

Arabian Horse Breeder

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FEED LETTER Ca: P ratio!

Good grief who left the scientist out of his cage? Well before anybody ends it all out of frustration, let me explain the above title, Ca:P ratio. Ca stands for calcium, P stands for phosphorus, and ration stands for the amount of one in relation to the other. Did I hear someone say "big deal"? Well it is a big deal to your cows. Big enough to contribute to such cute little problems as milk fever and inefficient breeding.

According to the boys with the brains, there should be from 1 to 1.5 parts calcium for each part of Phosphorus. A happy medium might be 1.3 parts of calcium. This would be in the total diet of the cow, not just in the grain part. Most reputable manufacturers build their feed to compensate for the calcium and phosphorus in the roughage. Since phosphorus can be cheap or expensive according to how available it is, this is a good place to cut costs on cheap feeds.

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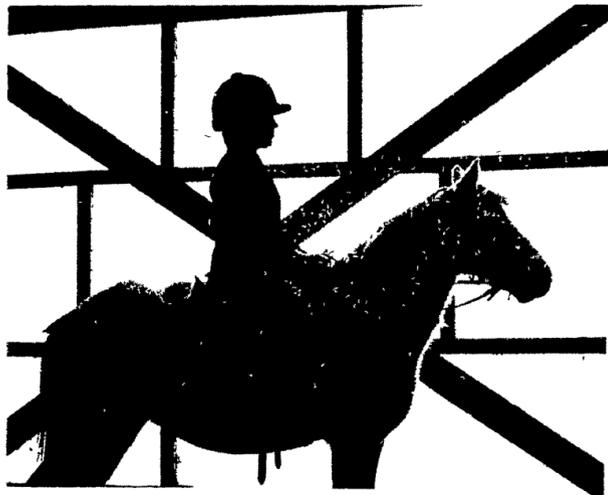
for desert war horses. Many other breeds, like the Thoroughbred, have Arabian ancestors somewhere in their history.

Arabians are noted for their natural beauty and endurance. They aren't especially fast at short distances but, as Mrs. Christensen says, "there's no horse that can keep up with an Arabian in a 100-mile endurance race."

"I like Arabians because they're intelligent and affectionate," Mrs. Christensen noted. "The mares, especially, are affectionate. They're easy to train, too, because they're very sensitive. And they live longer than most other horses."



Astride Rose Araby, Karen Christensen polishes her riding techniques under the watchful eye of her mother. Rose is an Arabian mare and the dam to the junior champion filly at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.



Eight-year-old Eric Christensen, riding his favorite Welsh pony, stands silhouetted against the translucent door of the exercise barn on the Christensen farm.

Many Arabians are still going strong approaching 30, and it's not at all unusual for a 25-year-old mare to have a colt.

Arabians are good show horses, Mrs. Christensen feels, because of their naturally high tail carriage and their floating walk. False hair, heavy shoes and other show-ring gimmicks are disallowed in the Arabian competition.

Gentleness is another show ring asset. Arabian breed organizations are among the few that allow children to show stallions.

"Silver Meadows Farm" is the official name for the family's home on Elizabethtown Road. It's also the name of the hunt seat riding academy run by Mrs. Christensen.

The academy now has ten students. Two of Mrs. Christensen's most adept pupils are her own children, 12-year-old Karen and 8-year-old Eric.

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