

## BIOGRAPHY

JAG Royal Knight (AHA #326957 - USEF #4976191 - GHJA #24015) is a 20 year old Half Arabian, 13.2 hh gelding born February 8, 1997. He was bred and is owned by Kathy Gilker in Alpharetta, GA. He is out of JAG Silhouette, by Pulask - a son of the Donoghue bred stallion Pulque++ (Skorage x Rohanna). JAG Royal Knight is by the Welsh Pony stallion Glyncadno Fairy King. Both sire and dam were owned by Kathy Gilker. Knight is 3rd generation of Kathy's program. Knight no doubt received his beautiful movement, king eye, sweet and wonderful personality from his Arabian dam, Silhouette. Knight was started under saddle by Kathy and finished his training with her daughter, Jessica Gilker. He was born a child's horse and have ridden by a professional.

Knight has been shown on the Arabian, open local hunter, and open USEF rated hunter circuit. Over his most recent 8 years on the open circuit he has been successful with over 11 different youth riders in both USEF rated and local shows in hunters, medal classes, derbies and equitation. His show career began at local open hunter and combined training shows at 5 years old, then at Arabian Horse Association shows in 2003, but his talent for going against non-Arabians has been undeniable.

Knight's Georgia Hunter Jumper Association record can be viewed at:

<http://ghja.orgpro-rsmh.net/horse.php?number=24015>

USEF Show Record/Horse Report can be seen here:

<http://bit.ly/2gq0kGo>

JAG Royal Knight featured in the *Paisley Pony*, in Spring 2015

[https://issuu.com/thepaisleymagazine/docs/spring\\_paisley\\_web\\_versionlr/52](https://issuu.com/thepaisleymagazine/docs/spring_paisley_web_versionlr/52)

JAG Royal Knight featured on page 9 of the *Arabian Sport Horse Magazine* Fall Issue 2014.

<https://issuu.com/thearabiansporthorse/docs/fall-14-issuu>

JAG Royal Knight was featured in a *Horse Nation* article on Arabian sport horses.

<http://www.horsenation.com/2015/02/03/how-arabian-sport-horses-are-changing-the-game/>

JAG Royal Knight was featured in April 2017 *Chronicle of the Horse* magazine for his 2016 End of the Year Champion for the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association in their "2017 Horse Show Issue". Vol. 80, Issue 8 (03/27/2017) (see image on image page)

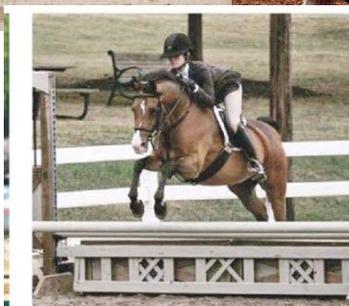
One of the highest points of Knight's open competition career is his 2014 USEF Pony Finals 19th place in Green Medium Ponies out of 70 ponies with Anna Tootle. As far as I am aware, he was the only Arabian bred pony in the Medium Green Pony division that year and the only placing registered Arabian bred hunter. He placed 14th in Medium Green Pony Over Fences. You can see their video of the over fences round at: <https://youtu.be/njy9BU2iMJU>

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Knight not only has a long, successful show record in hunters, but has been successful in Training Level Dressage and Combined Training. He is an ideal partner for all hunter paces and cross country rides as well. He has been used for professional photo shoots for Stirrups Clothing Company and James Hill Photography. He truly is an all-around athletic and versatile horse. Knight's beauty, quality, intelligence, work ethic, athleticism, movement, soundness, curiosity, willingness, trainability, and understanding of and patience with less experienced riders or handlers are all traits that make him the hallmark of a well-bred Arabian.

**PICTURES ON TWO FOLLOWING PAGES**





JAG Royal Knight and his rider Anna got a little photo in *The Chronicle of the Horse* April 2017, Vol. 80, Issue 8, for their 2016 champion schooling pony on the local Georgia Hunter Jumper Association circuit.

