

BIOGRAPHY:

JAG Lady Pegasus+/ (AHA registration number 322852 and USEF number 4504166) is a 22 year old Half Arabian 13.1 7/8hh mare, born February 11, 1996. She was bred and is owned by Kathy Gilker in Alpharetta, GA. She is out of JAG Silhouette, by Pulask - a son of the Donoghue bred stallion Pulque++ (Skorage x Rohanna). JAG Lady Pegasus+/ is by the Welsh Pony stallion Glyncadno Fairy King. Both sire and dam were owned by Kathy Gilker. "Peggy" was started under saddle by Kathy and finished her training with her daughter, Megan Gilker. She was born a child's horse. At 12 years old Megan took JAG Lady Pegasus+/ to her first show at 4 years old. Peggy has been leased by several youth riders for working hunters (over fences) during her 17 years of showing – all under the age of 13. She was used for children's riding camps and fun camp shows with Centurion Farm and Trowbridge LTD and was a wonderful baby sitter in multiple leadline classes at horse shows. She has had COUNTLESS riders, first timers and walk-trotters enjoy their time with her in the arena and on trail rides.

Peggy took part in the Horse Tales Literacy Project (formerly known as the Black Stallion Literacy Project) and a farm open house at Trowbridge LTD and introduced Girl Scouts to the Arabian horse with Centurion Farm. Peggy was also featured on the Stirrups Clothing Company Fall/Winter 2014 apparel catalog. She was a favorite when the Gilkers had the Forsyth County 4H practicing judging Arabians at the farm in 2018 and gave youth mentees of MentorMe North Georgia, Inc., which teams up school age children and youth with positive role models to help them grow into healthy and productive members of our community, the chance to learn about the Arabian and be hands on with an Arabian.

She is a Legion of Supreme Honor recipient, 2015 AHA Sport Horse Nationals Top Ten Half Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR out of 48 horses with Kelli Bennett and 2015 USEF 8th ranking in Half Arabian Region 12 First Level Dressage Amateur with Megan. JAG Lady Pegasus+/ has garnered multiple Region 12 Champion, Reserve or Top Ten awards in multiple sport horse disciplines. She has trained under hunter, dressage, and eventing/Pony Club trainers over her lifetime and, with that, gave these trainers a chance to see the Arabian horse in action. Peggy's beauty, quality, intelligence, work ethic, athleticism, movement, curiosity, willingness, trainability, resiliency, and understanding of and patience with less experienced riders or handlers are all traits that make her the hallmark of a well-bred Arabian. She has also produced one outstanding ³/₄ Arabian son, JAG Khasanova.

PICTURES ON TWO FOLLOWING PAGES





I, Megan Gilker (AHA Number: 611251), nominate JAG Lady Pegasus+/ (AHA Number: 322852) for the Arabian Horse Association Ambassador Award. JAG Lady Pegasus+/ is the epitome of the Arabian horse as ambassador for the breed – as both a family and youth horse AND a show horse. Looking back on her 22 years of life, I see all the parents, children, trainers, and other individuals that she introduced to the Arabian breed. Peggy represented the breed in a wide variety of ways all over the East Coast – from leases, showing in open shows, participating in children’s horse camps and fun shows, barn open houses, Girl Scouts, photoshoots, the Horse Tales Literacy Program, 4H Groups, Non-Profit Groups, like Mentor Me of North GA, attending Sport Horse Nationals, and so much more.

“Practically Perfect Peggy,” as we affectionately call her, was bred by Kathy Gilker and born on the family farm. Her dam, JAG Silhouette, was a mare I had spent my younger childhood playing with, riding and showing. Peggy continued this legacy of being a child’s pony after Kathy started her under saddle. I showed Peggy in her first show at 4 years old when I was 12 years old and continued to show her and finish training her myself. We took lessons with Pony Club, Eventing and Dressage trainers that rarely or had never worked with Arabians and they all enjoyed working with her. Furthermore, even those already familiar with the Arabian breed admired her – I know her reputation for her beautiful movement, looks and training preceded her every time she was shown!

