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A precious legacy of the past, the Desert Arabian is in danger of extinction by the end of the 21st century. At The Institute for the Desert Arabian Horse, we strive to protect and conserve the cultural legacy and genetic integrity of the Bedouin-bred Arabian horse through historical and scientific research, education, standard performance evaluations, international collaboration and conservation projects. All interested and dedicated individuals and preservation efforts, both formal and informal, are welcome into our tent.

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CORRECTION:

In Debra Schrishuhn's article entitled "A Sampling of Rare Old Horses to Consider," carried in the November 2005 issue of "Al Majlis News," EDA Sahmantha 1979 mare (*Lancers Sahn x Lon Sara) was inadvertently listed as a daughter of Sierra Sandarac. Sahmantha is actually the DAM of SpiritWind Ahsahm, 2001 black stallion by Sierra Sandarac, blending Sandarac's Babson/Doyle lines with Sahmantha's similar lines through her dam and adding EAO blood through *Lancers Sahn. The author regrets the factual error.

Calendar of Events

Feb. 17 - 19, 2006

- 2006 Symposium: Assessing Breeding Quality in the Desert Arabian Horse at Cave Creek near Phoenix, Arizona

June 5-10, 2006

- Institute Booth at The Pyramid Society's 26th Annual Egyptian Event, Lexington, Kentucky

July 2006

- *Al Khaima* 3: 1 appears in *Arabian Horse World*

Fall 2006

- International gathering and tour of the cradle countries of the Desert Arabian horse

November 2006

- *Al Khaima* 3: 2 appears in *Arabian Horse World*



Mounting the Untrained Horse—by Susan Mayo

There are actually two distinct mounting situations, and mounting the untrained horse is different from mounting a seasoned veteran.

When I mount a baby for the first time, I do it bareback because Desert Arabians are for the most part very willing to accept a human on their back. Sometimes they momentarily object to the girths of a saddle, or the weight pulling sideways in mounting, but they rarely mind the rider getting on their back.



Lean on the young horse and pat its sides.

First, I have a trusted friend hold the horse with a halter on as I stand next to the horse's side on a mounting block. The helper will feed the horse tidbits of whatever the horse likes to keep him occupied and relaxed. I first lay across the



Put weight on the young horse's back while leaning on it.

horse's back and rub him all over with my hands. If they cause no reaction I repeat the rubbing exercise several times with the helper rewarding the horse for his good behavior. Next I put my right leg over the horse and just



Put the right leg over the horse's back and stay in a low position.

lay there for a bit. If this is ok with the horse, I gradually sit up. My handler and I both praise the horse and reward him, and then I get off. I do not ask the horse to walk with me on the first mount.



Gradually sit up straight on horse's back.

Mounting the Untrained Horse—by Susan Mayo

continued



First mount accomplished!

MOUNTING THE TRAINED HORSE

Be it English or Western, the method of mounting is pretty much the same unless you are showing Equitation in a particular seat and are asked to hold your pinky finger a certain way.



Check the girth and saddle fit.

The first step is always to check your girth and then stand in front of your horse and stretch his front legs forward to make sure there are no creases of skin under the girth to get pinched.



Stretch front legs to avoid pinching skin beneath the girth.

To begin, face the horse's side slightly toward the rear. Gather your reins and make sure they are connected with the horse's mouth so you can control the horse if he decides not to hold still. Take the stirrup with your right hand and turn it so it faces you. Put your left foot in the stirrup, laying your foot parallel to the horse's side so you do not gouge him with your toe. Hold some mane in your left hand, and put your right hand on the pommel (or horn) of the saddle. Take two bounces and up you go. If you take two bounces, it will help motivate you upwards and make less of a pull on the saddle. Settle yourself in the center of the saddle, pick up your right stirrup, and gather your reins in preparation to moving off. Make sure you have some connection to the horse's mouth and your hand, and make sure your legs are falling directly beneath your hips and that you are in balance.

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Hold some mane in the left hand, hold the pommel in the right hand, place the left foot in the stirrup, and bounce twice to gain upward momentum.



Properly mounted in the English saddle.



Give the cue to move off.

When mounted and in balance, gently squeeze with both legs to initiate a forward motion. Depending on the nature of your horse's training you will probably want to indicate a direction of motion as you ask the horse to move off. Remember that when you first mount, walking for about five minutes will enable the horse to warm up in preparation to more strenuous work.

Thanks to our models for this article: Masada Susar (Fa Asar x Masada Fa Khedena) and Elizabeth Powell. The first mounting photos are the actual first mounting photos of this filly. She is currently 3 and is winning in Open shows and preparing to be a dressage horse. Sada is the last "Masada" foal bred by Walter Schimanski.



News Flash! Anonymous Donor Underwrites 2006 Symposium

NEWS FLASH!!!! NEWS FLASH!!!! NEWS FLASH!!!!

