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EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR LOCAL ARABIAN CLUB!

FOR 2011, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF ONE-DAY QUALIFYING SHOWS IN SPRINGFIELD! AS WELL AS CLINICS, SEMINARS, TRAIL RIDES, OPEN HOUSES and NEWSLETTERS!

You wanted it and we heard ya! 2011 is going to be an exciting year for the Southwest Missouri Arabian Horse Club. With board members wanting to give the club members what they want, we are willing to put in the extra hours to make sure you and your Arabian horse are getting any and all opportunities for enjoyment, competition and education. But we can't do it alone. We ask that if your farm has a special breeding program, training program, exciting news or just plan good stories, please email them to us, so we can place them in our new

Quarterly Newsletter. If you have suggestions, comments or want to get involved with the club's 2011 event planning, please contact us. Jennifer Hurt
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**Valley Water Mill Park
Equestrian Center**

**CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY
Horseman's Showcase**

First Saturday of the Month
October 2—November 6—December 4

Enjoy a full day of horse activities!

Saturday, October 2	Saturday, November 6	Saturday, December 4
10:00—12:00 Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Greene County Training	10:00—12:00 Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Greene County Training	10:00—12:00 Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Greene County Training
12:00-4:00 Horse Demos	12:00-4:00 Horse Demos	12:00-4:00 Horse Demos
Seminar on Equine First Aid- Dr. Stacey Huntington, DVM. This is a must for all horse owners.	Horse Shoeing Demo and Hoof Care Clinic- Jim Anderson, Show Me Farrier Service, Certified Farrier with the American Farriers Association. Valuable information to help your horse and prevent problems.	Ellen Valagene Horsemanship clinic: Do you desire a better partnership with your horse? Local natural horsemanship clinician and coach Ellen Valagene has a special presentation to show you just that.
Show Jumping Exhibition: Catalyst Sport horses of Fair Grove. Learn how to introduce your horse to jumping and how to safely enjoy this exciting sport.	Dressage for Every Horse: Taura Farms of Mt. Vernon and head trainer USDF Certified Instructor Claudia Springer-Misner will be demonstrating dressage from the basics to the upper levels and talking about how it can help ANY horse!	Learn how to build a proper foundation using the principles of natural horsemanship and how the aspects are used for training. See a demonstration of techniques that improve safety and communication with your horse both on the ground and under saddle.
Horse Soccer demo: Watch the skillful riders of the local 4H Horse Clubs ride an exhibition game and learn what horse soccer is all about.		

WINTER TRAINING SPECIAL

Clanton Performance Horses is offering a Training and Evaluation special for the months of November, December and January. Board, training and evaluation is only \$650 a month for new horses. If you would like to have your horse evaluated by one of the best all around trainers in the country or if you have any questions about this special program contact Alan today at 817-296-3442.



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On the backs of Arabian horses since he was five years old, Texas native Alan Clanton has built his reputation by working hard, competing successfully in the show ring and by learning from some of the most notable names in the industry. Throughout his adolescent years, Alan showed with Kehilan Arabians, Greystone and then Tamar Arabians. During his high school years, while riding with Sandy Bentley at Tamar, Clanton first began thinking about a career as a horse trainer. Following his completion of an undergraduate degree in finance from Texas Christian University, Alan worked under the tutelage of John O'Hara and Gordon and Wendy Potts of The Brass Ring. Most recently, Alan spent four years at Liberty Meadows Training Center, working with Ryan Strand.

Throughout his career, Alan has earned numerous U.S. and Canadian Top Ten awards as well as multiple regional titles in all the major disciplines, including hunter, western, English and working western (reining specifically.) The horses he has trained and amateur riders he has coached have also seen the winner's circle at the local, regional and national level. Alan's philosophy

is not only to teach the horse, but also to teach the rider in a positive and encouraging way. "If I can't make it fun and teach my amateur riders something, they'll find something else to do with their free time and resources," he says. "Making it challenging, fun and progressively better are the things that keep people coming back."

Besides working with the amateurs, Alan particularly enjoys starting young horses. "One of my favorite things is to have a horse come into the barn that doesn't know anything and watch that horse develop and learn over time. My job as the trainer is to take my time, keep their minds solid and teach them their job, one step at a time. If I do my job right, they'll be good, happy and successful show horses for many years."

Alan's abilities have been noticed by people outside the barns where he has been employed. In 2006, he was nominated for the APAHA Rising Star Award, bestowed upon young talent in the Arabian horse industry. In 2009, he was selected by the Arabian Horse Association as one of their "30 Under 30" trainers to watch in the years to come.



