



# Breed Evaluations with Performance Criteria Produce Successful Horses

It's easy to question why breed evaluations and inspections are important when they vary in purpose across breed organizations. Is the primary purpose to have a horse evaluated for breeding? Or to make sure the horse has registration papers? Or, as in the case of the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR), is it to ensure that the horse is able to meet performance criteria as well as the conformation, 'breed type,' temperament, movement and bloodline requirements?

Wineglass Vino is one of the PShR horses who successfully completed the evaluation criteria and demonstrated success in a variety of performance disciplines, proving that the rigorous criteria does result in high quality horses.

PShR member Holly Kemmis fell in love with Wineglass Vino (Vino) on sight because of his striking good looks and friendly personality. As it turns out, Kemmis was a good judge of

horses. Vino completed his PShR evaluation in 2015 with outstanding results. He was one of the highest scores for the Evaluation looking at type, conformation and movement. Vino was also the highest scoring horse in the Rideability and the Free Jumping portions of the Evaluation.

In addition to an outstanding evaluation Vino has had a variety of successful competition careers. He started as a Competitive Trail horse with the Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (UMECRA) where he finished in the ribbons in all rides except one and earned year-end awards with UMECRA and the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA). Kemmis says that in all the training and competing, Vino





“demonstrated his Shagya-Arabian heritage. He taught me courage, because he was so bold and confidence, because we often conditioned on the Kettle Moraine trails by ourselves. He made me a better rider. From Vino I learned the true meaning of a Shagya-Arabian’s dedication to its rider.”



Vino wasn’t only a successful competitive trail horse. Winter cross training for the pair involved dressage and jumping which Vino excelled at. Vino and Ali, a friend from the boarding stable, competed in 3 phase horse trials (Eventing) for two summers and finished in the ribbons each time at Novice Level.

For many horses excelling in two different disciplines would be enough, but Vino doesn’t stop there. He recently found his perfect retirement home with Faith, who adores him. Kemmis says, “Initially Faith was intimidated by Vino’s size, but he won her over with his tolerant and forgiving nature. I soon received photos of him standing patiently while she performed acrobatic tricks on his back. And this summer, photos of her showing him at the 4-H fair – they entered 5 classes and won every one!”

The evaluation process and performance requirements of the PShR are a great tool to help evaluate

every aspect of the horses in the registry. Wineglass Vino is only one of a long list of PShR registered horses who have successfully completed the inspection and gone on to excel in their discipline of choice.

### About Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry

The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry was established to ensure the integrity and legacy of the Shagya-Arabian bred horses in North America. To accomplish these goals the organization holds regular breed inspections and utilizes performance testing in compliance with internationally established criteria for all horses in the registry.

