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The Arabian Horse: A Living Legend Midge

In the oases along the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers in the countries that are now known as Syria, Iraq, and Iran, a breed of horse developed that would influence the equine world more than any other. By 1500 BC, the Arabian horse had become a necessity in the survival of the Bedouin people – the nomadic tribes of the Middle Eastern deserts.



Levi Ben Isacloud, an Arabian gelding that was rescued by SCR from a auction house frequented by “meat buyers”

Bedouin legends say that Allah had fashioned the south desert wind into a creature that could fly without wings. Indeed, the speed and endurance which the Arabian horse is known for were critical for successful tribal raids. In particular, the Bedouin’s believed that mares made the best war mounts because they would not nicker to an enemy tribe’s horses. This meant that bold war mares were highly valued, and bred selectively.

Because Arabians were bred and raised in close inter-dependence with humans, the breed developed an incredible ability to bond with humans. This trait is prized by Arabian horse owners today.

Other distinguishing traits of the breed include a dished face with prominent forehead – these were considered by the Bedouins to hold

the blessings of Allah. The high-set, arched neck was considered by the Bedouins to be a sign of courage, and the high tail carriage a sign of pride.

Europeans were enchanted by the Arabian horse upon coming into contact with the Bedouin people. European horses had been bred to be heavily muscled and boned during the Dark Ages, as they needed to carry armored knights. The refinement and speed of the Arabian horse were qualities that Europeans desired to infuse into the heavier breeds they were used to.

In the early 1700s, three Arabian stallions were imported into Europe as a means to create a “lighter” European horse. These three stallions, when crossed with other breeds created the foundation of the Thoroughbred. In other cases, Arabians have been cross-bred with heavier breeds to create the Percheron, the Morgan, and the Trotter. Arabian bloodlines can be found in almost every light horse today.

The Bedouin people valued the Arabian horse for its strength, courage, stamina, speed and intelligence. Now, we must recognize those same traits that the Arabian horse has stamped on other breeds across the world. Truly, the Arabian horse is one of the oldest and most influential breeds still in existence today.

~ Paul’s Corner ~

“Of course I live in the past. That is where I have spent my whole life. I’m familiar with the neighborhood.”

From a teenager, writing from camp:
“Send food! All they serve here is breakfast, lunch and dinner!”

“Did you ever think about this?
Snowflakes are like Congressmen.
Individually they can’t do much.
Collectively they can be a problem.”

Autumn is approaching fast! The cooler weather, the lack of annoying insects and the beautiful New England fall foliage make this the perfect time to relax out on the trails.

There are dozens of organized trail rides thru out the season, many are held to benefit non-profit organizations. Take some time out to enjoy just being with your favorite equine friend. The following is a short list of local rides going on this September and October.

9/18/2005 - Saddle Up for St. Jude's NEHT
Myles Standish State Forest, Carver,
Massachusetts

Trail Ride to benefit St. Jude's Children's
Research hospital.
5 or 10 mile trails. 20.00 fee, waived to riders
collecting 25 or more in sponsorships.

Contact:
Melody Fretschl
508-982-6820

9/25/2005 - GRHC's Conway Pleasure Ride
Pleasure Ride
Conway Sportsmans' Club area, Conway,
Massachusetts
Granby Regional Horse Council hosts this ride in
Conway.

Two loops; long and short. Great trails. \$5.00 if
you bring your own food. Reg. fees if not.
Contact: Harry Steinmetz
413-247-5886

10/15/2005 - 3rd ANNUAL "POKER RUN"
Benefit trail ride
1567 Augusta Rd, Triple J Farm, Bowdoin,
Maine
Benefit trail ride for Healing Horses. See the
foliage and win cash!
Contact: Lisa Paddock
207-666-3097

10/23/2005 - WGHA Halloween Ride NEHT
Natchaug Forest, Hampton/Eastford,
Connecticut
Join us for a trail ride (if you dare) with ghosts,
goblins and witches through the scary woods of
Natchaug Forest!
Contact: Jennie Coffey
860-562-7903

For more rides, visit the Show Schedule section
at www.EquineSite.com or call your local horse
clubs.

