

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION of Southern California

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to aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, and use of Arabian Horses.*

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membership, be sure to
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Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
7:00pm

Location: Debbie Price
7031 Opal Street
Alta Loma

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
At the home of Debbie Price
Alta Loma

63rd Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

February 15-25, 2018
Westworld
Scottsdale, Az

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
TBA

Rancho Calif Spring Show A/B Concurrent

March 29-April 1, 2018
Los Angeles Equestrian Center
Burbank



President's Message



Hello,

Where is our winter? If you blinked, then you might have missed what we have had so far. The weather has been wonderful but we need the rain.

To those that are preparing for the Scottsdale Show next month, we wish you all Good Luck and have a great time.

Youth members should be looking at the website to start their preparation for applying for our club scholarship. The deadline for scholarship submission is May 1, 2018.

Please make plans to join us for a meeting soon! Our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Keep your eye on the calendar for upcoming dates and locations.

Thank you and have a great month,
AHASC Board

ONE LITTLE ARABIAN MARE

Hi! If someone would have told me that Arabian horses could help people I would of thought they were crazy. I mean how can the labeled, "hot headed" Arabians help people right? Wrong!!! They totally can and do help people! Arabians I have discovered bond with their owners on a deeper level than any other breed I have encountered. I can say that, because a little Arabian mare did just that for our 11 year old daughter.

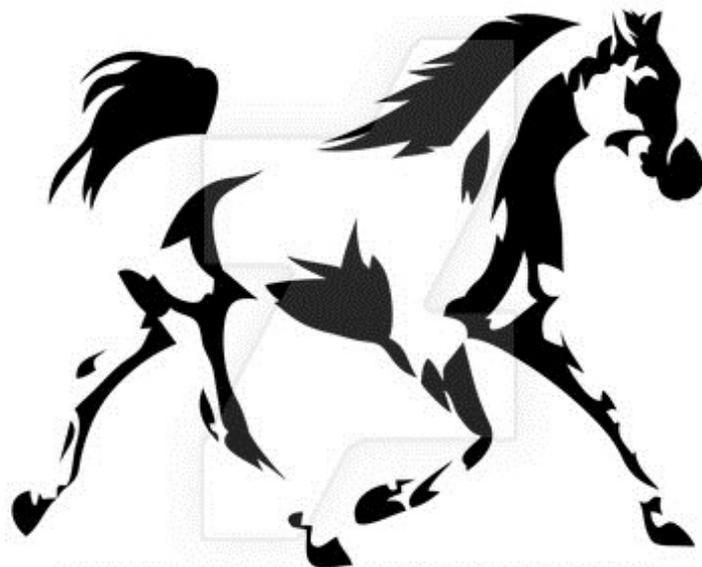
Long story short, we adopted our daughter at a young age from a neglect/abuse DSS situation. We maintained contact with 2 of her siblings (and still do) and even took in her younger brother that was born later on. However, due to a mistake that DSS made, her younger brother returned back to the care of DSS, then a week later my Mother died from breast cancer, and 3 months later my father. My daughter was caught up in a whirlwind of grief and loss. So much that she was not able to fully comprehend it all. I mean how can you explain loss of this level to a child. Although Jenna (whom we affectionately call JJ) knows she does not live with her other siblings, we do manage to maintain contact with 2 of the 6 siblings she has. She has never voiced the word adoption, but she knows that her situation is not normal. We have been blessed to maintain contact with her older brother and sister with the family that adopted them. However, even this contact did not help JJ as she became withdrawn, scared, unsure, and very reserved. JJ prior to to loss was a vivacious little girl, but soon retreated into herself.

We discovered that JJ loved horses and pursued lessons for her. She worked very hard & displayed that she would do the work to care for the horse as well verses just riding them. That is when we decided to purchase her a horse. We had some we looked at but none that really fit with JJ. Then I heard the words, purebred Arabian mare. I will be honest, due to my past experience with an Arabian who was very hot, I was VERY reluctant to even entertain this horse as an equine choice. However, the person selling her, Liz Lawrence, assured me that the mare was a sweet mare but had been overlooked due to petite size. So, we decided to see her and it was a match! The petite little chestnut mare, Atalaaya, out of Mostly Padron, was also looking for her forever person. Although she had proven successful in showing, people wanted the bigger Arabs.

We decided to purchase Atalaaya and that began the journey of a lifetime for my daughter and for us as well. JJ has worked extensively with Atalaaya for the past going on two years. She has showed Atalaaya (whom we call Atty for short) in halter, dressage, hunter in open, rated and regional shows. JJ absolutely loves showing and has become an Ambassador for Arabians and shares her love with them with others. During the past 2 years, Atalaaya finally found and bonded with her forever owner. Atalaaya, with Gods help, helped heal the part of JJ that we could not reach. Atty restored JJ's confidence, bravery, strength, and belief in herself. JJ is no longer afraid or withdrawn, but has come into her own a brave equestrian. Who would of thought a little petite Arab would do that. This email is my way of paying it forward not only for the breed, but so that people can see just how awesome this experience has been for us. How very needed, more horsemanship is needed for our youth especially in the age of technology.

In addition, what the Arabian breed needs is more people who without reservation share their knowledge, their time and support for the youth. I mean after all, who else will continue the legacy and promotion of the Arabians but our youth??? I can safely say that we have been blessed to find such a person with Liz Lawrence at Legacy Farms. She has patiently shared her knowledge of Arabians and has honestly supported JJ with her showing. She shared her experience with showing, helped us trailer to local shows and genuinely takes joy in seeing people achieve their goals with their Arabians. Liz's dedication to the breed shows in not only her dedication to the youth, supporting other riders, but maintaining breeding some good minded versatile Arabians. You can say that Atty along with Liz restored my faith in Arabians and I can honestly say that I would not own another breed. One only has to spend 5 mins with my daughter before she talks about her breeding plans lol.

In closing, I apologize for the long email, but felt that I needed to pay it forward and be the voice for what one little purebred Arabian mare did for our family. She will always have a home for us and hopefully some babies to keep little Atty going. Also, to share that the small kindness showed to people, such as what Liz shown to us, goes a long way. JJ has dreams to ride in the Olympics one day and although that is a long shot; we just smile because we are blessed that JJ is back to dreaming again thanks to Atalaaya. I have attached a few pics of their show season this year where they have won Champion, reserve champion at shows and last night at the NC Arabian Horse Association banquet won her Gold award for showing Atalaaya, Champion in Purebred Open Dressage shows and Reserve Champion in doing hunter pleasure. She also qualified for Youth Nationals, which we may not be able to attend this year, but so very proud she did since she's only been showing coming on her 2nd year of ever even getting on a horse lol. Thank you for your time and supporting this remarkable breed!



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