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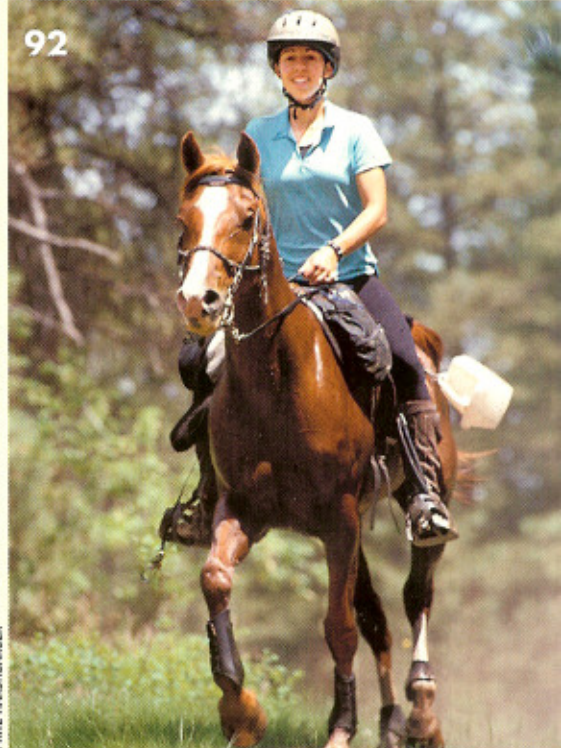
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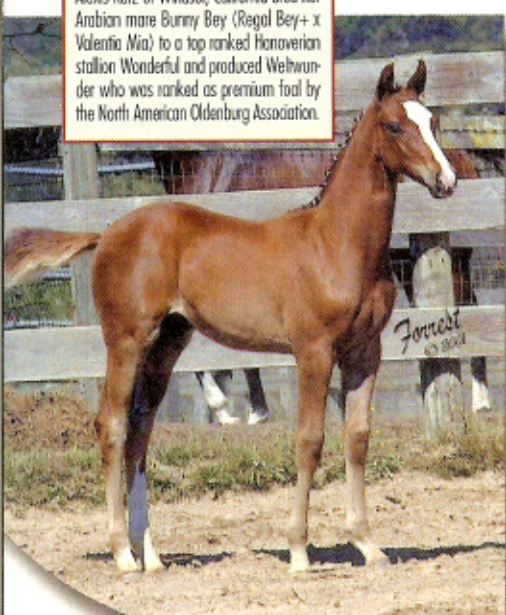
number of people breeding to him. A Trakehner by breeding, Aegypt is approved by the American Warmblood Society (AWS). He is rated as a Supreme (scored higher than 80 percent) Elite (four or more generations of European Warmblood) stallion and he scored an impressive 83.5 percent at his inspection.

"He has quite a few Half-Arabians inspected by the AWS," says Quensel, who has bred about 30 Arabian/Trakehners in the last six years. "Aegypt improves their hind end action and imparts fluidity. He is very free in the hips and shoulder, overreaching from 14 to 18 inches, and he always improves the movement of his babies."

Quensel, who lives in Lawton, Oklahoma, says she "started on the warmblood side." She lived in Europe when her husband was in the military and eventually bought a Trakehner mare while there. Upon her return to the states, she bought another Trakehner mare, bred her and had a stud colt, which she bred to some Arabian mares. That was the beginning. She no longer has that stallion; however, she likes the crosses.

"I think this cross is better than either the purebred Arabians or the Trakehners that don't have Arabian or Thoroughbred blood in the last two or three generations," says Quensel. "I believe you get more endurance and fire. Warmbloods can be less sensitive and take more effort to ride. By crossing them with Arabians, you have the lightness, the good balance, sound feet and legs and good minds, plus you get a bit more mass and height, usually 15.3 to 16 hands."

Alexis Katz of Windsor, California bred her Arabian mare Bunny Bey (Regal Bey+ x Valentia Mia) to a top ranked Hanoverian stallion Wonderful and produced Weltwunder who was ranked as premium foal by the North American Oldenburg Association.