▶ Anna Tootle on Kathy Gilker's JAG Royal Knight

I, Megan Gilker (AHA Number: 611251), nominate JAG Royal Knight (AHA number: 326957) for the Arabian Horse Association Open Competition Award.

JAG Royal Knight's extensive open show career makes him the ideal candidate for the Arabian Horse Association's Open Competition Award, especially with his open recorded wins being exclusively with youth riders who had no prior experience with the Arabian breed. The high point of Knight's open competition career is his 2014 USEF Pony Finals 19th placing in Green Medium Pony out of 70 ponies.

Knight's recorded open show career began in 2009 on the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association's open local circuit. Over his 8 years on the open circuit he has been successful with over 11 different youth riders in both USEF rated and local shows in hunters, medal classes, derbies and equitation. His show career began at Arabian Horse Association shows in 2003, but his talent for going against non-Arabians has been undeniable.

His entire GHJA show record, both local and USEF rated, can be viewed on the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association's website at: <http://ghja.orgpro-rsmh.net/horse.php?number=24015> His GHJA number is: #24015 and his USEF number is: 4976191. Please see his entire USEF report online or attached.

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Knight and Anna received 19 overall out of 70 ponies, which score them on their flat/under saddle class, a model conformation class and the over fences round. Anna had taken 9 ponies to Pony Finals in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and Knight's 19th place was the HIGHEST she had ever received up to 2014. This was a huge career opportunity for Anna as a pony rider AND for the Arabian breed as Pony Finals is the crème of the crop when it comes to quality ponies and competition. Placing in the top 20 at the USEF Pony Finals is THE epitome of a successful open pony's show career and Knight accomplished this while representing the Arabian breed. Furthermore, because of his representation of the Arabian breed at Pony Finals, JAG Royal Knight was featured in a Horse Nation article on Arabian sport horses. See: <http://www.horsenation.com/2015/02/03/how-arabian-sport-horses-are-changing-the-game/> Also, Knight was featured on page 9 of the Arabian Sport Horse Magazine Fall Issue 2014. See: <https://issuu.com/thearabiansporthorse/docs/fall-14-issuu>. He was also featured in the Paisley Pony: [https://issuu.com/thepaisleymagazine/docs/spring\\_paisley\\_web\\_versionlr/52](https://issuu.com/thepaisleymagazine/docs/spring_paisley_web_versionlr/52)

JAG Royal Knight received multiple awards through the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association, which is an extremely popular and competitive Hunter/Jumper association. His year-end awards were presented at the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association banquet which has almost 100 attendees.

In 2014, Knight received Champion Medium Pony Hunter at GHJA Finals with Anna Tootle. He was also 2014 Reserve Champion High Scoring Horse of the ENTIRE GHJA Finals competition. In 2015, he received 4th Place Local Medium Pony Hunter with his tiny lessee at the time, Molly Segars. Knight also received 2016 Schooling Pony Champion with Anna Tootle, which earned his name to be permanently engraved on a perpetual trophy for the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association. The most exciting part of this win is that JAG Royal Knight had a photo of he and Anna Tootle in The Chronicle of the Horse "2017 Horse Show Issue." What I also loved about the 2016 GHJA Finals is that a youth rider, Harley Dozier, rode Knight for the very first time and placed 6th in the 2016 GHJA Pony Medal Finals against a great group of talented and fancy ponies and riders.

Knight has been shown by the following riders as youth: Autumn Johnson, Elizabeth Craig, Molly Segars, Mary Grace Segars, Lillian "Lilly" Davis, Michelle Haskins, Sydney Stayton, Jessica Gilker, Megan Gilker,

and Harley Dozier as well as several unknown riders that borrowed him at and for open GHJA shows through the connections of hunter trainer Karen Boysen of Centurion Farm. In November 2014, a young girl borrowed Knight for her championship class and they were second out of 15 - the first time she had ridden him.