**FOR THOSE ATTENDING
THE INSTITUTE'S SECOND ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2006, CAVE CREEK, AZ**

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE IS BEING PAID BY A GENEROUS DONOR

Recognizing the unique and phenomenal importance of this Symposium to the preservation of the Desert Arabian horse, a most generous anonymous donor has stepped forward and offered to pay the \$100 registration fee for everyone attending this extraordinary event!

There has never been an educational program of this scope offered to Arabian horse breeders anywhere.

Improve your own ability to evaluate horses for breeding, while learning about the three major in-hand evaluation systems in interactive sessions with internationally known judges and experts. The same group of Desert Arabian horses will be evaluated based upon each system's criteria.

American (AHA) in-hand, presented by Cynthia Richardson
Modified European in-hand, presented by Liz Salmon
American Sport Horse in-hand, presented by Patti Felker-Breiner

Each of these expert judges will explain and apply the system to live Arabian horses of different phenotypes.

Adele Furby will explain the Shagya Arabian evaluation/breeding certification program, and Dr. John Shelle of Michigan State University will present the "Estimated Breeding Value" model they have used to evaluate over 1200 Arabian horses.

Your Registration Fee of \$100 is being paid by a generous benefactor who believes it is imperative that as many Arabian horse breeders and owners as possible take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Schedule of activities:

Friday February 17:

Afternoon open barn at Elizabeth Dawsari's

Evening (7 p.m.) reception at the lovely Full Circle Ranch in Cave Creek (www.fullcircularanch.com)

Saturday February 18:

Demonstration of the three in-hand and Shagya systems (includes lunch) begin at 9 a.m. in the new covered arena at Bellissima Ranch, Cave Creek, followed by dinner with speaker Denise Hearst (dinner limited to the first 50 registrants due to facility capacity).



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Sunday February 19:

Presentation of the "Estimated Breeding Value" model and Symposium wrap-up at Bellissima Ranch, Cave Creek, followed by afternoon open barns at Bint Al Bahr (Bruce and Diana Johnson) and Zee Ranch (Kimberli Nelson), both in Buckeye, AZ.

Directions to all locations will be emailed to registrants.

Make your travel and hotel reservations, and then reserve your place at the symposium. Print and mail the registration form found on the website (www.desertarabian.org/registration.htm) or email your name, address, email, and phone number to Bruce Johnson so that we can prepare sufficient materials and arrange lunch for all registrants: BMJatWork@aol.com or BintalBahr@aol.com.

For an extensive list of local hotels click on www.desertarabian.org/hotels.htm. Make reservations immediately due to the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show taking place the same weekend and following week. (Nearest hotels with rooms still available are the Red Roof Inn, Comfort Inn Turf Paradise, Fairfield, and Ramada.)

This is a must see, once in a lifetime opportunity being funded on your behalf through the generous donation of an anonymous benefactor. You simply can't miss this incredible program.

(Questions: office@desertarabian.org)

Kent Mayfield, Chair
The Institute for the Desert Arabian Horse

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Great works require great support, so we are in great need of your most generous support in order to carry out our important work.



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2006 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

(please print, fill out, and mail)

Date: February 17-19, 2006

Location: Bellisima Ranch, 29211 N. 53rd Street, Cave Creek, Arizona

~~Early registration fee, by January 18, 2006: \$100~~
~~Registration fee after January 18, 2006: \$135~~
~~Registration fee paid: \$~~
Additional contribution to the Institute*: \$
Total Enclosed: \$

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Mail signed registration form with payment to:

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"The Tent"



Appearing in the November 2005 issue of *Arabian Horse World*.

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If you don't have a subscription to *Arabian Horse World*, call 1-800-955-9423 or go to the AHW Web site at www.ahwmagazine.com. AHW has supported the Institute since its inception, and we appreciate their continuing interest in the Desert Arabian Horse.

Overrun copies of the first three issues of *Al Khaima* (November 2004, July 2005, and November 2005) are available from the Institute's Business Office (contact@desertarabian.org) at \$8 U.S. each, shipping included.

Reserve advertising now for JULY 2006

Your advertising supports the publication of *Al Khaima* and the Institute's commitment to education. Advertising in *Al Khaima*, embedded in *Arabian Horse World* magazine, continues to be sold out early for each issue. DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR FARM FEATURED IN THE JULY 2006 PRESERVATION ISSUE. Plan ahead.

Contact Jon Michael (contact@desertarabian.org) to book your space now. Reserve your space ASAP to guarantee pricing (full-page ad - \$595; half-page - \$ 350, including professional design and layout). Take advantage of these huge discounts to the regular AHW prices that reflect the World's continuing support of the Institute and its educational mission.

Membership—Available Now

The most-asked question in the booth at the Egyptian Event was

"How can I join the Institute?"

The simple answer is visit <http://www.desertarabian.org/AlMajlis/membership.pdf>, then print the form and mail it to the Institute office. Join now and your membership will extend through December 31, 2006.

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