**SCR WOULD LIKE TO THANK
EVERYONE WHO HELPED PUT
TOGETHER THIS YEARS ANNUAL TACK
SALE AND FUNDRAISER. IT WAS A
HUGE SUCCESS!**

**IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO
THANK:**

**GRANBY HORSE COUNCIL FOR THEIR
HELP COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR
ANNUAL TACK SALE AND FUNDRAISER**

**SMITH-WORTHINGTON OF HARTFORD,
CT FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION
OF BRIDLES TO BE SOLD**

**THE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE OF AVON,
CT FOR THEIR DONATION OF NEW
SADDLE PADS TO BE SOLD**

**IVES TACK SHOP FOR THEIR
DONATION OF A NEW APPROVED
HELMET TO BE SOLD**

**ADAMS FOOD AND BIG Y FOR THEIR
DONATION OF FOOD TO BE SOLD**

**BIRGIT ROCCANELLA FOR DONATING
HER TIME AND KNOWLEDGE TO PUT
ON A BAREFOOT MINI-CLINIC. WE
APPRECIATE IT!**

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL OF THE
HELP! WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT YOU!**

**SCR WOULD LIKE TO THANK LEE FOR
HER SPONSORSHIP OF "CRIMSON
MIRACLE"
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR
SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/SCRRESCUE

**SCR WOULD LIKE TO THANK JOY FOR
HER VERY GENEROUS DONATION TO
THE RANCH VIA OUR ONLINE PAYPAL
SYSTEM! WE APPRECIATE IT!**

**Equine Classifieds – What They Really Mean
(First Edition)**

Big Trot ~ Can't canter within a 2 mile straightaway

Nicely Started ~ lunges, but we don't have enough insurance to ride him yet

Top Show Horse ~ won a reserve championship 5 years ago at a show with unusual low entries due to a hurricane

Recently Vetted ~ someone else found something badly wrong with the horse

Big Boned ~ good thing horse has mane & tail or he would be mistaken for a cow

Doing Courses ~ when tranquilized to the eyeballs & lunged 6 hrs straight before hand

Well Mannered ~ hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week

Professionally Trained ~ hasn't stepped, bitten, or kicked anyone for a month

Should Mature 16 hands ~ currently 13h, dam is 14.2h, sire is 15h, every horse in pedigree back 18 generations is under 15h but this horse will definitely defy his DNA and grow

To Good Home Only ~ not really for sale unless you can 1) pay twice what he is worth, 2) allow current owner to tuck him into beddy - bye every night, 3) are willing to sign a 10 page legal document

Bold ~ runaway

Athletic ~ runaway

Needs intermediate Rider ~ runaway

Needs Experienced Rider ~ "dead" runaway

Dead Quiet ~ just dead

Started O/F ~ started overfeeding because we can't ride

No Vices ~ especially when he wears his muzzle

Light Cribber ~ we can't afford to build any more barns & fences for the buzz saw

No Time For Him ~ he's lucky to be fed

Clips, Hauls and Loads ~ Clippity, clippity is the sound his hooves make when he hauls butt across the parking lot when you try to load him

"Hey cowboys, here's one for you" ~ only if you're into bucking stock

**FEATURED HORSE:
Bongo**

This month, SCR was contacted when the state intervened in a neglect case. SCR took on the care of four horses, one of whom is Bongo. **Bongo is a "critical" case.**



Bongo, a sweet senior Arabian gelding



We believe that Bongo is an Arabian, or part Arabian gelding, approximately 24 years old. Bongo is a flashy chestnut with a white blaze and stockings. Bongo is also extremely underweight!

SCR needs your help! We are a non-profit rescue, and right now we are short on resources. Bongo has already begun to receive the medical care he needs, but it is going to take several visits from the farrier, vet and possibly the equine dentist, as well as several hundred pounds, before Bongo will be out of danger. With winter coming, we have only a few short months to nurse Bongo back to stability. Please, donate today!

Generous parties can donate either through paypal (there is a link on our website <http://www.geocities.com/scrrescue/Help.html>) or by sending checks to SCR at:

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