Other highlights of Knight's GHJA career include:

2017 with Macy Deriso in Short Stirrup (against horses and ponies):  
Reserve Champion at Cheryl & Co July II

2016 with Mary Grace Segars in Medium Pony Hunter USEF Rated:  
Champion at Cheryl & Co Spring Fling - B

2016 with Anna Tootle and Macy Deriso in Schooling Pony Hunters:  
Champion Cheryl & Co

Champion Cheryl & Co  
Champion Elite Show Jumping

2015 with Molly Segars in Medium OR Pony Hunters:  
Champion Good Old Summertime  
Champion Schooling Pony Elite Show Jumping

2014 with Anna Tootle:  
Champion GHJA Grand Finale & Finals

2014 Schooling Hunter with Anna Tootle:  
Champion Cheryl & Co Summer I  
Champion Cheryl & Co Summer II  
Champion Ticket to Ride Benefit  
Champion Cheryl & Co Fall I  
Champion Cheryl & Co Fall II  
Champion Cheryl & Co Fall IV  
Champion Brownwood Halloween II  
Champion HSV Southeastern HJ Series XII

2009 Long Stirrup with Autumn Johnson:  
Champion Bolshoi Benefit I  
Champion Bolshoi Benefit II  
Champion Brownwood Fall I  
Champion Brownwood Fall II

Currently, as of August 2017, JAG Royal Knight and his current lessee, Macy Deriso, stand in 7th place in Short Stirrup with only 9 shows, whereas the leading horse has attended 18 shows. Macy is 11 this year. Macy and Knight will attend the 2017 GHJA Finals in November.

He has many more years to come to garner more wins on the open hunter circuit in honor of and to represent the Arabian breed!

JAG Royal Knight (AHA #326957 - USEF #4976191) has been influential as an open competitor for the Arabian and Half Arabian breed on the open hunter world both locally and at the National level. Since 2009, after competing on the "A" Arabian and local hunter circuit with me personally for years, Knight was leased and shown by many riders to wins both on the local and "A" USEF hunter circuit. With Autumn Johnson from 2009-2010 they received numerous awards on the open Georgia Hunter Jumper circuit in the Long Stirrup 2'3" division. In 2012, Michelle Haskins and Knight received many Championship wins in Short Stirrup division on the local Georgia Hunter Jumper Association circuit.

From 2014-2015 Knight was shown by Anna Tootle on both the local Georgia Hunter Jumper Association circuit and the "A" USEF Hunter/Jumper circuit in Schooling Pony, Green Medium Pony Hunter, Pony Derby, and Pony Classic classes. Knight is the only registered Arabian Anna has ever ridden or competed. Together Knight and Anna qualified for 2014 USEF Pony Finals in one show. In August 2014, the pair received 19th overall out of 70 ponies at the USEF 2014 United States Pony Finals in Medium Green division (39th in Model, 13th over fences). This was Anna's first ribbon at Pony Finals with Knight after having competed at that level for several years. Knight's placing is the highest placing for an Arabian bred pony at USEF Pony Finals in the hunter divisions, from my knowledge.

From 2015-2016 Knight was leased by Molly and Mary Segars for the Medium Pony division and Pony Hunter Classic division in both the local Georgia Hunter Jumper Association show and USEF Hunter/Jumper shows. Again, they ended the season with several Championships and Reserve Championships and qualified for the USEF Pony Finals again. Anna finished out the 2016 year with Knight, a pair that is unstoppable together, again with many division Championship wins.

In between his leases, Knight has carried countless other youth riders including Lillian Davis, Sydney Stayton, Elizabeth Craig, Harley Dozier and other young riders to wins in Walk Trot, Walk Trot Canter, Cross Rail, Equitation, and Pony Medal classes on the local Georgia Hunter Jumper Circuit and USEF open hunter/jumper shows. Knight is the epitome of a horse or pony's ideal competition career being successful in multiple divisions with multiple riders.

For all of these riders, Knight has been their first Arabian or Half Arabian to ride and compete on. Knight is both the ideal competitor as a hunter pony and a Half Arabian pony - to showcase a talented, quality pony with an amazing temperament to be chosen as a youth open show competition pony. All of these open shows have been against non-Arabian/Half Arabian horses and Knight has been successful in all his divisions as a Half Arabian.

