

Horse Breeds

Just a handful of the many amazing breeds

Key Terms

- ❖ Breed – a group of horses having a common origin and possessing certain well-fixed, distinctive, uniformly transmitted characteristics that are not common to other horses

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- ❖ Light breed/horse – average 12-17hh & 900-1,400lbs
- ❖ Pony – less than 14.2hh, less than 900lbs
- ❖ Draft – large, average 14.2-17.2hh, over 1,500lbs. Stocky

The Arabian Horse



Arabian

- ❖ Oldest breed of horse (ancestry remains going back 4,500 years)
- ❖ Fountainhead of all other light horse breeds
- ❖ Developed in Arabian Peninsula of the Middle East
- ❖ Bedouin tribe – Nomadic tribe of the Middle East

❖ Can be black, bay, chestnut, or grey



Physical Characteristics

- ❖ 800 – 1,200 lbs Average
- ❖ 14 – 16hh Average
- ❖ Comparatively small head, Straight or Concave face profile
- ❖ Large lungs, wide nostrils, deep jowls, defined throat, long arched neck
 - ❖ Great for running across the hot desert; easy airflow
- ❖ Large, wide set eyes and sensitive ears
 - ❖ Ready for war

Physical Characteristics

- ❖ Level croup, high carried tail
- ❖ One less vertebrae(5) and one less pair of ribs(17)
 - ❖ Short back
 - ❖ Able to carry a large amount of man and equipment
- ❖ Refined body frame & Finely chiseled bone structure
 - ❖ Lived inside the Bedouin tribe's tents

Behavior Characteristics

- ❖ Family horse
 - ❖ Foals & children
 - ❖ Mares lived inside tents
- ❖ Loyal
- ❖ Willing to work
- ❖ Affectionate
- ❖ Highly Intelligent
- ❖ Spirited



Famous Riders in History

- ❖ Alexander the Great

- ❖ Bucephalus

- ❖ 346 BCE

- ❖ George Washington

- ❖ Blueskin

- ❖ Napoleon

- ❖ Marengo

- ❖ Genghis Khan



Association & Competition

- ❖ Arabian Horse Association (AHA)
- ❖ Most versatile breed of horse, so competitions are extensive
- ❖ Primary Disciplines: English, Hunter, Western, Working Western, Halter
- ❖ Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show
 - ❖ Scottsdale, AZ
 - ❖ February (10 days)
 - ❖ Averages 3,000 horses from around the world



