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NASS GUIDELINES FOR SHAGYA-ARABIAN BREEDING

OXFORD, GA, MAY 23, 2009: The North American Shagya-Arabian Society (NASS) announces the adoption of significant changes to the ***“NASS GUIDELINES FOR SHAGYA BREEDING”***. The NASS Breeding Committee proposed these changes to the NASS membership and Board of Directors a few months ago. The regulations were posted on the NASS website for two months and feedback from NASS members was solicited. Following this, the Board of Directors approved these new Guidelines to take effect on May 1, 2009.

Here is a summary of changes in the new Guidelines:

In 2007 the International Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG) (which is the international body supporting the breeding and preservation of the Shagya-Arabian breed) adopted a new set of ISG General Studbook Regulations with the expectation that all member societies would adhere to them. In order to come into alignment with the ISG Regulations we made three significant changes to our Studbook Regulations for Purebred Shagya-Arabians and Shagya-Arabians.

1) Purebred Arabian mares now eligible for inspection and approval:

Purebred Arabian mares will be eligible to be presented for breeding approval for Shagya breeding. A purebred Arabian mare must score an average score of “7” or more, with no individual score under “5”. If she achieves this she will be approved for Shagya breeding.

If her sire is approved for Shagya Breeding in Book I, the Arabian mare will be entered into the Appendix to Book I and her foals by Book I stallions which have no more than 9 out of 16 purebred Arabian ancestors in the fourth generation will be eligible for registration as Purebred Shagya-Arabians in Book I.

If her sire is not approved for Shagya Breeding in Book I, the Arabian mare will be entered into the Appendix to Book II and her foals by Book I stallions which have no more than 9 out of 16 purebred Arabian ancestors in the fourth generation will be eligible for registration as Shagya-Arabians in Book II.

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This will provide an incentive for purebred Arabian mare owners to bring their mares to a NASS breeding inspection, and it will also provide an incentive for purebred Arabian stallion owners to bring their stallions to a NASS breeding inspection, because their daughters are therefore eligible to be approved into Book I instead of into Book II.

2) Creation of Two Divisions in the Registry and Studbook for Shagya-Arabians Book I and Book II:

The currently existing Registry and Studbook will essentially remain the same and will be known as Registry and Studbook I.

Shagya-Arabians and Part-Shagya-Arabians who are inspected and are free of genetic defects but do not meet the minimum scores to be in the main Purebred Shagya-Arabian Studbooks (Stallion Book I and Mare Book I) and its Appendixes ("Appendix to Stallion Book I" and "Appendix to Mare Book I") will now be entered into a separate division of the Studbook which will be known as "Stallion Book II" and "Appendix to Stallion Book II" and "Mare Book II" and "Appendix to Mare Book II". Thus, all eligible horses which are presented for breeding approval will be listed in either Book I or Book II, depending upon the results of their inspections and performance tests.

3) Establishment of Performance Requirements for Stallions:

Stallions approved for breeding into Book I will be required to pass a performance test in order to maintain their status as Book I stallions. Performance requirements may either be accomplished through competition or through qualifying field trials.

In addition, NASS also announces:

4) Expansion of Part-Shagya-Arabian and Part-Shagya Registries:

The criteria for registration for both Part-Shagya-Arabians and Part-Shagyas have expanded, so that now these Registries will include offspring of Part-Shagya-Arabians and Part-Shagyas, whereas formerly only offspring of Purebred Shagya-Arabians have been eligible.

For example if you have a Part-Shagya-Arabian mare and want to breed her to a stallion of another breed, the offspring will be eligible for registration in NASS as a Part-Shagya.

Or, if you want to breed this Part-Shagya-Arabian mare to a purebred Arabian stallion or a Part-Shagya-Arabian stallion, this offspring will be eligible for registration in NASS as a Part-Shagya-Arabian. All Part-Shagya-Arabians whose sire is an approved Book I stallion will be eligible for breeding approval, following the same criteria as they have in the past.

This will greatly expand registration possibilities for many horses with Shagya blood, in particular encouraging the use and recognition of Shagya blood in Warmblood crosses, and it will also expand the eligibility for Part-Shagya-Arabians with lower percentages of Shagya blood to be eligible for approval into the Appendix to Book I.

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