SingingHearts Farm - Walt & Sharon Davis - Rogersville, MO

“It is our passion to introduce new people to the beautiful drama of sharing life with the Arabian horse, which we believe was created to share in and enhance the lives of people everywhere.” These are the words of SingingHearts Farm, a Russian Arabian breeding farm in Rogersville, MO. Walt and Sharon Davis take pride in choosing their Straight Russian Broodmares for their personal geno and phenotypes. They stand some of the Premiere Straight Russian Stallions in the

country, representing three of the most important lines in Russian Breeding: Aswan, Salon, and Arax. Singing Heart had great wins this year in Scottsdale -

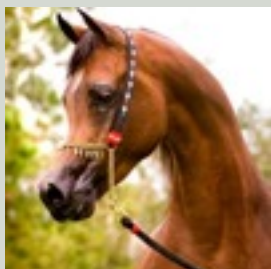
Right Top: Antonina SF with her trainer & rider Jennifer Murrell winning Champion in the Arabian Limited Futurity in Reining and Top Ten in the Open Futurity. - Right Bottom: Aalexsei SF with trainer and rider Troy Murrell winning Reserve Champion in the Arabian Limited Futurity in Reining and 8th in the Open Futurity. Both are sired by Aabsolut.

Russian Reining Arabians

Aabsolut



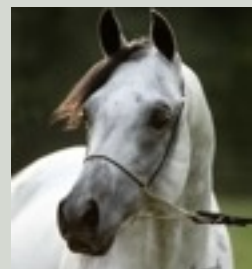
Aafanazi SF



Momentus MG



Parada El Bey



RD Five Star



Twoslidin Performance Horses

is owned and operated by Jennifer and Troy Murrell. Jennifer and Troy both got their horse showing career started in 4-H, Jennifer in her hometown of Jewell, IA and Troy in his hometown of Linneus, MO. Jennifer continued showing horses throughout her college years at William Woods University, in Fulton, MO. Upon graduating in May of 1999 she started work as assistant trainer for Randy Cutbirth in Willard, MO. Troy also continued showing horses as he attended Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. While at Kirksville Troy competed on the Intercollegiate Show Horse Association team and was reserve champion in the Intermediate Horsemanship class at nationals his senior year. Troy began working for Randy in Dec. 1997.

Both Jennifer and Troy owe their success in the reining arena to the late Randy Cutbirth. As they worked with/for Randy learning to train reining horses, they also learned from his amazing ability to teach people to ride their reining horses. Randy was an amazing horseman and teacher and his influence has shaped Jennifer and Troy's training and business philosophy. Jennifer and Troy continued working for Randy until his untimely death in May 2005.

Jennifer is the main operator of Twoslidin Performance Horses which she operates out of the Flyin' M arena near Mt. Vernon, MO. She has been on her own with Troy's support since April of 2007. Jennifer accepts horses for training, clients for lessons and enjoys

giving reining clinics. Jennifer's latest accomplishments include training Aantonina SF to Limited Open Reining Futurity Champion and Open Top Ten Futurity finishes at the Scottsdale Reining Futurities in 2009 & 2010. Aantonina also finished top 10 at the 2009 U.S. Nationals. Jennifer also has titles in the ApHC and the NRHA.

Troy spends the majority of his time managing Singinghearts Farm in Rogersville, MO owned by Sharon and Walt Davis. Troy started working at Singinghearts Farm in April of 2007 as the breeding manager and is now the farm manager/trainer. Troy has had success at Singinghearts Farm earning the Limited Open Reserve Championship and Open top ten at the Scottsdale Reining Futurity in 2010 on Aalexsei SF. Troy has also multiple top ten awards in Scottsdale in sport horse classes. Troy has also received championships and reserve championships showing Singinghearts Farm horses in western pleasure, hunter pleasure, reining and sport horse classes while showing in regions 8, 9 & 11.

Both Jennifer and Troy will be showing at the U.S. National's Reining Futurity. Jennifer will be ridding Aantonina SF and Troy will be ridding Aalexsei SF both are sired by Aabsolut (Princip x Amarilla PR) owned by Singinghearts Farm.

For more information about Twoslidin Performance Horses please contact Jennifer at 417-425-8765 or Troy at 417-425-9322 or twoslidin@live.com. Jennifer and

Troy also stand Spirit of Pine, chestnut quarter horse stallion. Spirit of Pine has sired multiple NRHA money earners as well as get earning world titles in the ApHC, ABHA, AQHA and NRHA.



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Selecting a Reining Prospect

When buying reiners, keep in mind they are athletes first--and they come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. So stay open-minded.

By Bob Avila

When you look for a horse to fill a specific need, it's dangerously easy to get caught up in buying the first thing that comes closest to your particular vision. But keep in mind that reiners are athletes first--and athletes come in all sizes, shapes, and colors, so try to stay open-minded.

