

# Care and Maintenance of Arabian Show Horse Breeding Stock

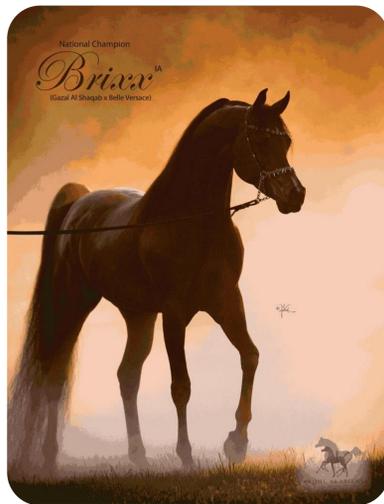
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## Rohl Arabians

Rohl Arabians in an Arabian breeding barn located in Fargo ND. They began breeding Arabians in the early 2000's with the stud Brixx IA, foaled in 2006, a national and international halter horse grand champion. From that stud, the Rohls bred foal that went on to win national titles. Leading to the Rohls rise in success and prestige within the Arabian show circuit.

Supervisors include Renae and Regan Rohl, the owners of Rohl Arabians. The acquisition of the internship was achieved through prior employment with the Rohls.

Intern will care for and attend to the wellbeing and continued physical upkeep of all mares and foals as well as train and halter break foals.



## Skills

Skills needed to be successful include basic horse care knowledge, willingness to learn, patience with the new foals, and courage. The adults are large and hot blooded so, a lack of confidence will insure failure when handling the adults.

Daily responsibilities included

- feeding a specially formulated rations to all horses and foals,
- Maintenance of stall integrity and cleanliness
- Basic veterinary care.
- Horses also needed to be bathed and appropriately groomed
- Including brushing and show clipping.

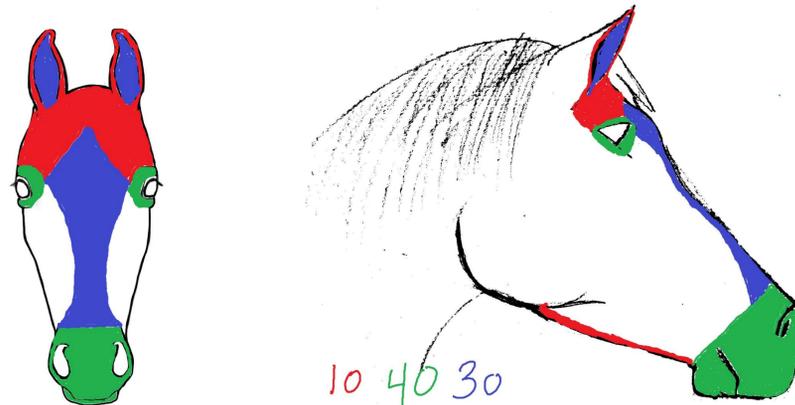
The duty of foal watch and foal care was added once the foaling season began.

Foal care includes

- Getting the foals acclimated to being groomed
- Bathed
- Handled
- Exercised.

## Arabian Show Grooming

I had no experience in show or body clipping, both of which are done for official events on these horses. There are proper patterns and clip lengths for the body and for the face that had to be learned and practiced. Extensive amounts of blending is done on the face and ears that is difficult to master.

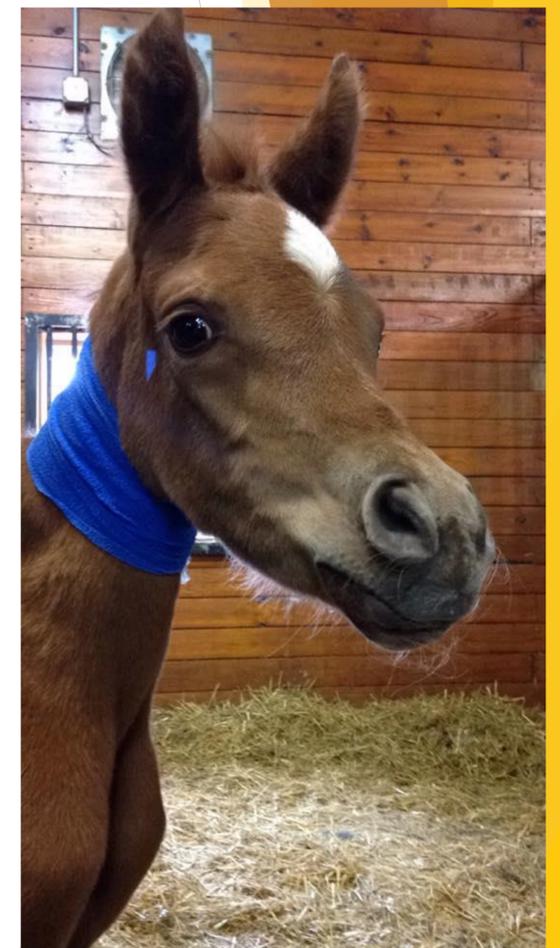


## Seizure Care

A filly was born in late April at Rohl Arabians. She was courageous, curious, cuddly, and spunky. But, during her second month of life, she developed a seizure problem. She would have seizures 4-6 times a day and be disoriented and frightened after she came out of it.

After consulting with the veterinarian, she was placed on seizure medication. The ordeal was frightening to both the workers and to the owners for there was nothing we could do at that point but make sure she got her medication.

This taught me not only how to care for a seizure foal, but also how to handle medical emergencies and working through fear. The most pleasing and enjoyable aspect of the internship was watching this filly heal and return to her normal spunk and courage. The seizures had stopped completely, however she would have to continue to be on medication for ta years. This medical problem should have no effect on her future as a halter horse.



## Future

The professional benefit of working for Rohl Arabians is that they know many high end Arabian breeders from around the world. Breeders, trainers, and showmen in the Arabian world will recognize the name Rohl, so my involvement with them, will be beneficial if I am trying to acquire a job.

My goals are still to work hands on with horses, although now I know I want to somehow have foals around