Over the years at the family farm (JAG Arabian Sport Horses), she gave many first time riders their chance to ride on their own at the walk and introduced people to horses AND the Arabian breed for the first time as well. Her “pocket size” of a little over 13.1hh was less intimidating way to introduce horses to newcomers. During her time at JAG Arabians, she also had the chance to show off her capability to ride completely bridle-less (and without a halter) and bareback riding with me. Also, her lessee Emmalee and several of my friends had a chance to rider her around bareback and in just a halter, which truly showed off her lovely disposition and training.

In 2006, I left for college and ended up bringing Peggy to college at Berry College in Rome, GA with me for about 1.5 semesters. Most of Berry College’s Intercollegiate Horse Show Association team members and the coach, Margaret Knight, for the equestrian team knew very little about Arabians and if they did, it was not a positive opinion, as most came from the open hunter/jumper circuit or the Quarter Horse or Paint circuit. Peggy’s cuteness, sweet personality as well as her great movement and jump and wonderful disposition on the trails helped them knock away those negative connotations.

I decided to lease Peggy after college as I was riding and showing very little being new into the work world. In 2011, she was leased to the Stayton family with their trainer Karen Boysen of Boysen Ltd. or Centurion Farm located in Woodstock, GA at the time. Neither the family nor anyone at the farm was familiar with Arabians – again reason being they competed exclusively on the open hunter/jumper circuit, specifically the very popular and competitive Georgia Hunter Jumper Association. Sydney Stayton was only a walk trot rider at 10 or 11 years old and did crossrails with Peggy. She got reserve champion and several top awards in the open GHJA beginner divisions during her time with Sydney. Furthermore, the hunter/jumper trainer Karen also utilized Peggy for her children’s summer camps and the fun shows. Peggy’s time during this lease offered so many individuals on the local GHJA circuit and at Centurion Farm unfamiliar with the Arabian breed the chance to get to know the breed’s loving and friendly nature and see that they can also be wonderful, quality hunters and children’s horses/ponies.

After Sydney, from 2012 to 2013 Mary Trowbridge of Trowbridge's LTD in Bridgewater, Connecticut and her hunter trainer, Lindsay Knight, leased her for one of their walk, trot, and crossrails clients. Peggy was also a big part of Trowbridge’s LTD’s Horse Tales Literacy Project (formerly known as the Black Stallion Literacy project), which introduced many young children reading and horses, especially Arabian horses.

Peggy was also part of Trowbridge’s LTD’s open houses, summer camp and summer camp horse shows. Again, her sweet, friendly nature proved time and again her ability to be used for newcomers to the Arabian breed. She was used as the “subject” for these events. Also, not to mention, her good looks and quality are a plus as an Ambassador of the Arabian breed.

In 2014, JAG Lady Pegasus+/- had the opportunity to be a model with two young girls, Avery and Macy, for Stirrups Clothing Company's 2014 spring and fall/winter equestrian apparel lines. She was featured on the cover of Stirrup Clothing Company's 2014 Fall/Winter catalog (link to catalog is: https://issuu.com/stirrups/docs/fall_winter_2014_stirrups_clothing_).

In 2015, I got back into showing some and brought Peggy back into the show ring. Kelli and Bob Bennett of Three Oaks Arabian and Training Center of Swansea, South Carolina were so impressed with Peggy's winnings in the spring of 2015 as a medium pony among the bigger Half Arabians, they were interested in leasing her. It proved a wonderful choice as Kelli and JAG Lady Pegasus+/- came home with a Top Ten in HA/AA Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR out of 48 horses at the 2015 Arabian and Half Arabian Sport Horse Nationals in Raleigh. We were fairly certain she was the only pony in that class against all the large Half Arabians, which are typically Warmblood, Thoroughbred or Saddlebred crosses.

