NASS INSPECTION INFORMATION, AND CALL FOR REQUESTS FOR INSPECTING AND EVALUATING NASS-REGISTERED HORSES

Dear NASS Members and all friends of Shagya-Arabians,

It's time for NASS to begin the planning process for any possible 2026 NASS Inspections. We need to hear from all NASS members, owners of NASS-registered horses and other eligible horses, as well as others with Shagya-bred horses, who may be interested, to help us plan. Our continuing pandemic may still place constraints on our ability to conduct more inspections this year, so we will have to keep that in mind.

According to international Shagya-Arabian breeding regulations, all Purebred Shagya-Arabians (Book I), Shagya-Arabians Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabians (Shagya-Arabian x Arabian) and Purebred Arabians, age 2 or older, must be inspected and approved for breeding by an ISG member society for their offspring to be eligible for registration as Purebred Shagya-Arabians. NASS is the only Shagya-Arabian breeding society in America which strictly follows this rule, and NASS believes in utilizing this necessary inspection process not only to maintain the standards of the breed, but also as a vehicle for Shagya-Arabian enthusiasts to get together to socialize, show off their horses, and learn from each other.

Inspection & Evaluation Basics: Horses are presented at halter standing and "on the triangle", sporthorse style, at walk and trot, and are free lunged at canter/gallop. Stallions over the age of 2 are also required to free jump through a jumping chute. Wither height, cannon bone, and girth measurements are also taken. Horses are given scores from 1-10 for the following criteria: type, head, neck, body, legs, walk, trot, and canter. A descriptive paragraph is also made which describes the horse. After all the inspection sites for the year are completed, NASS publishes a full-color newsletter, featuring photos of all inspected and evaluated horses, their scores and descriptions, along with other articles of interest.

Inspection Site Planning Process: The first step in the process is to identify the horses which may participate this year so that we can inventory the numbers of horses and their locations. We need to hear from all owners who may wish to present an eligible horse for inspection, evaluation and/or branding. Depending upon the number of horses participating and the areas where those horses are located, we hope to establish inspection sites where we can gather the horses, people, and judges together for an interesting and informative day. Ideally, we need to gather enough horses for at each site so that the fees will cover (or mostly cover) the travel expenses for the judges.

Hosting: We would like to hear from those of you who would like to volunteer to host an inspection site, either at your own farm or at a nearby public facility (or your friends farm!).

Volunteers: We need volunteers willing to help with the necessary details of holding an inspection at a site. Examples: Picking up/dropping off judges from the airport, housing judges for the night, helping with food preparation, providing jumps for the jumping chute, building and removing the jumping chute, taking photos/videos, providing a propane tank for the brand, taking photos/videos, cleaning up after the inspection, etc…

Learner Judges: NASS Members are welcome to participate at inspection sites as Learner Judges. This offers one the unique opportunity to work alongside the ISG Judges as they complete the inspections and evaluation process. Informal auditing is also possible for NASS Members. For details contact: **NASS_Education_Committee@Shagya.net**

Any NASS registered horse is eligible for inspection or evaluation in the following categories:

Breeding Approval Inspection: Any NASS registered Shagya-Arabian Book I and Book II mare or stallion, Appendix Shagya-Arabian mare or stallion (including horses previously approved by another ISG Member Registry), as well as any WAHO registered Purebred Arabian mare or stallion, age 2 and over, may be inspected for approval for breeding.

Evaluation: Any NASS registered horse of any age or sex and any horse of any other breed which has been bred to a Shagya-Arabian, or whose owner is considering breeding to a Shagya-Arabian, may be presented for an evaluation according to the following criteria:

a) Any Purebred Shagya-Arabian or Shagya-Arabian Book II, or Appendix Shagya-Arabian, under the age of 2 may be presented for evaluation. For example, the owner of a yearling stallion prospect may wish to present the colt to learn if the judges think that the colt may be stallion material.

b) Any Part-Shagya may be presented for evaluation. Such an evaluation is not for the approval for breeding (since only Shagya-Arabians Book I and II and Appendix Shagya-Arabians are eligible to be used in the Shagya-Arabian Breed), but as an overall evaluation of the horse as either a performance horse prospect, or as a horse to be used in Part-Shagya breeding.

c) All geldings, either Shagya-Arabian Book I or Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabian, or Part-Shagya can be presented for an evaluation.

d) A breeding mare or breeding stallion owner might like to present a young Shagya-Arabian Book I or Book II, Appendix Shagya-Arabian or Part-Shagya for an evaluation in order to gain feedback about the producing ability of their mare or stallion.

If you have ANY QUESTIONS about eligibility, please don't hesitate to ask Adele Furby via e-mail:
adelesshagyas@gmail.com or **adelefurby@icloud.com** or Call/Text: 928-592-2959

NASS Member Evaluation Fee per horse: $50.00.
NASS Member Inspection Fee per horse: $200.00
Non-NASS Members must pay a $55.00 Non-Member Fee.
Payment received 45 days prior to inspection date will receive a 10% discount.

Please send in the attached Inspection/Feedback Form to Adele Furby.
E-mail: **adelesshagyas@gmail.com** or **adelefurby@icloud.com**
or by Mail: Adele Furby, 567 E. Quarterhorse Ln, Camp Verde, AZ, 86322

Alternatively, you can send in an on-line feedback form to Adele Furby which you will find at the NASS website.

Remember, if you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Adele Furby.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks!
Adele Furby,
on behalf of the NASS Breeding Committee