Knight's winnings and placings have always been promoted on social media (Instagram and Facebook) through his lessees, riders, the trainers he has worked under, and his owners. Knight has been submitted and published in several publications including The Chronicle of the Horse, Horse Nation, Paisley Pony, and the Arabian Sport Horse Magazine.

JAG Royal Knight, at 20, is still competing successfully on the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association circuit and winning with his current lessee, Macy Deriso, in Short Stirrup division. They will compete together at the 2017 GHJA Finals in November together. This pair continues to prove Knight's athletic ability and talent for the hunter divisions and will continue to represent the Arabian breed and be admired for these qualities in USEF rated and unrated open competitions.

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JAG Royal Knight from 2002 to 2011, was shown in combined training, Pony Club, Arabian, and open hunter shows by junior riders. Since 2011, he has been show exclusively at Georgia Hunter Jumper Association show and open "A" rated USEF hunter shows since then.

From 2009 to now Knight has many wins with 7+ different young riders in open local and USEF "A" rated Georgia Hunter Jumper shows. With his variety of riders he has been successful in divisions from walk trot, short stirrup, long stirrup, schooling pony, all the way to Medium Pony and Pony Classic.

After qualifying in only one show, Knight went onto place 19th out of 70 at the USEF Pony Finals in the Medium Green division. JAG Royal Knight has been featured in an article in Horse National, the Arabian Sport Horse, the Paisley Pony, and had his photos and credits in the Chronicle of the Horse.

At 20, Knight is still showing open and "A" rated hunter show. He is still high point or reserve pony at the end of each year for the Georgia Arabian Hunter Jumper Association. His extensive show record for both GHJA and USEF is an example of his success with multiple riders and very different riding levels.

His breed characteristics as an Arabian, his beauty, athleticism, quiet personality, intelligence, correct conformation, and free movement have made him a wonderful competitor in the open hunter divisions. I am lucky to have produced a pony that allowed not only my daughters to learn on and become successful show competitors, but countless others with Knight helping them reach their yearly goals as riders with countless wins, championships, and end the year awards.

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My first encounter with JAG Royal Knight ("Knight") happened at Berry College when his owner Jessica Gilker brought him to college with her in 2006. My first thoughts were how handsome he was. He possesses this incredibly sweet/kind face with the cutest ears exactly as you would expect on an Arabian. However, Knight is more than just a good looking Arabian, he is also well behaved, intelligent and athletic.

Knight's easy going demeanor is an asset to the breed as he is able to help break the stereotype of the Arabian horse. Knight is one of my first encounters with an Arabian and he has made a lasting impression. At the time I met Knight I knew very little about Arabians and Knight became my first real interaction with the breed. Knight has this way of making everyone around fall in love with him. He might not be the largest horse around but he will be the one everyone pays attention to!

I have had the pleasure of seeing Knight show on many occasions by several young riders. Any time I am told that he is showing I jump at the chance of getting to see him wipe up the competition at open shows against all breeds at hunter shows. He has truly shown me how impressive the Arabian breed can be at open hunter shows.

Knight truly is an incredible representation of what an Arabian should be. This "pony" is one of the many reasons I became an avid fan of the Arabian horse. Without my experiences with Knight and Peggy I am not sure I would have taken on the endeavor of owning my own Arabian.

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I have personally known JAG Royal Knight for 5 years now. Towards the end of my 2016 show season I outgrew my small pony who was a challenge. I knew exactly who I wanted my next pony to be.... Knight. We started leasing Knight in September 2016. As soon as I sat on him I could tell we had a special bond. I had only ridden him a couple times previously when I was younger. He even lets my little brother, who doesn't normally ride horses, ride him a few times. Knight has always kept me safe in the ring. He is a good listener, even when I growl at him at times. He makes me laugh when he wants to be lazy. But that's ok he is 20 years old now.

He has worked very hard over his years. He went to Pony Finals in Kentucky in August 2014. He was amazing. He placed 19th in the Green Medium pony division against some really awesome ponies.