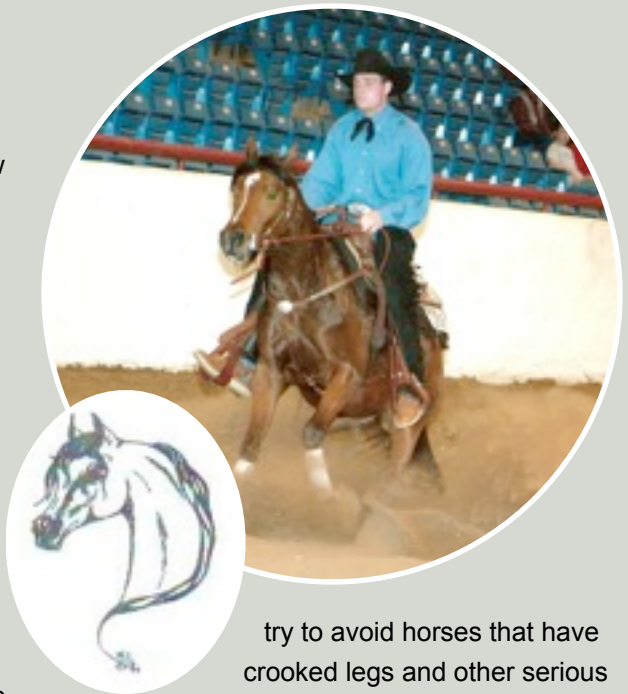
Rather than setting fixed criteria, I evaluate a horse in four key areas--breeding, presence, athleticism, and conformation. A horse needs more pluses than minuses in all four categories before I'll give him serious consideration.

1. Breeding. While good individuals can come from many different bloodlines, a horse that's been bred to be an athlete is the most likely reining prospect. In particular, I like cow horse breeding, or reiners crossed with cutting or cow horses. Breeding isn't the most important factor, but this type of pedigree draws me in, because I've had success with it in the past.
2. Presence. Because I'm looking for show horses, my first impression of a

prospect has a strong influence on my opinion of him. I have to like the horse at first sight, even before he's ridden, because a show horse must be pretty and striking, with real "look-at-me" presence. When something gorgeous comes into the show pen, a judge can't help sitting up and taking notice, and thinking, "Can this one do what it looks like he can do?" That grab of attention gives you an automatic edge in the show pen.

3. Athleticism. The horse may be bred to be an athlete, and he may look like one, but next I want to see and feel that he'll actually be one. Agility, suppleness, balance, and responsiveness are essential for a reiner. Training can improve these qualities, but a good reining prospect should show them from the start. I look for fluid movement at all three gaits, prompt reactions to a rider's cues, plus balanced turns, transitions, and stops.

4. Conformation. A horse that has strong back and hocks, and naturally carries his head and neck almost level, gets a plus from me. He has the build to perform in reining events, and his flat neck will help him stay balanced. I



try to avoid horses that have crooked legs and other serious flaws to increase odds of the horse staying sound. But you'll note that conformation isn't at the top on my list. That's because I've had good horses with all sorts of defects. When a horse's conformation will handicap him in reining events, he'll usually show it in his athleticism (above). A flaw that isn't serious enough to affect his performance or compromise his future soundness probably won't affect my evaluation.

This article first appeared in the July 2001 issue of *Horse & Rider* magazine.

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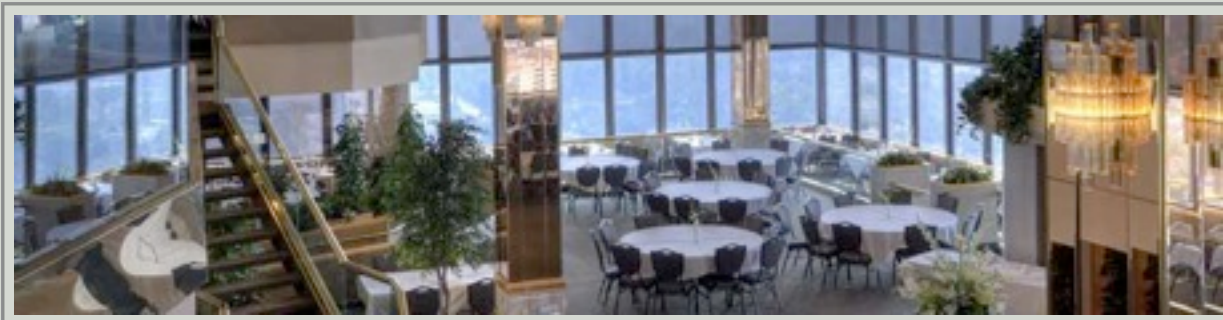
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