



THE ARABIAN HORSE

A GUIDE TO COAT COLORS AND MARKINGS

FACIAL MARKINGS



Faint Star



Star, Snip



Star, Strip, Snip



Star and Strip, Snip



Star, Blaze, and Snip over Nostrils onto Lower-Lip



Star, Strip, and Snip



Star, Strip, Snip into Left Nostril



Star, Blaze and Snip over Nostrils to Lip



Star, Blaze and Snip over Nostrils to Lip



Star, Strip, Snip into Left Nostril to Lower-Lip



None



Coronet



Pastern



Fetlock



Sock



Stocking



Partial Coronet



Partial Fetlock



Sock



Stocking

LEG MARKINGS



Chestnut Arabians are a copper color, from a light golden-red to dark brown or "liver chestnut." They may have a "flaxen" or blonde mane and tail. Often the mane and tail are the same color as the body. The rule of genetics followed by the AHA Registry is that the mating of two chestnuts always results in a chestnut foal.



Bay Arabians come in reddish-brown hues distinguished by black points (mane, tail, legs, ears, knees or hocks). If there are white markings on the legs, there will usually be black above the markings.



Grey Arabians have a mixture of white and dark hairs growing out of dark skin. Grey foals are usually born chestnut or bay and within weeks show signs of grey around the eyes, flank and below the elbow. As grey horses age, their coat colors lighten, sometimes appearing to be white. The genetics rule followed by the AHA Registry is that a foal will not turn grey unless one parent is grey.



Black Arabians have a black coat, including the muzzle, flanks, and legs with the exception of white markings. If any doubt arises between black and dark bay, black can be determined by noting the fine black hairs on the muzzle.

IDENTIFYING THE ARABIAN HORSE

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FACIAL MARKINGS

The AHA Registry defines facial markings as follows:

STAR - any white marking occurring above the eye line.

STRIP - any white marking occurring below the eye line and above the top of the nostrils and extending outside both nasal bone lines.

BLAZE - any white marking occurring below the eye line and above the top of the nostrils and extending outside both nasal bone lines.

SNIP - any white marking occurring between the top of the nostrils and the bottom of the nostrils.

UPPER LIP - any white marking below the nostrils, but still on the upper lip.

LOWER LIP - any white marking occurring on the lower lip.

CHIN - any white marking occurring below the lower lip.

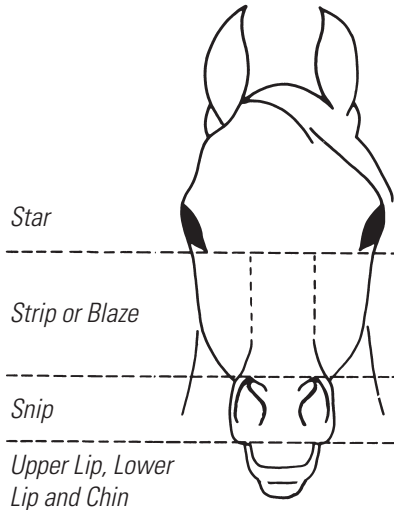
HOOF COLOR

The AHA Registry records hoof color as:

DARK HOOF - black or dark in color.

LIGHT HOOF - white or light in color.

PARTI-COLORED HOOF - a hoof that shows white and dark areas in stripes or larger areas.



LEG MARKINGS

The AHA Registry defines leg markings as follows:

CORONET - any white marking extending no more than one inch above the coronet band.

PASTERN - any white marking between the coronet marking and the bottom of the fetlock joint.

