

Amateur Classes

At the recent AGM of the Society, questions were raised about the Amateur Classes, and the Board was asked to consider changes that would allow Arabian owners to loan horses to interested amateurs who did not own their own horses but were keen to participate in Arabian showing. It was the consensus of those present at the meeting that this would be an ideal way to introduce newcomers to the breed at a time when we really need to attract new people. As a result, the current rules were studied at the May board meeting and altered to reflect the motion passed at the meeting. We felt pleased to be doing something proactive that hopefully could make newcomers decide that they would like to own their own Arabians, which can only be beneficial for the breed. Unfortunately the changes meant that possible inconsistencies in both rules and intent were brought to our attention, and that it has been decided that we will revert to the rule printed in the 2007 Rule Book for a further twelve months while we canvass opinion on the proposed changes from our members and adjust out application forms, etc. The show season is already well under way in some States which makes this decision imperative. Comments and suggestions are invited from members by mail or email to the Secretary.

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