After Peggy came back to JAG Arabians at she was used in lessons with Karen Boysen of Centurion Farm, again Karen is the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association Vice President and is exclusively a hunter and equitation trainer for the local and "A" hunter circuit. Kaylee Harmon's, one of Karen's clients, came to love Peggy and her first time showing Peggy in mini-hunter they finished Reserve Champion. Later in 2016, a woman was referred to me to lease a pony instead of purchasing one right away for her beginner daughter who had JUST started taking riding lessons – only about 11 lessons total. The girl, Emmalee, was 11 at the time. Both her parents had grown up with horses but not Arabians. Her father grew up with cutting horses and her mother with barrel horses, but it was a new "sport" and breed for Emmalee. Emmalee could barely guide at the trot and had a very unsteady seat and hand when she leased Peggy in August 2016. Emmalee was doing full courses at 2'-2'3" with lead changes in a large show arena on Peggy within the first 6 months. They were a pair to be reckoned with at horse shows in the crossrails division, often coming home with champion or reserve and with plenty of firsts and seconds even against horses and more seasoned riders at local schooling shows and "C" rated USEF shows. By the time Peggy came back from her year lease with the Lentile's in August 2017, Emmalee's confidence, skills and balance as a rider had soared drastically and she was ready to start schooling higher at 2'6". Renee Lentile, Emmalee's mother, said Peggy was highly admired on the farm of 60 plus horses and ponies and oftentimes people were surprised she was Arabian bred due to her quality of conformation and performance and kindness and patience, especially when Emmalee was first starting to learn to trot, canter and jump. She was the only Arabian or Half Arabian on the farm that exclusively did hunter/jumpers.

The past two years at JAG Arabian Sport Horses, Peggy has had SO many beginners and first-time riders or "back in the saddle" riders I cannot even count. They learn (or re-learn) how to communicate and guide, halt, walk & trot and we even get to take them on trail rides throughout the pasture with her she is so safe. Peggy's patience is undeniable – on the ground and under saddle. She was a favorite when my family invited the Forsyth County 4H Club to practice judging Arabians at the farm in 2018 and gave youth mentees of MentorMe North Georgia, Inc., which teams up school age children and youth with positive role models to help them grow into healthy and productive members of our community, the chance to learn about the horses, the Arabian and be hands on with a horse. Peggy is always incredibly reliable and we are so thankful to have her in our lives to show how incredible the Arabian breed is.

Looking back at the positive experiences that JAG Lady Pegasus+/- provided as a Half Arabian over her 22 years to all the individuals that knew her, she is an ideal candidate for the Arabian Horse Association Ambassador Award. Her diverse background on how she introduced SO many new comers to the breed in an enlightening and positive way AND brought the admiration of already Arabian lovers, proves that her life has served as the perfect example of a proud representative of the Arabian breed.

As a breeder, I could not be more proud of JAG Lady Pegasus+/- and her representation of the Arabian breed over her lifetime. She always brings to mind the Arabian horse as a child's mount in temperament as well as reminding everyone of the beauty, intelligence, work ethic, resiliency, soundness and athleticism that the Arabian breed represents. Throughout her years she introduced so many young riders and brand new horse lovers to the Arabian breed as well as winning the hearts and admiration of trainers, parents, family members, spectators, fellow exhibitors, and farm visitors.

Everyone who meets JAG Lady Pegasus+/- remembers her fondly - Pretty Peggy the Practically Perfect Pony, as we joke. After I started Peggy, at 12 years old my daughter, Megan, started showing Peggy when Peggy was only four. They won everything from Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Over Fences, Hunter Hack, Hunter Pleasure, Sport Horse Undersaddle, Sport Horse In Hand, Training and First Level Dressage. The two of these also won classes at open hunter and combined training shows. We would not tell people before the classes that she was half Arabian, but after she won or placed in all of her classes we would tell everyone. They were all surprised as everyone in the open hunter world thought Arabians were "crazy" and unsuitable for hunters.

When Megan went to college, so did Peggy. Everyone there had the same negative opinion of Arabians until they met Peggy. After they saw her good looks, her jump and got to know her personality they realized what wonderful horses Arabians are.

