

A teacher of *Life Lessons...*

GROWING UP WITH HORSES

Because my daughter grew up with horses she understands the value of money. Every dollar can be translated into whether she can pursue and care for her passion in life. Purchasing non-necessities during lean times can mean the difference between feed and good care, or neglect and starvation. Popular pursuits, clothes and the mall are a distant last behind providing for the horse who is her friend and companion and who depends on her for his survival.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to "read" her surroundings for both safe and unsafe objects, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to recognize people for what they are, just as she has learned to understand her horse's motivations. Everyone that competes fairly is a winner. She knows that those who will cheat in the show-ring will also cheat in every other aspect of their life and are not to be trusted.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has self-esteem and an engaging personality. She can talk to anyone she meets with confidence, because she has to express herself to her horse with more than words.

Because my daughter grew up with horses, she knows about compromise and understanding. She knows the satisfaction of controlling and teaching a 1000-pound animal that will yield willingly to her gentle touch and ignore the more forceful and inept handling of those stronger than she is. She holds herself with poise and professionalism in the company of those far older than herself.

Because my daughter grew up with horses she has learned to plan ahead. She knows that choices made today can effect what happens five years down the road. She knows that you cannot care for and protect those you care about without savings and planning to fall back on. She knows the value of land and buildings, and that caring for your vehicle can mean the difference between easy travel or being stranded on the side of the road with a four horse trailer on a hot day.

When I look at what she has learned and what it will help her become, I can honestly say that I haven't "wasted" a penny on providing her with horses. I only wish that all children had the same opportunities to learn these lessons from horses before setting out on the road to adulthood.

~Anonymous~



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AHDF ARABIAN HORSEMEN'S DISTRESS FUND

The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund is a registered 501c3 Charitable Organization created to help members of the Arabian community during times of difficulty that arise from unexpected, catastrophic situations. Any member of the Arabian Horse Association in good standing is eligible to apply for assistance to the Board of Directors, a group of five industry professionals from a variety of backgrounds.

The AHDF is a completely separate organizations from any other entity, with its own by-laws, board of directors, and bank account, and it is solely dedicated to helping fellow horsemen during times of need. Virtually all of the monies contributed are aimed towards helping horsemen in need. Not meant as a replacement for insurance, the fund works more as an AFLAC type fund that is able to fill the gaps that insurance does not cover. All requests for assistance are kept confidential unless the recipient releases us to share their story.

The AHDF is also committed to supporting and promoting the exceptional community that surrounds the Arabian horse through a variety of efforts. Besides assisting AHA members during times of unexpected crisis, the AHDF has been the catalyst for a variety of fundraising efforts and outreach that bring community members together to celebrate and promote our Arabian Horse.

Events such as the U.S. Nationals Annual Wine Walk, Region 15 Championship's Stick Horse Class and Dunk Tank, and events ranging from Chili Cook Offs to Pie Tosses around the country support the fund through their efforts. If you are interested in bringing value to your events, giving back to the community as **Horsemen Who Help**, we encourage you to contact us today.

For those wishing to make a perpetual gift, **The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Endowment Fund** was established in 2011 by Hennesey Arabians through the Ocala Community Foundation. For more information on our endowment possibilities, please contact us today to give a lasting gift of sustainability to the AHDF.

Additional information for donations, fundraisers and guidelines for assistance can be found at, www.horsemensdistressfund.com.

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The Markel/Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund partnership began in 2012 when Markel became aware of the AHDF's ongoing efforts to assist community members during times of unexpected crisis. The AHDF was never intended to be a replacement for insurance, so partnering with a leading world-wide insurance carrier has made it possible to educate the Arabian horse community about the needs for proper insurance. It is our goal to educate horse owners to make appropriate insurance decisions.

Together, the team continues to host events that are educational and fun allowing the Arabian community to come together and assist members during times of crisis. Markel remains dedicated to the Arabian horse community.

