

Region 17 Select Stallion Auction & Futurity Report October 2015

The Select Stallion Auction and Futurity was started to promote the breeding and showing of Arabians. Has it accomplished this? As Renee reported after the 2015 Regional show:

There were horses and handlers at that show STRICTLY because of the Futurity who would not otherwise have been there. Amateur beginners working with their own horses. And guess what?!? They LOVED it and are HOOKED. So even though the turnout has been small we have done a service to the show, the breed and these people by creating an opportunity for them to enter the show world. EVERY new person is a WIN for us and the show! Seeing their smiles and pride in their accomplishments in person made this ALL worth it for me!

This year, the new committee members did an awesome job recruiting stallions for the auction. We increased the amount spent on promotion although it did not translate into sales. Yet.

Problematic issues that we identified a few years ago are still there: on-line auctions selling excellent horses for less than a stud fee & the complicated shipped semen regulations have made it very difficult for us to reach our goals.

For the next Auction, the committee is considering a few changes such as recruiting fewer but high-quality stallions, changing the timeline for the bidding portion of the Auction, possibly increasing the number of eligible foals and putting more consistent effort into promotion.

As usual, the Auction committee is looking for volunteers!

2015 Auction

Out of the 34 stallions nominated, 12 breedings have sold. One breeding was refunded as the stallion was gelded, leaving 11 sold for a total of \$5400. Only 2 sold for more than the minimum bid set by the stallion owner. A second stallion has also been gelded, leaving 32 in total. The breedings that did not sell at the auction will be available for purchase until April 1, 2016. These additional breeding fees plus the mare nominations will be added to the Auction Fund.

Futurity Classes in 2016

The Halter Futurity classes in 2016 will be for foals resulting from the 2013 Auction. The Performance Futurity classes, for foals from the 2010 Auction, will split a purse of \$8,568.

The breeders of the eligible foals will be sent a Certificate of Enrolment and will also be sent a reminder in the spring to get the kids ready to show.

Auction Year	Nominated Stallions	Breedings Sold	Mares Nominated	Auction Fund *	Halter Year	Performance Year
2009	36	20	18	\$18,110	2012	2015
2010	36	17	14	\$9,520	2013	2016
2011	32	20	17	\$13,650	2014	2017
2012	34	18	15	\$12,610	2015	2018
2013	18	7	7	\$5,776	2016	2019
2014	21	8		\$4,725 +	2017	2020
2015	32	11		\$5,400 +	2018	2021

* 90% of the Auction Fund is paid out, 10% is designated for Administration & Promotion
+ Mare Nomination fees will be added to the Auction Fund