After college, we leased Peggy to an open Hunter trainer for a walk trot rider where she was also used for summer camp. Once again, her personality, movement and talents proved Arabians could hold their own in the open shows against all breeds.

Afterwards, she was leased to Trowbridge's LTD in Connecticut for a walk trot cross rail rider. She was also used in Mary Trowbridge's Horse Tale Literary Project which introduced many young readers to Arabians. She was also used for summer camp and farm open houses. She showed all those children and adults what an incredible animal the Arabian horse is.

Once Peggy returned from Trowbridge's LTD we were honored to have her model for Stirrups Clothing Company's Fall/Winter 2014 equestrian apparel catalog. This gave her the chance to exhibit the Arabian "good looks" and her wonderful disposition as she worked with two young models for several hours.

At 19 years old, after a year off, Megan showed Peggy again in 2015 winning a top 5 or Champion at Region 12 in Sport Horse In hand, Hunter Hack and Working Hunter. That fall Kelli Bennett leased Peggy and took her to the 2015 Sport Horse Nationals where she placed top ten out of 48 horses and she was the only pony as far as I know.

In 2016 Peggy was leased one more time. A new walk trot rider needed her! Emmalee had only taken a handful of lessons before she took Peggy home. Her parents had grown up with Quarter Horses, but knowing Peggy's history they were ready to take a chance on the "crazy" breed. In one year Emmalee went from a raw beginner to showing and winning in open shows again all breed in crossrails and jumping 2'-2'3" at home. Once again Peggy showed what Arabian horses could do for those who thought they couldn't! I am so pleased that JAG Lady Pegasus+/-, a third-generation foal of my breeding program, was able to exemplify all the many positives of the Arabian horse and share those qualities with so many people in so many diverse ways throughout her lifetime. Now back at my farm for the rest of her life to enjoy her time out of the show ring, she has had a chance to help the 4H of Forsyth County learn how to judge Arabians as well as let the youth of MentorMe of North Georgia, LLC have a positive, hands on first experience with horses. I know Peggy has won my heart, as well as many newcomers to the breed.

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AHA Breed Ambassador Award Nomination/Recommendation Letter:

JAG Lady Pegasus+/ ("Peggy" registration number 322852) possesses the true ideals of the Arabian breed. She has grace and elegance that can hardly be matched. Her looks, easy demeanor and natural charm draw many people to her. With these attributes, Peggy is a true asset to the Arabian breed because she is easily approachable opening the door for people to ask her owners questions about the Arabian breed, as it did with me. Over the years, I've had the pleasure of riding Peggy on a few occasions and she is truly a talented horse.

In 2016, while visiting my sister and nieces, we went to the barn for my niece, Emmalee, to ride. At one point, the horse Emmalee was riding attempted to eat grass and pulled Emmalee right over her head. Later my sister started discussing better options for Emmalee to have a more consistent horse. It was at this point my mind went straight to Peggy. I knew Peggy helped many beginner riders and I felt she would be able to keep my niece on her back instead of on the ground. Peggy possesses the Arabian trademark intelligence. She is capable of knowing when she needs to take care of her rider or when she needs to make her rider try a little harder.

My sister and niece traveled all the way to Georgia from Mississippi to try out the pony I described as the wonder pony. The bond developed between Peggy and Emmalee was instant. Because of Peggy, Emmalee has gone from the young rider easily pulled off to a fearless confident rider able to jump anything you put in front of her. Peggy inspired a young rider to not only want to continue to grow as an equestrian but to have a love for the Arabian horse. She taught Emmalee many valuable lessons about riding and the responsibility of having a horse. Peggy truly came out and shocked many that weren't so sure about the little Arabian pony. The pair showed open-breed shows where they won many of their classes.

Peggy has made a lasting impression not only on me, but my entire family. Without my experiences with Peggy, I am not sure I would have taken on the endeavor of owning my own Arabian.