Quensel still owns one of Aegypt's Breeders Sweepstakes nominated offspring that is registered with IAHA and the AWS. In 2003 she plans to take his offspring to Sport Horse Nationals.

Hanoverian Crosses

Two Hanoverians have been entered as Non-Arabian Nominated Sires—Graf Gotz owned by Cindy Wilkes of Georgia, and Wonderful owned by Violet Gen of Saratoga, California. Wonderful, who is ranked as the number one young stallion in Germany based on the performance of his get, is by the elite sire Weltmeyer, named "Horse of the Century." One of the highly satisfied owners of a Wonderful foal is Alexis Katz of Windsor, California who bred her Arabian mare Bunny Bey (Regal Bey+ x Valentia Mia), a Bey Shah+ granddaughter, to him last year.

"I wanted to create my own dressage horse," says Katz. Katz, who is 5 foot, 1 inch, wanted a smaller horse. First she took her mare to an Oldenburg inspection. Bunny Bey, a multi-champion dressage horse who at 17 received the second highest score (87.3) at the Pacific Coast Sport Horse Classic, scored a 102. A 92 was the cutoff to be in the main mare book and 100 points was the cutoff to be eligible for the prestigious premium mare award.

Eventually Katz found Wonderful (Weltmeyer x Bonny), who turned out to be standing at stud only 20 minutes from her house. Not only was she impressed with his gorgeous movement and conformation but he also had a beautiful head and eye. The resulting colt, Weltwunder, surpassed her expectations.

"We took Weltwunder to his inspection when he was only 4 months old also and not only did he pass and get branded as an Oldenburg, but he was ranked a premium foal and went reserve champion," says Katz. At the ARABS inspection a month earlier, he was given first premium merit status.

According to Katz, she got everything she wished for—the sharp intelligence, refinement and beautiful head and neck of the Arabian plus the sloping shoulder and hip and 10- to 12-inch overstride of the Hanoverian.

"Our aim is to show him at Sport Horse Nationals," says Katz.

Anglo-Arabians

"They are my ideal sport horse," says Cheryl Ehrlick who with her husband Allan, own Milestone Stables in Camp-

bellville, Ontario. "I think the Anglo combines the best features of my two favorite breeds. They get the stride and size from the Thoroughbred and everything else—the people-loving personality, longevity, toughness—from the Arabian."

Although the Ehrlicks began breeding Anglo-Arabians 10 years ago, Allan's experience with Anglos goes back more than 35 years. In the 60s he competed on the Canadian Olympic Three-Day Eventing team with an Anglo named The Nomad. That's one of the main reasons that the Ehrlicks started breeding Anglo-Arabians 10 years ago.

"We breed on a small scale, but we have purchased Anglos for customers and for ourselves," says Cheryl, who estimates they have bred about a dozen Anglos.

The Ehrlicks have tried both types of crosses—Thoroughbred mares on Arabian stallions and Arabian stallions on Thoroughbred mares and been equally pleased with the results. "Although I do think you get a bigger horse with a Thoroughbred mare," says Cheryl. She says prices for a trained Anglo-Arabian can range from \$6,000-\$30,000 depending on their training and ability.

The upcoming Sport Horse Nationals promises to be the perfect showcase for their Anglo-Arabians. "We are planning on bringing a huge contingent, which for our barn means we will field 15 horses, and we'll be doing dressage, sport horse and over fences classes. We even have people specifically purchasing horses to show at Sport Horse Nationals."

Shagya Arabian Crosses

The Shagya Arabian is a very rare breed with less than 2,000 registered worldwide. Developed more than 200 years ago at Hungary's Babolna Imperial Stud as a cavalry mount and carriage horse, they are a product of Native Hungarian mares crossed on stallions of Arabian blood. Today Shagya stallions appear in the bloodlines of many warmblood breeds.

Breeders like Carolyn Tucker of Morgan Hill, California, are crossing Shagya Arabians on purebreds to produce an excellent sport horse. What the Arabian contributes is hardiness, endurance and a loving disposition.

"The Shagyas add the steady temperament with more substance, height, size and excellent movement," says Tucker, who owned *Oman, a Shagya Arabian