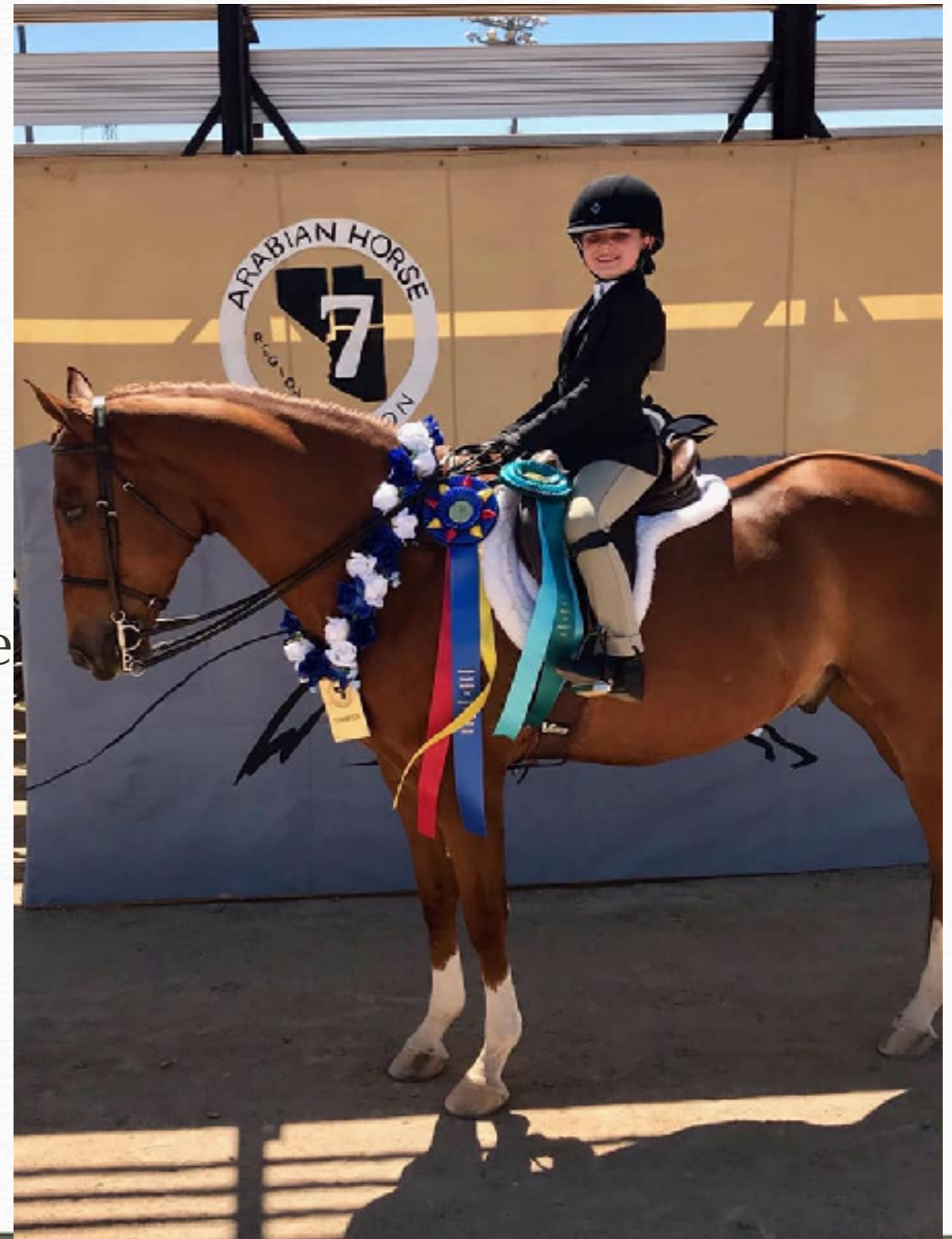
Arabian Horse Disciplines

- ❖ Breeding In Hand (Halter)
- Carriage Driving
- Country English Pleasure
- Cutting
- Distance Riding
- Dressage
- English Pleasure
- English Show Hack
- Equitation
- Hunter Hack
- Hunter Pleasure
- Jumper
- Ladies Side Saddle
- Mounted Native Costume



Arabian Horse Disciplines

- ❖ Park Horse
- Pleasure Driving
- Racing
- Ranch Riding
- Reined Cow Horse
- Reining
- Showmanship
- Sport Horse In Hand
- Sport Horse Under Saddle
- Sport Horse Show Hack
- Trail
- Western Dressage
- Western Pleasure
- Working Cow Horse
- Working Hunter



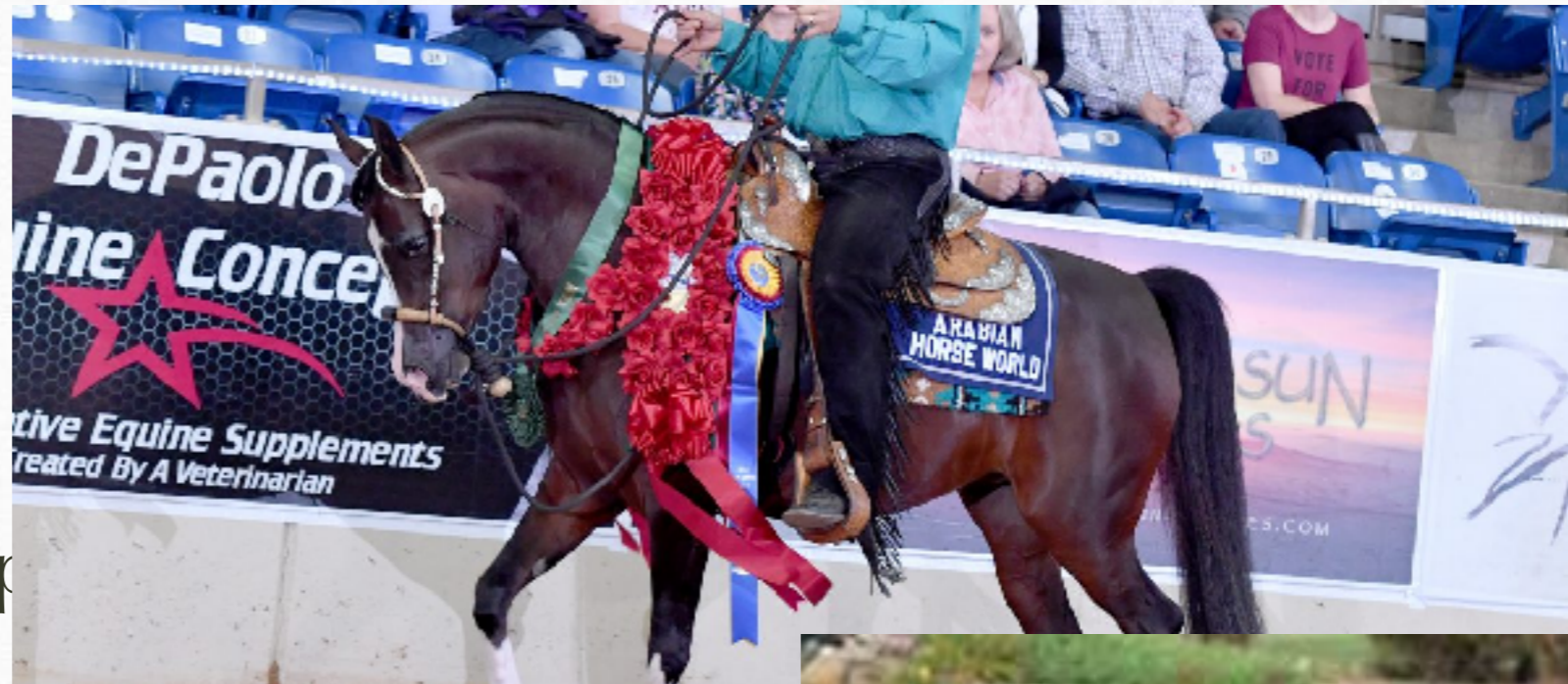
Halter/In Hand

- ❖ Judged on Confirmation
- ❖ Breeding Standards
- ❖ Showmanship



Western

- ❖ Pleasure
- ❖ Equitation
- ❖ Walk, Jog, Lope, Hand Gallop



Hunter

- ❖ Walk, Trot, Canter, Hand Gallop
- ❖ Medium Head Carriage
- ❖ Forward action with rider and horse's steps



English/Saddle Seat

- ❖ Walk, Trot, Park Trot
Canter
- ❖ English (big movement)
- ❖ Park (High Trot)
- ❖ Country English
- ❖ Native Costume



Working Western

- ❖ Reining
- ❖ Trail
- ❖ Reined Cow
- ❖ Horsemanship