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To: AHA Ambassador Committee, 2017

From: Kelli Bennett, AHA #775595

Re: AHA Ambassador Nomination of JAG Lady Pegasus +/- (AHA # 322852)

It is a great honor to recommend JAG Lady Pegasus +/- (Peggy) for the 2017 AHA Ambassador Award.

I could go on and on about her show career and you would see how impressive the pages are. But I do not need to tell you anything you already know. I would like to tell you what other traits make Peggy an Ambassador for the breed.

Peggy represents what has always been portrayed as one of the most important of all Arabian characteristics - heart. Peggy loves her job and at the age of 21, that is not a particularly common occurrence.

At the very thought of any ride (at a show, packing a child in a lesson, bareback in the field), her ears prick and her tail starts to barely swing in perfect rhythm similar to a pendulum on a grandfather clock. Her heart soars and her youth returns. Her spirit makes you smile and second guess your decision to retire your own horse or pony.

Watching her trot off with rider in tote is that same visual that makes us smile when we think of watching a child trot off on their first pony - youth, adventure, determination, honesty and heart. Today, you can see that very expression along with wisdom as Peggy wistfully gazes at you.

What words could better describe the Arabian/Half Arabian horse? Peggy is a constant, as consistent as anyone could ever hope. She has been successful both in and out of the show ring. Peggy is the picture that immediately comes to mind when asked to describe an Arabian - suitable for many disciplines, elegant in movement and conformation, and loving in personality. Heart - after all, is what defines the Arabian horse character.

Sincerely,

Kelli Bennett

Growing up, I honestly can't think of many positive memories of Arabian horses. When I was just a little girl learning to ride at a hunter barn, the absolute last horse I wanted to be paired with for lessons was always the Arabian school horse. My best childhood friend leased a near un-ridable four-year-old Egyptian mare when she was too young and unexperienced for the challenge of a green horse, then years later the same friend went on to buy a Polish gelding, who admittedly I loved spending time with but loathed riding.

Fast forward to my college years, I joined the Berry College equestrian team. I hate admitting this now but by this point in life, Arabians were by far my least liked breed of horses. I was one of those people who thought all Arabians were high-strung, too panicky and didn't think they had the grace of your typical hunter horse. Come to find out, my new college friends, Jessica & Megan Gilker had raised and trained Arabians since before they could walk. Boy, did I have to take back every negative assumption I'd ever had about Arabians when they brought their two Sport ponies to the college barn. To this day, I don't think I have ever ridden or handled two better behaved horses in my life. With personalities to match their riders, Jessica & Knight being the thoughtful, determined pair, with Megan & Pegasus being the bold and confident couple. While each horse had their strengths, neither horse had weaknesses that even a well-trained eye could pick out. They were both favorites of the equestrian team with not one person finishing a ride on either pony without falling in completely love with them.

I would like to nominate JAG Lady Pegasus the Arabian Horse Association Ambassador Award.

JAG Lady Pegasus, Peggy, is definitely your typical mare in the sense that her opinion is the loudest; however, after a few minutes of riding you quickly realize her opinion is also better than yours. Try to tell her to do something wrong and she will work to correct your riding habits and may even make you aware of unnoticed bad habits. Pegasus likes things to be done right but if you don't do it right, she will help you get there. Peggy knows her job forwards and backwards yet never seems to get bored of it, she is a schoolmaster with the heart of a driven competitor.

I can't help but credit the Gilker's and their lovely barn full of Arabian sport horses for opening my eyes to endless capabilities of Arabians. Their horses are all responsive and bright. They have trained them to be aware of their riders and supple at the lightest touch. They have the highest expectations for their horses and give them every opportunity to reach and surpass the goals placed before them. I would be shocked to hear about any other horse placing before any one of the Gilker's perfectly behaved ponies. The Gilker's hardwork and dedication to the sport is easily seen in the accomplishments of their beautifully bred horses. I couldn't pick two better ambassadors for the breed than these two sibling horses with their twin human partners who forced me to realize what a fantastic and talented breed Arabians truly are.

