10 of those purebred Arabian mares to be used by NASS breeders, and their offspring could be registered as Purebred Shagyas. The ISG made a formal decision in writing that this would be a *one time only exception* to the rule that Purebred Arabian mares could not have offspring registered as Purebred Shagyas. And that's why NASS has never registered offspring from any other Arabian mare (other than those 10 mares originally approved) as a Shagya! By orders of ISG!

The ISG developed a new set of rules, known as the "RZBO" which were voted upon and passed at the ISG Delegate Conference in Bulgaria in May 2007. The ISG needed to make changes to the former ISG breeding rules because the EU (European Union, or Common Market) made a rule which required that *all* individuals which are *able* to breed must be *allowed* to breed. (The rationale behind this is that amongst the EU countries there cannot be "trade barriers", i.e. breeding rules, which would "inhibit free trading between EU countries.) Consequently, the ISG had to create a new set of rules which created studbooks called "Studbook II or Marebook II (as opposed to Studbook I or Marebook I). The mares and stallions in Studbook I and Marebook I would basically conform to the previous ISG pedigree and quality requirements, and the other mares and stallions which didn't meet the previous ISG pedigree and quality requirements would be put into Studbook II and Marebook II.

The new regulations also changed slightly, in that they also allowed a Purebred Arabian mare to be entered into the Appendix of Studbook II. This would allow her offspring to be registered as a Shagya-Arabian in Book II if the offspring met the "7/16" rule (which states that in the fourth generation *at least* seven of the 16 ancestors must be Purebred Shagyas, and the rest could be Purebred Arabians). This represents a "liberalization" of previous ISG rules, (due to the creation of Studbook II, which did not previously exist), but this new possibility would not be retroactive.

Furthermore, however, the new regulations require that any Purebred Arabian mare would have to meet the *other* studbook requirements just like any other mare, i.e. *she must be inspected* and approved at an ISG Conforming inspection. With the next NASS Inspection Tour scheduled for September 2009, the NASS Breeding Committee and the NASS Board of Directors are currently evaluating this ISG rule change and deciding if the NASS Guidelines for Shagya Breeding need any alterations with regards to Purebred Arabian mare eligibility in order to stay current with the new ISG RZBO. It should also be noted that the NASS *has always allowed offspring* of a Purebred Arabian mare and an approved Shagya Stallion to be presented and approved for Shagya breeding, and to be placed into an Appendix. The offspring of these Appendix horses are then eligible for registration as Purebred Shagya-Arabians if both sire and dam are approved and the offspring meets the 7/16 rule.

NASS has always followed the ISG regulations in terms of the eligibility of offspring from Purebred Arabian mares to receive Purebred Shagya registration papers and has *never* denied registration as a purebred Shagya to a horse with an Arabian dam *which was eligible according to ISG Rules* for such registration. NASS is committed to stay in compliance with ISG breeding regulations in order to protect the high quality of the Shagya Arabian breed internationally.

ASAV Letter in Blue:

EXPANDED Rules for a Horse to be considered a Shagya Arabian!!

Open letter to all Shagya breeders & owners in North America:

The ASAV Breeding Committee and BOD looked into the overall situation to register horses with Shagya-Arabian bloodlines in North America and also reviewed registration practices used in the past. When ASAV started their registry according to International registration guidelines, there was no reason to question or doubt the correctness of already registered Shagya bloodstock in North America.

During the year 2008 ASAV received a high number of applications from already registered Part-Shagya- Arabian horses standing in North America. The ASAV Breeding Committee and ASAV Registrar still took the time and effort to particularly cross-check & validate the correctness of already registered Part-Shagya- Arabians according to the RZBO (ISG General Studbook Rules & Regulations). It came to our attention and it was also quite a surprise to us that Part-Shagya-Arabian registration papers were issued for Shagya-Arabian horses. Referring to the RZBO, which are the breeding rules & regulations of binding effect for ISG members, there is no such thing or category such as a "Part-Shagya- Arabian". The RZBO defines the requirements for Shagya-Arabians and outlines the rules/requirements to which section or studbook a Shagya-Arabian belongs, but a discrimination or disqualification by naming certain horses with Shagya bloodlines only as Part-Shagya- Arabians can nowhere be found.

Fact is – based on the information we have at hand – that horses with registration papers called or currently classified as Part-Shagya-Arabians are indeed Shagya-Arabians as long as they fulfill the 7/16 rule (means in the 4th generation out of 16 ancestors 7 ancestors are at least Shagyas and the remaining ones are Purebred Arabians (ox)).*

**Each horse/registration still subject to validation & confirmation of correct Shagya-Arabian category by ASAV ASAV wants to make sure that Shagya-Arabian owners and breeders of horses with currently only Part-Shagya- Arabian registration papers have the right to know about this misleading or even wrong classification of their purebred Shagya-Arabian bloodstock.*

The details for the official & international definition of Shagya-Arabians can be found in the RZBO <http://www.shagya-isg.de/studbook-rules.htm>

The related definitions can be found under "Studbook Categories". All registration requirements always refer to Shagya-Arabians and only differentiate/ group through sections or the appendix of the studbook. Neither the original German nor the English version of the ISG RZBO calls Shagyas-Arabian horses with at least 7 Shagyas ancestors in their 4th generation "Part-" or anything else or less than "Shagyas".

ASAV offers to register all Part-Shagya- Arabians, fulfilling the 7/16 rule, to issue them correct registration papers as "Shagyas".

This relates to quite some owners and breeders of off-spring from the following stallions:

- *Budapest*
- *Oman*
- Bayram*
- Baron*
- Murad*
- and others*

ANY off-spring from these stallions with a Purebred Arabian mare fulfills the 7/16 RZBO rule/requirements and therefore has to be named correctly as "Shagya".

ASAV cannot and does not want to comment or speculate about registration practices from the past in North America, but ASAV can assure all breeders & owners that we are committed to issue the correct registration papers for Shagya-Arabian bloodstock.

If you have any questions or need further information – please feel free to contact the ASAV BOD or ASAV Breeding Committee.

See our fall news letter and website for details.

Kind regards

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