So far we have had a awesome show season at Georgia Hunter Jumper Association shows. We have received quite a few Champion, Reserve Champion, placed in medals, and received first places, seconds, etc. in Short Stirrup and Equitation. I'm proud of both of us and I can't wait to see how we end up this show season. I wish I could ride him forever. He is my Knight in Shining Armor and always will be. 💕💕🐾

Sincerely,

Macy Deriso

(12 years old)  
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Dear Awards Committee,

I am writing to tell you about a very special pony known as JAG Royal Knight. Knight came into my life 8 years ago and he has never left. I was fortunate enough to have a student of mine lease him 8 yrs ago as a short stirrup pony. Knight was a step up from her cross rails pony. I met Knight when he was 12. I was hesitant at first because he was half Arabian. Hunter Jumper trainers are not supposed to like the Arabian bred horses, but this pony completely changed my impression of the breed. His rider Michelle was very dedicated to her riding, so much that at times I had to tell her to give him a day off. Knight took her to the GHJA finals and won ribbons in the short stirrup. That year Michelle and Knight won several year end awards in Short stirrup Hunter and Equitation. It was time for Michelle to move on to a new pony because she had out grown Knight due to his size. Once we found her a new pony we ended our lease, but I wouldn't let him leave the barn because I knew what a special pony he is and I know a kid would come along. His former rider Michelle kept both ponies going for several months till his next kid came along. His next kid was not super confident and started riding and showing him in the cross rails and mini hunter. Knight was so patient and kind to her as she was an extremely nervous in the show ring. One day while his current kid was out of town I invited a local pony jockey to come give him a tune up. Of course he was perfect! His current leaser wanted to see him show in a more advanced class at the horse show to give him and her some confidence. At the next show I asked Anna to show him in a 2ft class to show his current rider that he would take care of her, and he did! The next week the spring weather made Knight was a little fresh, so I asked Anna to come to the farm and ride him for me. When Anna arrived she was very sad because she had just sold her favorite pony, the pony that she was going to take to pony finals that year. When we got to talking we realized that Knight was eligible to compete as a medium green. Jokingly I said why don't you take Knight. His leaser was moving onto a horse and no one would be riding him. So the next month we spend getting him jumping a little higher and a little more in shape. I asked the Gilker family permission to show him at this level. After all, he was just a short stirrup pony right? We knew our window was small as the deadline to qualify for pony finals was fast approaching. We needed to get his permanent medium card, get qualified all in about 2 horse shows...yikes the pressure. In true Knight form he stepped up and not only got measured, but also won every class at that A show. Clean sweep in the schooling pony and clean sweep in the medium green division. We ( team Knight) were so excited. This was his first and only A/USEF rated open horse show before pony finals.

Fast forward to August 2014. I was still teaching school, so I couldn't stay the full week. I dropped Knight off on Sunday and would return on Wednesday to help. Anna and Knight schooled beautifully each day and you would have thought Knight had been to Pony Finals before. It was model hack day for the medium greens we were in the middle of the groups so we didn't have to be up at the crack of dawn, but I decided to get there early just to make sure he was perfect. He walked in the model ring and got scores in the high 70's and low 80's, we were excited. He didn't hack as well as he usually did but he was still impressive and had scores in the upper 70's. We schooled that afternoon and put him to bed to get ready to jump tomorrow. Our scores put us in 44th out of 120 ponies. We were elated. The next morning was a blur. A hack and a ticket warm up and our one round in the big Walnut ring. He walked in that scary Walnut ring and had a beautiful round. His scores were in the high 70's and low 80's giving us a great overall score. He held his # 1 spot for at least 15 rounds. As the top ponies in his class entered the ring, I knew we would get bumped. I was back at the barn starting to unbraided him when I got a call to STOP he might get a ribbon. I really thought they were joking. The last 5 ponies in the ring I was told to bring him to the ring to wait. Never ever did I imagine Knight

would get a ribbon. Knight my 17 yr old half Arabian Welsh was going to get a ribbon against the top ponies in the country. Knight finished 12th over fences and 19th over all. WOW what an experience. Anna rode him so well, they had a great partnership. Walking back from the ring with a ribbon on his bridle I could have sold Knight 3 x. Actually 3 people asked if he was for sale and joyously I said "I am sorry but no he is not for sale."