Sincerely,

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JAG Lady Pegasus +/

Ambassador Award

Dear Committee,

I've had the pleasure of knowing "Peggy" for several years now as a friend and fellow teammate of her owners while on the Berry College Equestrian Team. As someone with a background showing AQHA and APHA English and western pleasure, Peggy was a pleasant surprise. I was not expecting a horse of her breeding to be more level-headed and well-behaved than the show horses I was used to riding. My first time riding Peggy, I was able to hop on her bareback with just a halter and lead rope and go around the ring with no issues! At the time, this was a major step and confidence builder for me, as I'd had a recent horse accident and was not feeling comfortable riding anymore, especially on a horse I didn't know. Peggy made it easy to trust her, and she took great care of me that day.

My own experiences with Peggy and knowing of her show career with multiple young girls, let's me know she is the perfect candidate for the Ambassador Award. Seeing their smiling faces and their confidence build, as mine did, exemplify the type of personality and breeding Peggy has. Not only does she work hard for her lessees, but she is a great mount for any person visiting her owners' farm and wanting to ride for the first time. She is an excellent example of the breed and has certainly influenced my view of the breed for the better.

Sincerely,

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AHA Ambassador Award Nomination Letter for JAG Lady Pegasus+/:

We first met JAG Lady Pegasus+/, "Peggy," in the summer of 2016. My daughter had just begun taking riding lessons and we decided to step out on a branch and lease her a pony. A bit sudden, I will say, however having grown up with horses myself I knew that this special experience would be one she would always hold dear to her heart. We made a special trip down to Atlanta to take a look at Peggy and to allow Emmalee a chance to try her out. Emmalee was such a fresh rider - barely 2 months in the saddle. I must say, I was a bit anxious at the thought of rushing into something. However, that something turned out to be the best decision we could have ever made! One look at Peggy and we were all in love! We recognized her talents immediately. She is the most graceful, kind natured, beautiful pony, with a work ethic that far exceeds any horse I've ever known. She has a heart and desire to truly teach her rider. That very day when my 8 year old daughter rode Peggy for the first time, I knew it was the start of a horse-human relationship like none other I had ever witnessed. As her first pony, Peggy blessed her with the experience of the patience and the joy of having unconditional love from an animal. Even in the early days, when Emmalee's balance wasn't quite there and she took a few slides off of miss Peggy - as I would look on with anguish, my heart racing - Peggy would just stop and stand above , looking down at her little rider with an expression as if she were saying "What just happened? Come on, get back up - let's try again!" I fully trusted my child's safety to this experienced soul. Peggy helped to form Emmalee into the amazingly talented little rider she is today, no doubt about it! Every time she and Peggy pulled up to a show everyone there knew they'd have to work extra hard to beat this duo! Emmalee spent every day at the barn either riding, pampering or just loving on Peggy. She helped to teach her the real meaning of hard work. Every now and then one may be lucky enough to encounter a special horse that makes a profound difference in a rider's life; Enable a bond between horse and rider that can surpass even many human relationships. We were fortunate to have this pony and to be able to deliver both of those things to our daughter because of Peggy! There aren't enough awards given to recognize the immense amount of dedication and love she has for her rider. She is most certainly one of a kind. Renee Lentile
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Recommendation Letter for JAG Lady Pegasus+/-

I first met Peggy in June of 2016. I traveled to Georgia with one of my brand new riding students who was looking at leasing Peggy after only riding for a few months. My initial thoughts were wow this is jumping the gun but when I first saw Peggy it was love at first sight! ♥ Peggy has taught Emmalee so much in one year. She has not only made her the good little rider that she is today but she has also taught Emmalee how to care for a pony on a daily basis as well as sprucing way up for a show. Peggy has shown Emmalee how to be a competitive rider in the ring where she brought home many ribbons , most of them blue , but also a few disappointments that only sparked her determination to work harder. Through this process, Emmalee has learned about sportsmanship whether it was accepting congratulations or learning to congratulate others! Peggy is probably the cutest pony I personally know. She is sweet and gentle and has a heart of gold!!! Louise Carruthers Trainer of Emmalee Lentile Trainer at Oak View Stables www.oakviewstables.net