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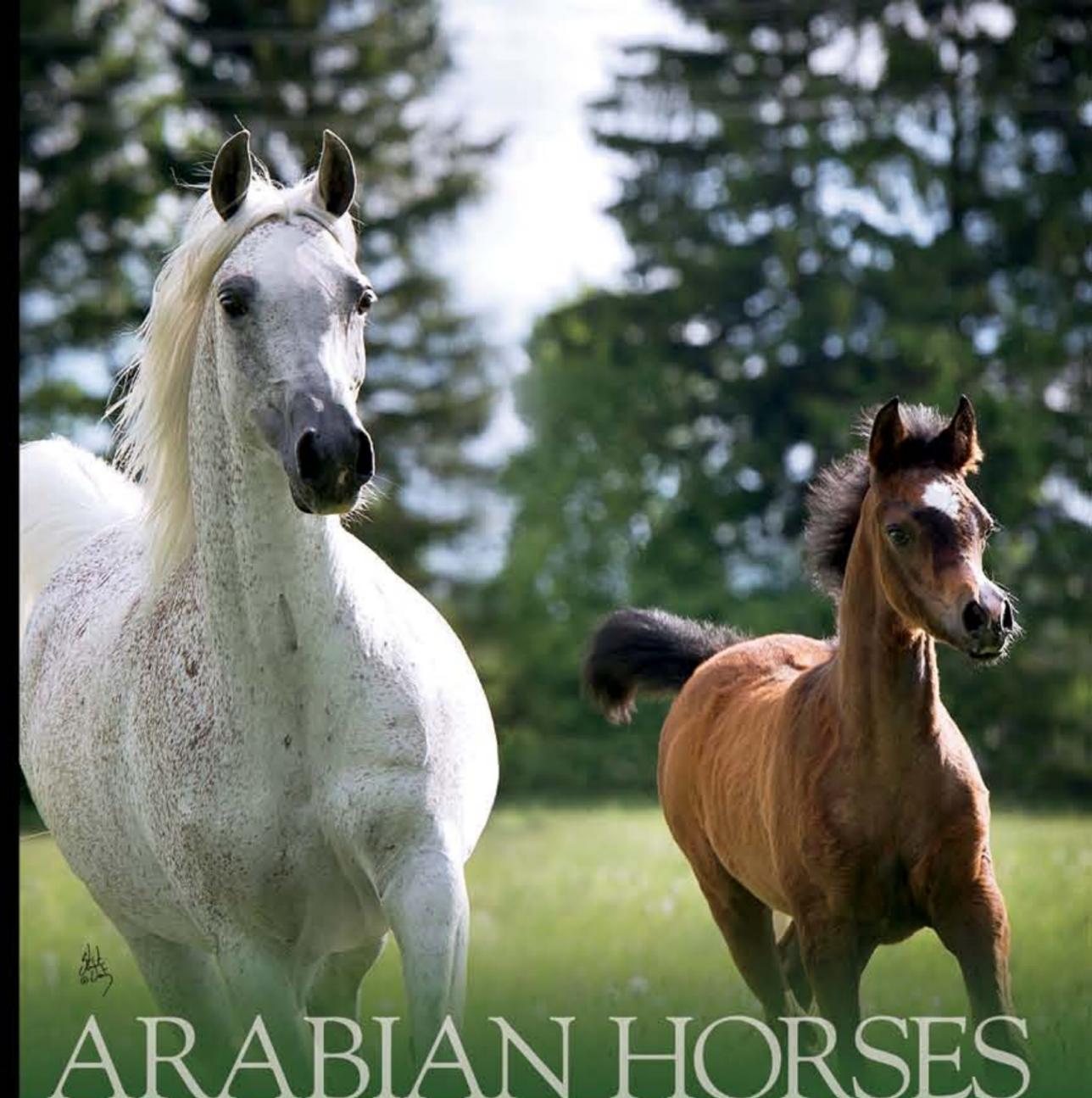
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The horse that loves you back.

The ARABIAN,
not only your horse, but a

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Few good things happen by accident, and the humanity and sensitivity of the Arabian horse is no exception. Centuries of careful breeding by the Bedouin tribes has produced a maternal and caring breed of horse that today thrives on human companionship and is indeed, the Horse Who Loves You Back.

The Arabian developed in a desert climate and was prized by the nomadic Bedouin people, often being brought inside the family tent for shelter and protection, and often the mares provided sustenance for the family through their milk. This close relationship with humans has created a horse breed that is good-natured, quick to learn, and highly attuned to human interaction, and one that is also exceptionally sensitive to children and naturally maternal towards their "human charges". The Arabian also developed the high spirit and alertness needed in a horse used for raiding and war. This combination of willingness and sensitivity requires modern Arabian horse owners to handle their horses with competence and respect, and has created a horse that is capable of participating with their owners in almost any discipline imaginable.

The Arabian horse is a breed of horse that originated in the Middle East, and are the oldest human-developed breed of horse in the world. With a distinctive head shape and high tail carriage that evolved to assist the horse's survival in the hot and arid climates of the deserts, the Arabian is one of the most easily recognizable horse breeds in the world. It is one of the oldest horse breeds, with archaeological evidence of horses that resemble modern Arabians dating back 4,500 years. Throughout history, Arabian horses from the Middle East spread around the world by both war and trade, and were used to improve other breeds by adding speed, refinement, endurance, intelligence and good bone. Today, Arabian bloodlines are found in almost every modern breed of riding horse.



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