

# Local Arabian Farms hold Open Barns

WEST GROVE (Chester Co.) - On Sunday, May 21st, the SE District of Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association will again sponsor a day of fun and learning for all horse lovers. Prominent Arabian horse farms will open their farms and barns to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors drive their own vehicles from farm to farm at their own pace, spending as much time as they like at each farm.

The primary purpose of the day is to introduce people to the Arabian horse. The day promises to be fun and educational for all. There will be items of interest for the person contemplating buying their first horse and also the

current Arabian enthusiast. The farms will provide exhibitions of Arabians performing in different disciplines.

In addition to exhibitions, visitors are provided ample opportunity to enjoy the Arabian up close and personal. A goal is for potential first-time horse owners to understand not only the versatility of the Arabian horse but more importantly, that the Arabian is a very intelligent, kind, loving companion, extremely loyal to its master, making it an ideal family or child's horse.

Visitors will have opportunity to see sons and daughters from some of the country's top stallions. Always a thrill is to see newborn foals frolicking in the

pasture. This year, Glidden Arabians are expecting to have two foals arrive just a week or two before the open barn tour. New foals are always entertaining and are sure to be a big hit with visitors.

The local 4H-horse program is very active in this area. Because of past interest in this program, there will be people that are involved with the 4H program available to talk with parents and young people about the various local activities. In addition, multiple young people active in the 4H program will provide exhibitions, riding their own Arabians.

Two farms will open their barns this year. Both farms are

easily accessible from route US 1 between West Grove, Pa. and the Pa./Md. border.

Drs. Janey and John Lee, both veterinarians, operate a breeding center that accepts sub-fertile mares. They are both willing to discuss with visitors the keys to their success in treating sub-fertile mares. Janey and John, owners of Sham Felek Arabians, are long time breeders of black Arabians.

Although Arabians come in all colors as one will see on the tour, a true black Arabian is perhaps the rarest color. Janey is very active on the local amateur circuit and encourages others to get out and enjoy their Arabians in this friendly environment, where competitors willingly help each other and the focus is more on having fun than on winning. Janey will be glad to discuss, with interest persons, how one becomes involved in the amateur circuit.

Glidden Arabians will focus visitors on the versatility and the kind, loving nature of the Arabian. Owners Ron and Bernice Glidden, raise each new

foal with a lot of love and attention to enhance the human bonding instinct that is naturally inherent in all Arabians. They imprint all new foals to build the foals confidence and trust in its handlers. Ron and Bernice pride themselves on raising athletic horses with exceptional temperaments. The Gliddens plan to feature their Straight Egyptian foundation mare and show her get from different nationally known stallions and discuss why the Straight Egyptian is so sought after in a breeding program. There will be three generations of horses available to see how some traits are passed on from generation to generation and how, by selectively breeding, one can enhance other traits to improve the overall beauty of the horse.

For those attending don't forget to bring the camera. It should be a fun day for all.

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