



## Ambassador Award Winners 2023



The 2023 Ambassador Award winner is MSU Striking CommandAM (AM Chance Command++++// x MSU Strike A Pose+++), an 11-year-old Grey Arabian Gelding owned by Elizabeth J Bailey.

Finn was bred at Michigan State University and is an excellent example of their long-term breeding program. He typifies the Arabian type, movement, and disposition and he is loved by all who meet him. Liz Bailey purchased him in 2016 as a four-year-old looking for disposition, beauty and conformation. She found them all in Finn.

Finn's disposition made him the perfect gentleman at a Meet an Arabian Horse Day event at Poulsbo Farmer's Market in Seattle

meeting hundreds of visitors and children who stopped to rub his cheeks and get a little bit of their own horse therapy. Even being some kids perfect first introduction to the world of horses and loving everything about horses because of meeting Finn.

Where MSU Striking CommandAM really stands out as an Ambassador to the Arabian breed is through his work with Royal Family Kids Camp that gives foster children in the area a summer camp experience where he was donated to give the kids horse riding experience. He provided the kids with a safe introduction to not only the horse, but the Arabian's beauty, kindness and sweet nature. Foster children have gone through so much in a little amount of time that being able to have a safe place like the RFKC camp experience is amazing for them to feel community and love. Being able to have a great Arabian helping give them that opportunity is so special!

They could really feel safety from Finn and getting to experience the kindness of what the breed represents.

Finn is also a great trail horse handling hikers, dogs, bikers, and wildlife with ease greeting everyone he passes along the trail! He can even take you to town to ride thru the coffee line. His calm and curious nature truly represents what the Arabian shows to the public!





Along with his accomplishments on the trail, he also has excelled showing in Sport Horse classes and dressage classes at Sport Horse Nationals, Regionals, and other shows. Finn also represented the Arabian at two liberty clinics where he was praised for his intelligence, beauty, and quickness to learn and perform well during the clinic. The Clinician even joked that if he wasn't a gelding, she would love to breed him to her mares!

Finn can be trusted with every type of rider from the first time inexperienced rider to top level riders. Giving them a safe and loving experience with horses to keep them coming back for more!

He truly represents not only the Arabian breed, but the equine industry as a whole!

AHA wishes Finn and Liz the best of luck and Congratulations again to our 2023 Ambassador Award winner MSU Striking CommandAM and his owner Elizabeth Bailey!



The 2023 Ambassador Award was also awarded to Silver Eden A (SM Azraff x Ava Maryia) a 4-year-old Grey Arabian Gelding owned by Susanne Lanini.

Jester was bred by Alexandra Hodsmen in Encinitas, CA. He did not have the easiest path coming into this world as his mother went through two surgeries and 3 colics during his birth and miraculously was able to pull through, but Jester was still on his own.

Luckily, he found his person in Susie who saved his life and helped him find his job and they formed a very special bond together!



Even in his young life he has already shown to be a great Ambassador to the Arabian breed through his work with the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Equestrian Patrol that he has been a part of since he was a yearling and was certified as a three-year-old last year! He has worked in Search and Rescue events alongside last year's Ambassador Award winner Tehachapi Khan where Ty has been showing Jester the ropes. Jester has experienced meeting lots of people through the many events and demonstrations the patrol puts on and has experienced everything from loud explosives to debris and helicopters flying overhead and he took everything calmly and in stride. He loves getting attention at the events from small children, lowering his head to them for love on him and pet him.

Through his calm, sweet nature Jester has shown the true disposition of the Arabian breed and his dapple-grey color shows the incredible beauty of the breed! Furthermore, he has begun training to detect human remains and has shown promise that this skill will be useful in future searches.

Jester thrives off his interactions with the public and has even received fan mail at the County Sheriff's Office headquarters. It is just amazing to see the amazing impact Silver Eden A has had on the public even at such a young age. Jester will be taking over as Susi's mount for the Rose Parade after she retired her other horse Just In Kayce (2013 Ambassador Award Winner).



Along with his work with the Equestrian Patrol Jester has also had accomplishments in the show arena in halter, showmanship, and Susi has started showing him in 2023 in English and Western Dressage and they are doing quite well.

Jester will be a true Ambassador to the Arabian breed for many years whether in the show arena or as he and Susi make the move to Minden, NV as they just certified with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office through showcasing his intelligence, beauty, and disposition to the public!

AHA wishes Jester and Susi the best of luck and

Congratulations again to our 2023 Ambassador Award winner Silver Eden A and his owner Susanne Lanini!