We returned from Pony Finals 2014 and gave Knight a well deserved week off. He went back to work with a girl that half leased him. He horse showed trail rode hunter paced and taught lesson. He finished off that season with a Reserve Champion in the GHJA schooling pony division. I then leased him to a friend for a few months for her daughter. When he got back off that 6 month lease, we decided to show him in schooling pony to keep him tuned up for his next kid. His pony finals rider Anna would meet us at the shows. In 2016 Knight was GHJA Schooling pony Champion. I offered him to a student that I started in my program as a 5 yr old. She had ridden Knight before a few times but her legs were really never long enough for him then. Macy had outgrown her small cross rails pony and was ready for Knight. They make a great pair. Currently Macy and Knight are in the top 10 in 11 and under, top 10 in Short stirrup Equitation and top 10 Short stirrup Hunter. We still have 3 months left to show.

Knight deserves a recognition award because he is truly an all around pony and he represents his Arabian heritage well. In the 8 years of having Knight in my program he is truly the easiest, most well behaved pony I have ever worked with. He definitely touched my heart and many others a long the way. There will never be another JAG Royal Knight and I am very grateful to his owners and breeder Kathy Gilker for trusting me with this once in a lifetime pony JAG Royal Knight.

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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 Royal Knight for the Open Competition Award.

JAG Royal Knight, Knight is one of the kindest horses I have ever met. Always trying to please, always listening. At any point in the 10 years I have known Knight he could be trusted with a toddler on his back and go on to be competitive with any advanced rider. Ask of him whatever you want but expect him to put 110% into it. Knight wants to do his best for his rider no matter their level and is always patient when their level is not near as fine-tuned as he is. He has successfully competed on the open hunter circuit with a variety of riders against all breeds of ponies. Knight has really gone to the top of the pony world, placing at the 2014 USEF Pony Finals in Kentucky.

I can't help but credit the Gilker's and their lovely barn full of Arabian sporthorses 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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I would like to nominate JAG Royal Knight for the Open Competition Award. Knight is an amazing pony one of the coolest ponies I have ever ridden, he's so sweet and very chill. Knight is very fancy and even though Arabians aren't super common in the hunter ring he fit in perfectly with the rest of them. I also love Knight because not only can he be very competitive with the big name hunter ponies but he is also super quiet and go around just as well with a young beginner! Knight will always be one of my favorite ponies I have ridden! I was very lucky to ride him to a 19th placing at the USEF Pony Finals in 2014 out of 70 ponies and riders!

Anna Tootle  
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I would like to nominate JAG Royal Knight for the Open Competition Award.

Knight is a wonderful pony who exhibits so many wonderful characteristics that Arabian horses are known for. He is beautiful, with expressive eyes and a wonderful expression. He is kind, and takes great care of his riders. He has a fabulous work ethic and loves his job.

Knight has been a very competitive pony hunter on a local and national level. He has definitely been a very positive ambassador for the Arabian horse. Knight is the first registered Arabian my daughter has ever ridden and competed. They were very successful as a pair together.

Carri Tootle

(Mom of Anna Tootle, who was honored to pilot Knight around Pony Finals, earning 19th)

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JAG Royal Knight (AHA 326957) was one of the first ponies I leased when I was twelve/thirteen, six years ago. This amazing Arabian/Welsh medium pony was the next step in my riding career at the time, he had lead changes and was more athletic than my previous pony.

Knight was always patient, willing to accept my mistakes and let me figure it out, he helped me see what a nice smooth hunter course should feel like. He has an amazing disposition, great with kids, and his personality is that of a saint. He taught me how to win classes in our Short Stirrup division on the Georgia Hunter Jumper circuit. With his solid heart and great mind set he prepared me for my next pony, a five year old green broke large pony.

Knight, bred by Kathy Gilker, is owned by the best people who care for him with so much love that he is still in great health and continues to show with another young girl despite his growing age, and continues to win at hunter shows and hearts!

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