My time with JAG Lady Pegasus

By Sydney Stayton

When I was 10, my trainer and my mom found me the most wonderful pony to lease to help teach me Crossrail jumping. Her name was Lady Pegasus. I just called her Peggy. She had just had a baby and needed to get back in shape so her owners, Megan and Jessica Gilker let me lease her for a while.

Peggy was kind of like my mom. She was sweet a lot of the times, but she could also be firm and teach me a lesson! She was so smart and a great teacher for sure. She taught me how to use my legs to ask her to go instead of my hands. She taught me to keep my balance in the stirrups while posting because if I didn't, she would just turn whatever direction I was leaning. Peggy gave me confidence to jump crossrails and I also learned how to canter with her. We spent a lot of time hanging out together in the pasture too. I would sit on her back while she ate grass.

Peggy and I won a LOT of ribbons together. At one show, we won all 5 classes and the High Point award for the day! She was so fancy and judges always noticed us. Other girls would come up and ask me about her at shows too. I couldn't believe I got to ride such a fancy and expensive pony. Peggy taught me so many things in the year that I had her and I am so thankful to the Gilker family, my trainer Karen Boysen and my parents for allowing me a year with such a wonderful pony!

JAG LADY PEGASUS+/
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Recommendation Letter for JAG Lady Pegasus+/

Peggy was such an amazing pony. She was so easy to manage. She taught me so much and made me such a better rider. She even helped out with my Girl Scout Troop horse back riding badge. She was always doing her best in everything she did. In the first show I did on Peggy we got reserve champion in our mini hunter class.

Kaylee Harmon

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JAG Lady Pegasus+ (322852) has been an Arabian ambassador since before she was born. She was bred and raised to be a youth horse, like her dam JAG Silhouette. Kathy Gilker started her under saddle and then handed the reins to Megan Gilker. Megan, at 12, showed Pegasus, 4 years old, in her first show. Megan showed Pegasus over the years in working hunter, hunt seat equitation, dressage, combined training, hunter pleasure, sport horse under saddle in open and AHA shows. They schooled cross country, went on hunter paces, and Junior Fox hunts together. Pegasus was admired everywhere she went for her kindness, reliability, beauty, and wonderful movement. Countless trainers and parents wanted to take "Perfect Peggy" home for their own students or child. Through the years Pegasus was ridden by Gilker family friends and their children - sometimes their first experience with an Arabian or horses in general.

Pegasus went along with Megan to Berry College in 2006 for a semester and stayed on the Berry College equestrian team (IHSA) and animal science campus. Peggy again showed college team members, staff and animal science majors the wonderful personality, kindness, athleticism and beauty of an Arabian bred horse.

Since then Pegasus has been leased and shown by youth riders, taught endless amounts of for youth riders during summer camps, and an ambassador for the Arabian in numerous youth programs. JAG Lady Pegasus+ has been a choice of several trainers, farms, and families including ShowMe Farm, Trowbridge Ltd, Centurion Farm, Three Oaks Arabians, the Staytons, Lentiles and others to be their show horse, lesson horse, and youth companion. She has participated in the Black Stallion Literacy Program, Girl Scouts troops earning their Equestrian Badges, helping teach the Forsyth County 4H about the Arabian horses and how to judge them, and introducing Mentorees and Mentors in the Forsyth MentorMe group to horses, the Arabian, and basics of riding in a demonstration. Peggy now has several adult riders enjoying her steadiness, reliability and sweetness most recently as they are recently getting back into riding.

Peggy will continue to be an amazing ambassador for the breed with several Girl Scouts troops and non-profit groups scheduled for fall and winter 2018 to enjoy her sweet and inviting personality and introduce them to the wonderful Arabian horse.

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