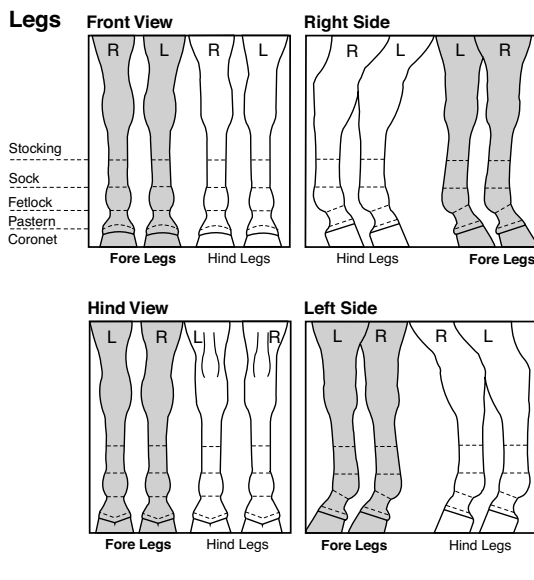
FETLOCK - any white marking extending above the pastern, but below the top of the fetlock joint.

SOCK - any white marking extending above the top of the fetlock, but below the mid-point of the cannon.

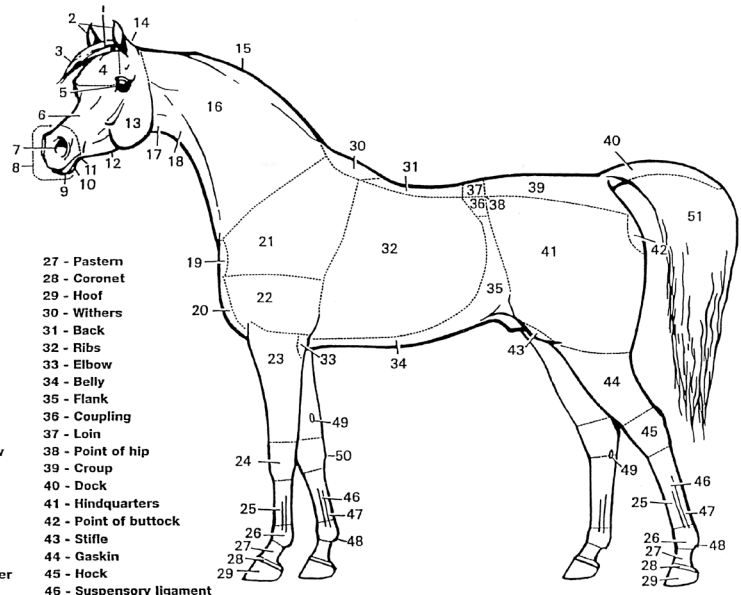
STOCKING - any white marking extending above the mid point of the cannon.

ERMINE MARKS - these are small black marks which sometimes appear around the coronet band.

PARTS OF AN ARABIAN HORSE



- 1 - Occipital crest
- 2 - Ear
- 3 - Forelock
- 4 - Forehead
- 5 - Eye
- 6 - Bridge of Nose
- 7 - Nostril
- 8 - Muzzle
- 9 - Lower lip
- 10 - Chin
- 11 - Chin groove
- 12 - Branches of jaw
- 13 - Jowl or cheek
- 14 - Poll
- 15 - Crest
- 16 - Neck
- 17 - Throatlatch
- 18 - Jugular groove
- 19 - Point of shoulder
- 20 - Chest
- 21 - Shoulder
- 22 - Upper arm
- 23 - Forearm
- 24 - Knee
- 25 - Cannon
- 26 - Fetlock joint
- 27 - Pastern
- 28 - Coronet
- 29 - Hoof
- 30 - Withers
- 31 - Back
- 32 - Ribs
- 33 - Elbow
- 34 - Belly
- 35 - Flank
- 36 - Coupling
- 37 - Loin
- 38 - Point of hip
- 39 - Croup
- 40 - Dock
- 41 - Hindquarters
- 42 - Point of buttock
- 43 - Stifle
- 44 - Gaskin
- 45 - Hock
- 46 - Suspensory ligament
- 47 - Flexor tendon
- 48 - Fetlock
- 49 - Chestnut or callosity
- 50 - Trapezium
- 51 - Tail



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